

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A Resolution of the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles delegating Los Angeles City Charter Section 275 authority to the Executive Director of the Harbor Department to contract with attorneys outside of the City Attorney's Office when such contracts are within the contracting authority of the Executive Director pursuant to City Charter and Administrative Code restrictions.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter Section 275, upon recommendation of the Board of Harbor Commissions and with written consent of the City Attorney, the City may contract with attorneys outside of the City Attorney's Office to assist the City Attorney in providing legal services to the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Attorney currently engages law firms through contracts recommended and approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners for certain legal needs and projects in areas such as litigation matters, environmental review and public finance; and

WHEREAS, on occasion the Department requires services from attorneys with specialized expertise in areas such as intellectual property, federal regulatory matters or bankruptcy law and such services are needed on an immediate basis to respond to issues impacting the Department such that approval by the Board of Harbor Commissioners may not be obtained on short notice to respond to the immediate need; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has authority to enter into contracts on behalf of the Department which do not exceed one year in term nor exceed compensation in the amount of \$150,000 pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter Section 604(c) and Administrative Code Section 10.1.1(a); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Harbor Commissioners finds that it is in the best interests of the City and the Department to delegate the authority of Charter Section 275 to the Executive Director when written consent is provided by the City Attorney, the contract terms are within the authority granted to the Executive Director and the selection process complies with the City Charter and Administrative Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles resolves as follows:

1. The authority granted to the Board of Harbor Commissioners under Los Angeles City Charter Section 275 to recommend that the Harbor Department contract with attorneys outside of the City Attorney's Office is hereby delegated to the Executive Director of the Harbor Department when such contracts are within the Executive Director's contracting authority pursuant to the Los Angeles City Charter and Administrative Code;
2. Any contract recommended by the Executive Director pursuant to the delegated authority authorized herein shall be made in compliance with the competitive bidding and selection procedures set forth in the Los Angeles City Charter and Administrative Code; and

3. The Executive Director is directed to report to the Board of Harbor Commissioners on no less than an annual basis on the contracts the Department has entered into pursuant to the delegation of authority granted by this Resolution. Such report may be made in writing or made orally by the Executive Director during any public meeting presentation to the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the  
foregoing Resolution was adopted by  
the Board of Harbor Commissioners  
of the City of Los Angeles at its  
meeting held

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AMBER M. KLESGES,  
Commission Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

May 1, 2018  
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