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DATE: JULY 26, 2011

FROM: OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - FIRST AMENDMENT TO
AGREEMENT NO. 10-2879 BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND QUATEMAN LLP**

SUMMARY:

The Office of the City Attorney requests approval of a First Amendment to Agreement No. 10-2879 with Quateman LLP. The Amendment will assign the Agreement to Polsinelli Shughart PC, a law firm with which Quateman LLP merged effective July 1, 2011. The new firm will continue to provide the City Attorney and Harbor Department with bond and disclosure services utilizing the same public finance team from Quateman LLP.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

1. Approve the First Amendment to Agreement No. 10-2879 between the City of Los Angeles and Quateman LLP which assigns the Agreement to Polsinelli Shughart PC; and
2. Adopt Resolution No. _____ authorizing and directing the Executive Director to execute the First Amendment to Agreement No. 10-2879.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Los Angeles entered into Agreement No. 10-2879 with Quateman for legal services for the three-year period commencing July 30, 2010 and ending on July 29, 2013, as one firm in a pool of three law firms to provide bond and disclosure services to the Harbor Department. The proposed First Amendment is necessary due to Quateman's merger with Polsinelli Shughart PC ("Polsinelli") effective July 1, 2011. Polsinelli is a national law firm with more than 500 attorneys in 16 offices across the country, including New York, Washington D.C., Chicago, and Denver. The firm is

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headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri. The firm has more than fifty practice groups within four major departments – business, financial services, real estate and trial.

The firm's work for the Harbor Department will continue to be provided by Quateman's bond and tax attorneys and the firm will retain the same address at 1801 Century Park East, Suite 1801, Los Angeles, California 90067. The primary attorneys at the firm providing services to the City will continue to be Lisa Quateman and Tim Reimers. The rates will remain the same.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed First Amendment is a contractual/administrative activity and is, therefore, exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as provided by Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS:

This Board action will have no direct employment impact for the five-county region.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Assignment of the agreement will have no financial impact.

CITY ATTORNEY:

The proposed First Amendment has been approved as to form and legality by the Office of the City Attorney.

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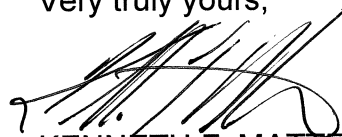
TRANSMITTAL:

1. First Amendment to Agreement No. 10-2879.

FIS Approval: WP (initials)

City Attorney: FR (initials)

Very truly yours,



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CONCURRED:

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