



LONG BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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March 19, 2007

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute an Agreement for Legal Services with the Law Offices of Bergman & Allderdice for special legal services in connection with redevelopment activities related to all redevelopment project areas. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

In November 2005, the Redevelopment Agency (Agency) approved an agreement with the Law Offices of Michael Allderdice to provide legal services in support of the Agency's activities. Working in association with the Agency's general counsel, the City Attorney's office, Mr. Allderdice has provided legal services including advice, consultation, legal research and opinions, negotiations and drafting agreements with property owners and developers, and other matters related to project planning and implementation.

Effective February 1, 2007, Mr. Allderdice entered into partnership with Beth Susan Bergman to form the Law Offices of Bergman & Allderdice. Given that Mr. Allderdice has demonstrated the necessary expertise to provide legal services to the Agency, it is recommended that the Agency enter into a new contract with Bergman & Allderdice effective March 1, 2007 for an annual amount not to exceed \$175,000. All contracts for legal services and rates are negotiated and approved by the City Attorney's office.

Assistant City Attorney Heather Mahood has reviewed and approved this staff report and will prepare the proposed agreement for special legal services.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICK H. WEST
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER