

## **C-10**

May 4, 2021

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

### RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract, and all necessary documents and amendments, with Vasquez and Company, LLP, of Los Angeles, CA, for as-needed accounting services, in an amount not to exceed \$210,000 for the period ending November 30, 2021. (Citywide)

### DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to enter into a contract with Vasquez and Company, LLP (Vasquez), to provide temporary, as-needed accounting services. The Financial Management Department's capacity in the Accounting and Budget Management Bureaus is currently limited because staff is diverted to critical citywide efforts, including the LB COAST project implementation and pandemic cost recovery activities.

Vasquez will provide crucial accounting services expertise across various functions, including analyzing financial records, audit documentation preparation, and the citywide indirect cost plan development for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY 22). Vasquez staff will provide management-level support with Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) assigned to the City. Vasquez staff are uniquely qualified to advise on best practices from their years of combined experience working in similar capacities with various jurisdictions and agencies, in addition to their professional experience as auditors of governmental agencies. Areas of expertise provided by Vasquez include guidance with audit requirements and compliance with federal award requirements. These services are necessary to ensure accurate and timely completion of necessary Citywide deliverables, including the indirect cost plan for FY 22.

Pursuant to City purchasing guidelines, the City Manager authorized staff to issue a purchase order for Vasquez in the amount of \$100,000 on October 20, 2020, which included as-needed accounting support throughout the preparation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. This authorized amount will soon be exhausted, and an additional contract authority of \$110,000 is requested to ensure the continuation of critical expert accounting services without interruptions.

City Charter Section 1801 requires that contracts for City purchases be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder after a competitive bid process but allows for awards without a competitive bid process when authorized by a Resolution adopted by the City Council. The new contract with Vasquez will ensure consistency in technical approach and completion of current projects.

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This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Amy R. Webber on April 19, 2021, Business Services Bureau Manager Tara Mortensen on March 16, 2021, and by Revenue Management Officer Geraldine Alejo on March 12, 2021.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on May 4, 2021, to ensure the contract is in place expeditiously.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total contract amount will not exceed \$210,000 and is based on the estimated number of hours needed for as-needed accounting services. The contract will be funded within current resources appropriated in the General Fund Group in the Financial Management and Citywide Activities Departments. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



JOHN GROSS  
INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

ATTACHMENT: RESOLUTION

APPROVED:

  
THOMAS B. MODICA  
CITY MANAGER

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, WITH VASQUEZ & COMPANY LLP WITHOUT ADVERTISING FOR BIDS, FOR AS-NEEDED ACCOUNTING SERVICES, IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$210,000 FOR THE PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2021

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Long Beach, Section 1801, permits the City Manager to enter into a contract on behalf of the City, in writing or otherwise, without advertising for bids, for services, supplies, materials, equipment or labor for actual emergency work when authorized by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Management Department, Accounting and Budget Management Bureau's capacity is currently limited with staff diverted to critical Citywide efforts, including the LB COAST project implementation and pandemic cost recovery activities; and

WHEREAS, since October 2020, Vasquez & Company, LLC ("Vasquez") has been providing crucial short-term accounting services across various functions, including analyzing financial records, audit documentation preparation, and the Citywide indirect cost plan development for FY 22; and

WHEREAS, Vasquez staff provides management-level support with Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) assigned to the City and are uniquely qualified to advise regarding best practices from their years of combined experience working in similar capacities with various jurisdictions and agencies, in addition to their professional experience as auditors of governmental agencies. Areas of expertise provided by

1 Vasquez also include guidance with audit requirements and compliance with federal  
2 award requirements; and

3 WHEREAS, these services are necessary to ensure accurate and timely  
4 completion of necessary Citywide deliverables, including the indirect cost plan for FY 22;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Vasquez & Company LLP is the only corporation, firm or  
7 individual that can ensure the continuation of critical expert accounting services without  
8 interruptions, and as a result, no useful purpose would be served by advertising for bids  
9 and to do so would constitute an idle and useless act and an unnecessary expenditure of  
10 public funds;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as  
12 follows:

13 Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter a contract  
14 with Vasquez & Company LLP without advertising for bids to provide as-needed  
15 accounting services in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars  
16 (\$210,000) for the period ending November 30, 2021.

17 Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption  
18 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Recusal(s): Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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City Clerk