



# LONG BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS  
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## 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 was selected to provide legal services related to the eminent domain proceedings for properties in the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area, specifically the North Village Center, Atlantic and Artesia, and the Long Beach Boulevard motels.

A greater number than anticipated eminent domain proceedings and an inability to settle on acquisition terms early in the process have led to litigation and legal costs greater than the amount anticipated in the existing contract of \$300,000 per year over a three-year period. It is estimated the total Fiscal Year 2007 contract cost will be \$385,000. Given the number of outstanding proceedings and the potential for additional proceedings related to these projects, it is recommended that the agreement be amended to eliminate the annual limit and just indicate a not-to-exceed amount of \$900,000 over the existing three-year term of the contract.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



*For* MICHAEL P. CONWAY  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MPW:CB:LAF

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER