



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Eric Garcetti, Mayor *EG*

Subject: Re-exemption of a Taxicab Administrator

Date: April 22, 2016

The Department of Transportation (DOT) requested the re-exemption of one Taxicab Administrator, in accordance with Charter Section 1001(b), from civil service as management, professional, scientific, or expert services.

The Taxicab Administrator position was previously approved for exemption under 1001 (b) by the City Council and was subsequently filled. Charter Section 1001 (b)(1) requires that, "When the position is vacated, the exemption shall terminate unless re-authorized in accordance with this subsection." The previous Taxicab Administrator incumbent vacated the position in January 2016.

Charter Section 1001(b) allows up to 150 persons to be exempt, with an additional 50 added last year by the City Council pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b)(4). Currently, there are 164 approved exemptions. Approval of this request will increase the count.

The Taxicab Administrator position reports to the DOT Chief Sustainability Officer in the Mobility Management group. The position will be responsible for planning, organizing and directing over 20 full-time staff engaged in managing citywide taxi enforcement, taxi franchising rates, and taxi and non-emergency ambulance regulation, insurance and permits. The Taxicab Administrator will also be responsible for working collaboratively within the group and throughout the department to address issues and identify opportunities to provide integrated mobility options among various related modes of transportation such as taxicabs, pedicabs, for-hire vehicles, transportation network companies, ridesharing, and others. Lastly, the Taxicab Administrator will need to consider and engage in discussions involved with evolving technologies related to connected and autonomous vehicles.

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For this position, DOT is requiring a four-year degree from an accredited college and two years of full-time paid professional experience supervising staff in an organization responsible for the administration of public transportation programs and activities.

The exemption of this position will allow DOT the flexibility to recruit and select the best-qualified candidate who possesses the necessary experience and expertise for the position. The duties and requirements as described are appropriate to the class of Taxicab Administrator.

Based on my review of DOT's request, I hereby approve the request for the exemption of this position and transmit my action to the City Council, pursuant to City Charter Section 1001(b)(1).

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