

PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND HIRING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the re-exemption of one Assistant General Manager Transportation (Class Code 9263) position for the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) from the Civil Service pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the re-exemption of one Assistant General Manager Transportation (Class Code 9263) position for the LADOT from the Civil Service pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b).

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Mayor. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE – JANUARY 14, 2025

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – JANUARY 14, 2025)

Summary:

On December 3, 2024, your Committee considered a November 22, 2024 communication from the Mayor relative to the re-exemption of one Assistant General Manager Transportation (Class Code 9263) position for the LADOT from the Civil Service pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b). According to the Mayor, the Assistant General Manager Transportation (Office of External Affairs) position was previously approved for re-exemption under Charter Section 1001(b) by Council on November 26, 2018 (Council File No. 18-1135) and was subsequently filled. The position was vacated on June 19, 2022, and deleted from the count. However, on September 29, 2022, a new exemption request was received by the Mayor and added to the total number of re-exemptions pending approval on October 11, 2022. Charter Section 1001(b)(1) requires that, “When the position is vacated, the re-exemption shall terminate unless re-authorized in accordance with this subsection.”

Charter Section 1001(b) allows up to 150 persons to be exempt, of which 129 are approved and an additional five are pending approval. As of November 22, 2024, this request will be in the 131st position of the 150 re-exemptions. There are an additional 50 exempt positions added by the City Council pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b)(4), of which 16 are filled. The Assistant General Manager Transportation position will oversee the Office of External Affairs; supervise and coordinate public information, media relations, community engagement, employee engagement and performance, governmental relations, and legislative affairs for LADOT; and work closely with the the Mayor, Council, and other City Departments to implement priority projects and programs.

The position will interact extensively with the media and community groups to increase and improve community engagement and knowledge of LADOT's projects and services, as well as the Department's leadership role on transportation issues at the local, state, and national levels. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the re-exemption. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Personnel, Audits, and Hiring Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

McOSKER: YES

SOTO-MARTINEZ: YES

PRICE: YES

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