


ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o City Clerk

From: Eric Garcetti, Mayor 

Subject: Exemption of One Deputy City Engineer for the Bureau of Engineering

Date: March 7, 2014

The Bureau of Engineering (BOE) has requested the re-exemption of one (1) Deputy City Engineer position pursuant to Charter Section 1001 (b), for the employment of persons "to provide management services or render professional, scientific or expert services of an exceptional character." The Deputy City Engineer position was previously exempt but was vacated on February 22, 2014. BOE is therefore requesting the re-exemption of this position. The Charter allows for a maximum of 150 exempt positions under Section 1001 (b). Currently, there are 137 approved exemptions citywide, with five requests pending. Approval of this request will not increase the count.

The Deputy City Engineer oversees the Bureau's Engineering Services Program. The position is responsible for directing technical specialty officers in Environmental Affairs, Geotechnical Engineering, Structural Engineering, and Real Estate who provide engineering services for other BOE programs and to other city departments' projects.

The position requires a bachelor's degree in civil engineering or architecture from a four-year college or university; registration with the California State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers as a Civil Engineer or possession of a valid Certification of Registration as an Architect issued by the California State Board of Architectural Examiners; two years of full-time paid professional experience in directing capital improvement design and construction programs at the level of a Principal Civil Engineer or Principal Architect with the City of Los Angeles or the equivalent with a non-City organization; experience in working with elected officials, executive boards, and labor relations experience; and, extensive experience in capital improvement design and construction or public counter service delivery, in

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process improvements, in computerized information systems and with community relations, along with knowledge of the political nuances of a large municipality.

The exemption will provide BOE with the flexibility to recruit from a broader candidate pool and to select the best-qualified individual with the knowledge, skills and talents necessary to the position. Based on my review of BOE's request, as well as the review of the Personnel Department, I hereby approve the request for the exemption of one (1) Deputy City Engineer position and transmit my action to the City Council, pursuant to City Charter Section 1001 (b) (1).

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