



# Building A Better Long Beach

December 14, 2009

## REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS

City of Long Beach  
California

### RECOMMENDATION:

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

### DISCUSSION

On November 20, 2006, the Redevelopment Agency approved agreements for legal services related to property acquisition and eminent domain proceedings on an as-needed basis with the following firms: Rutan & Tucker, LLP; Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliot, LLP; and Richards, Watson & Gershon. Rutan & Tucker has primarily been utilized to provide legal services related to eminent domain proceedings for properties in the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area, including the North Village Center, the Atlantic and Artesia project, and the Long Beach Boulevard motels.

The initial contract allowed for \$300,000 per year over a three-year period. On December 7, 2007, the contract was amended to provide a not-to-exceed amount of \$900,000 over the three-year term. The existing contract expired on November 19, 2009 with a balance of \$198,045 remaining.

Due to the fact that there are ongoing legal proceedings in the North Long Beach Project Area, it is recommended that the contract be amended to add \$100,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,000,000 and that the term of the agreement be extended for an as-needed basis.

### SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BECK  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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