



Building A Better Long Beach

February 7, 2011

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS

City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute amendments to the agreements with Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliot, LLP; and Richards, Watson, and Gershon 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 Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliot, LLP; and Richards, Watson and Gershon.

The initial contracts allowed for \$200,000 per year over a three-year period. The existing contract for Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliot, LLP expired on November 20, 2010, with a balance of \$260,823. The contract for Richards, Watson, and Gershon will expire on March 1, 2011, with a current balance of \$80,452.

As there are ongoing legal proceedings related to redevelopment activities, it is recommended that the contracts be amended to extend the term of the agreements in one-year increments through the end of Fiscal Year 2014. These contracts currently have sufficient funds to cover anticipated expenditures and no additional funds are being requested at this time.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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