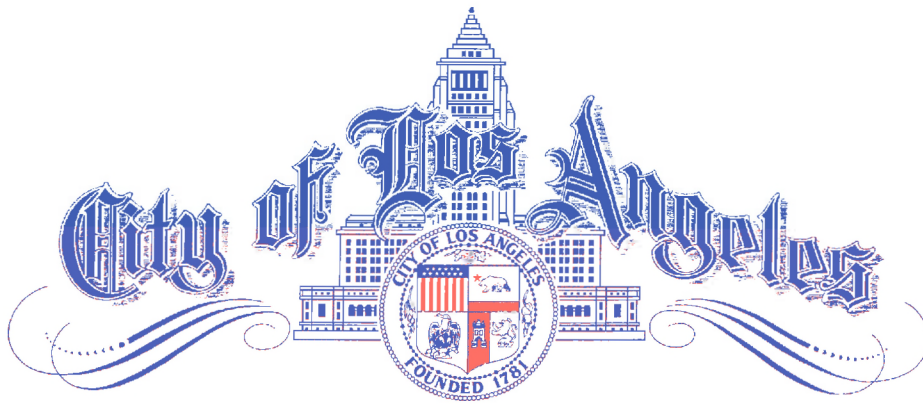




ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**From:** Eric Garcetti, Mayor *EG*

**Subject:** EXEMPTION REQUEST – DEPARTMENT OF AIRPORTS, (1)  
DIRECTOR OF AIRPORT SAFETY SERVICES

**Date:** June 13, 2019

On March 19, 2019 the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) requested that the Mayor approve the exemption of one (1) Director of Airport Safety Services, Class Code 9306, in accordance with Charter Section 1001(b), from civil service as management, professional, scientific, or expert services exemptions. On March 26, 2019, the Mayor's Office asked the Personnel Department to review LAWA's request.

The Director of Airport Safety Services 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 reauthorized in accordance with this subsection." The Director of Airport Safety Services incumbent vacated the position on May 31, 2019.

Charter Section 1001(b) allows up to 150 persons to be exempt, of which 141 are approved, with one other pending request. Approval of this request will increase the count. As of the date of this letter, this request will be in the 145th position of the 150 exemptions. There are an additional 50 exempt positions added by the City Council pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b)(4), of which 12 are filled.

The Director of Airport Safety Services will serve as the Deputy Executive Director of Law Enforcement and Homeland Security; report directly to the Executive Director; and be responsible for leadership and management oversight of all law enforcement and security functions at LAWA. The duties and responsibilities of the position will include establishing

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policies and procedures regarding airport law enforcement, security, traffic, and safety programs; coordinating with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies including Aviation Administration, and other U.S. and foreign governmental agencies on issues related to law enforcement, counter terrorism, and security.

The Director of Airport Safety Services position requires five years of senior executive- or senior command-level leadership experience in the aviation security sector **or** law enforcement and security experience at a local, state, or federal law enforcement or security agency. Applicants must have a thorough working knowledge of the federal aviation security laws and regulations. Knowledge of local and state criminal laws is highly desired.

The exemption of this position will allow LAWA the flexibility to recruit and select the best qualified candidates who possesses the necessary **foundational experience and expertise for the position**. The duties as described are appropriate to the class of Director of Airport Security Services.

Based on my review of LAWA's request, as well as the review of the Personnel Department, I hereby approve the request for the exemption of Director of Airport Security Services and transmit my action to the City Council, pursuant to City Charter Section 1001(b)(1). If the exempt position is not filled within six months, the Mayor's approval for the department to fill the position may expire.

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