



LONG BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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November 20, 2006

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City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to approve and authorize the Executive Director to execute agreements with Rutan & Tucker, LLP, Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliot, LLP, and Richards, Watson & Gershon for legal services in connection with redevelopment activities related to all redevelopment project areas.

DISCUSSION

The Redevelopment Agency requires the services of legal counsel specializing in property acquisition and eminent domain proceedings on an as-needed basis. The City Attorney's Office issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to five legal firms in the Southern California area. All five firms responded. After review of the proposals, three firms have been recommended:

- Rutan & Tucker
- Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliot, LLP
- Richards, Watson & Gershon

The selected firms currently provide legal services to a large number of California cities and public agencies. The fees charged by each firm are competitive. The availability of multiple firms will ensure that the services required by the Redevelopment Agency are conducted in a timely manner.

The agreements would be non-exclusive, permitting the Redevelopment Agency to use each firm's services on an as-needed basis. The agreements with each firm would have a one-year term for an amount not to exceed \$200,000 with the possibility of two one-year extensions upon written approval of the Redevelopment Agency's Executive Director. The individual firms would be selected for specific assignments based on availability to commencement the assignments within the Redevelopment Agency's timeframe.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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PATRICK H. WEST
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PHW:CB:LAF

APPROVED:

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GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER