



Building A Better Long Beach

March 15, 2010

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute a Second Amendment to the Agreement for Legal Services with the Law Offices of Bergman & Allderdice to increase the contract amount by \$450,000 for an amount not to exceed \$925,000. (All Project Areas – Citywide)

DISCUSSION

In March 2007, the Redevelopment Agency (Agency) approved an agreement with the Law Offices of Bergman & Allderdice to provide legal services in support of the Agency's activities citywide for an amount not to exceed \$175,000. Working in association with the Agency's general counsel and the City Attorney's Office, Bergman & Allderdice provides legal services including advice, consultation, legal research and opinions, negotiating and drafting agreements, and other matters related to project planning and implementation. In May 2008, the contract was amended to increase the contract amount by \$300,000.

Bergman & Allderdice has continuously demonstrated the necessary expertise to provide legal services to the Agency; therefore, it is recommended that the Agency amend the contract with Bergman & Allderdice to add an appropriation in the amount of \$450,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$925,000.

All contracts for legal services and rates are negotiated and approved by the City Attorney's Office. Assistant City Attorney Heather Mahood will prepare the proposed amendment for special legal services.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

AMY J. BODEK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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