

**ADMINISTRATIVE EXEMPTION and TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT** relative to amending the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) Contracts with Kaplan Kirsch and Rockwell, LLP, and Meyers Nave.

**Recommendations for Council action:**

1. **ADOPT** the determination by the Board of Airport Commissioners that the proposed action is administratively exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article II, Section 2.f of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
2. **APPROVE** the Second Amendment to LAWA Contract DA-5062 with Kaplan Kirsch and Rockwell, LLP, and First Amendment to LAWA Contract DA-5063 with Meyers Nave to extend their respective terms by two years, for legal services to assist the City Attorney and LAWA with environmental and regulatory matters.
3. **CONCUR** with the action taken by the Board of Airport Commissioners on March 21, 2019 by Resolution No. 26720, authorizing the Chief Executive Officer, LAWA, to execute the Second Amendment to Contract DA-5062 with Kaplan Kirsch and Rockwell, LLP, and the First Amendment to Contract DA-5063 with Meyers Nave.

**Fiscal Impact Statement:** The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. The proposed amendments to the contracts with Kaplan Kirsch and Rockwell, LLP and Meyers Nave comply with LAWA's adopted financial policies. No appropriations are needed in that sufficient funds remain in the accounts to finance the two-year extensions.

**Community Impact Statement:** None submitted.

**TIME LIMIT FILE – MAY 28, 2019**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – MAY 28, 2019)**

**SUMMARY**

In a report to the Mayor dated March 29, 2019, the CAO states that LAWA requests authority to execute the second amendment for the contract with Kaplan Kirsch and Rockwell, LLP, and the first amendment for the contract with Meyers Nave, extending their terms for two years through March 31, 2021, for the continued provision of highly-specialized legal, regulatory, and litigation services.

According to the CAO, the two firms provide legal support for CEQA and National Environmental Policy Act related and land use planning and regulatory issues involving LAWA properties and projects (e.g., Landside Access Modernization Project, Specific Plan Amendment Study, and Federal Aviation Administration and Air Quality Management District reviews and approvals). On March 21, 2019, the Board of Airport Commissioners approved LAWA's request. The CAO concurs with this action.

At its meeting held April 2, 2019, the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee recommended that Council approve the proposed amendments of the two LAWA contracts described above, as recommended by the Board of Airport Commissioners and the CAO.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BUSCAINO:	YES
BONIN:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES

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