

PERSONNEL AND HIRING COMMITTEE relative to the exemption of one Deputy Director of Planning (Class Code 9444) position for the Department of City Planning (DCP) from the Civil Service pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the exemption of one Deputy Director of Planning (Class Code 9444) position for the DCP from the Civil Service pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b).

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE – OCTOBER 1, 2025

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – OCTOBER 1, 2025)

Summary:

On September 12, 2025, your Committee considered a September 3, 2025 report from the Mayor relative to the exemption of one Deputy Director of Planning (Class Code 9444) position for the DCP from the Civil Service pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b). According to the Mayor, Charter Section 1001(b) allows up to 150 persons to be exempt, of which 121 are approved, and an additional 4 are pending approval. Approval of this request will increase the count. As of September 3, 2025, this request will be in the 124th 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 20 are filled.

The Deputy Director of Planning will lead a new bureau consisting of 42 new staff transitioning from the Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) to the Zoning Review Program. In addition to managing the zoning review program transition from LADBS to DCP, this new Deputy Director will coordinate and manage other development services and zoning functions currently provided in the Department of City Planning, including the Development Services Centers, various work programs provided through the Specialized Services Division and the Office of Zoning Administration. This reorganization will consolidate all zoning, pre-application and development-related services under one Deputy Director. This position is responsible for organizing, directing, reviewing, coordinating, and ensuring that critical programs are successfully executed in a timely manner. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the exemption. This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Personnel and Hiring Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

McOSKER: YES

RODRIGUEZ: YES

HUTT: YES

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