



MEMORANDUM

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

From: Eric Garcetti, Mayor *EG*

Subject: RE-EXEMPTION REQUEST – DEPARTMENT OF AIRPORTS, (1)
ASSISTANT AIRPORT POLICE CHIEF

Date: August 14, 2019

On June 24, 2019, the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) requested the exemption of one (1) position of Assistant Airport Police Chief, Class Code 3234, in accordance with Charter Section 1001(b), from civil service as management, professional, scientific, or expert services exemptions. On July 11, 2019, my office asked the Personnel Department to review LAWA's request.

The Assistant Airport Police Chief 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 position was vacated August 3, 2019 and deleted from the count.

Charter Section 1001(b) allows up to 150 persons to be exempt, of which 144 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), of which 12 are filled.

The Assistant Airport Police Chief position will oversee the Homeland Security and Intelligence Section, including the Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis, Intelligence, Security Credentialing, Dignitary Protection, and Emergency Operations & Planning Units; ensure compliance with the Airport Security Program, Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Mandates and Directives, pertinent airport rules and regulations, as



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well as international, federal, state and local laws and ordinances; review and evaluate reports regarding terrorism and counter-terrorism techniques, and make recommendations to the Deputy Executive Director of Law Enforcement and Homeland Security.

The Assistant Airport Police Chief position requires two years of full-time paid experience as an Airport Police Captain or as a commanding officer managing the internal inspection process, patrol, traffic safety, or security activities and operation of a law enforcement agency. Experience or background in Special Weapons & Tactics (SWAT), Homeland Security, terrorism and counter-terrorism is highly desired.

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 as described are appropriate to the class of Assistant Airport Police Chief.

Based on my review of LAWA's request, as well as the review of the Personnel Department, I hereby approve the request for the re-exemption of Assistant Airport Police Chief 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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