



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Eric Garcetti, Mayor *EG*

Subject: **RE-EXEMPTION REQUEST – LOS ANGELES WORLD AIRPORTS, (1)
DIRECTOR OF AIRPORT SAFETY SERVICES**

Date: January 11, 2022

On July 20, 2021, the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) requested the exemption of one (1) position of 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 November 4, 2021, the Mayor's Office asked the Personnel Department to review LAWA's request.

The Director of Airport Safety Services position was previously approved for exemption under 1001(b) by the City Council and was subsequently filled. The position was vacated on July 9, 2021 and deleted from the count. Charter Section 1001(b)(1) requires that, "When the position is vacated, the exemption shall terminate unless re-authorized in accordance with this subsection."

Charter Section 1001(b) allows up to 150 persons to be exempt, of which 149 are approved. Approval of this request will increase the count. As of the date of this letter, this request will be in the 147th position of the 150 exemptions. There are an additional 50 exempt positions added by the City Council pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b)(4).

The Director of Airport Safety Services will serve as the Deputy Executive Director of Public Safety and Security; report directly to the Chief Executive Officer; and be responsible for leadership and management oversight of law enforcement and security functions at LAWA. The duties of the position will include establishing policies and procedures regarding airport law enforcement, security, traffic, and safety programs; and coordinating with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and other U.S. and

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foreign governmental agencies on issues related to law enforcement, counter terrorism, and security.

The Director of Airport Safety Services position requires five years of full-time paid 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. Understanding and knowledge of the federal aviation security laws and regulations, and local and state criminal laws is preferred.

The exemption of this position will allow LAWA 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 Director of Airport Safety 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 the Director of Airport Safety Services position 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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