



Building A Better Long Beach

June 6, 2011

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute an amendment to the contract with Rutan & Tucker, LLP, for legal services in connection with redevelopment activities related to all project areas. (All Project Areas – Citywide)

DISCUSSION

On November 20, 2006, the Redevelopment Agency approved an agreement with Rutan & Tucker, LLP, (Firm) for legal services related to property acquisition and eminent domain proceedings on an as-needed basis. In order to better utilize the Firm's various areas of specialization, such as land use and environmental law, staff recommends extending the scope of the agreement.

This amendment would allow projects such as the Downtown Plan and Program Environmental Impact Report to benefit from the Firm's review. In order to further various redevelopment initiatives over the coming years, staff recommends an amendment to the existing contract to allow a two-year extension and to revise the scope to include all legal services in connection with redevelopment activities. No additional funds to the contract amount are being requested.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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