

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the exemption of one Community Affairs Advocate and one Principal Project Coordinator for the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) from the Civil Service provisions of the City Charter.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the exemption of one Community Affairs Advocate and one Principal Project Coordinator for the LADOT from the Civil Service provisions of the City Charter, pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b).

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**TIME LIMIT FILE - FEBRUARY 4, 2015**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - FEBRUARY 4, 2015)**

Summary:

On January 20, 2015, your Committee considered a January 5, 2015 Communication from the Mayor relative to the exemption of one Community Affairs Advocate and one Principal Project Coordinator for the LADOT pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b). According to the Mayor, the Community Affairs Advocate will report directly to the General Manager and will serve as liaison to community groups, local civic officers, and elected officials. The position is responsible for developing and managing programs to enhance the effectiveness of LADOT's relationship with community, industry, political and business stakeholders; preparing, analyzing and taking action on all legislative matters that have direct impact on the department; meeting with council deputies to discuss and develop proposals for council consideration; and serving as liaison to the Mayor's Office, City Council, and the City Attorney's Office to insure that LADOT issues are being addressed and to represent the department in all matters having a direct impact on LADOT operations.

The Principal Project Coordinator will be assigned to the Active Transportation Division and will serve as the lead for outreach and planning for Active Transportation programs and projects, which are central to the Great Streets initiative and goals for a safe, prosperous, and livable/sustainable City. The position will provide leadership, foster innovations, and bring diverse and non-traditional areas of expertise for a variety of programs, project and plans. These include but are not limited to improving community outreach for the Bicycle Plan; incubating, seeking grant funding for, and implementing innovative programs and projects such as People Street, Bike Share, and safety education and campaigns; preparing a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Action Plan and completing the Safe Routes to School Strategic Plan; fostering partnerships with Council Offices and City and outside agencies to work toward unified active transportation goals; and developing active transportation legislative proposals and coordinating with staff from the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst, Mayor's legislative team, and the State Legislature.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the exemptions as detailed in the Mayor's January 5, 2015 communication and detailed in the above recommendation. This matter is now submitted to Council for its

consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

**MEMBER   VOTE**

KORETZ:   YES

O'FARRELL: YES

FUENTES:   ABSENT

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