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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

INCREASE AMOUNT TO AS-NEEDED ECONOMIC CONSULTANT SERVICES MASTER AGREEMENT (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2, 3 AND 4) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to request approval to increase the annual aggregate contract amount of $100,000 for the As-Needed Economic Consultant Services Master Agreements to $300,000 for the remaining current option year and the third and final renewal option year of the Master Agreements to fund the increased need for economic consulting services to meet compliance directives related to your Board Motion, Agenda Item No. 14, "Aligning Marina del Rey with Los Angeles County Priorities for Equity and Inclusion," approved on July 12, 2022 (Motion). The Motion directs the Department of Beaches and Harbors to create a plan to align future development with “MdR for All” initiative objectives. The requested annual contract amount increase will also be used to address increasing regulatory requirements in Marina del Rey, and at County-owned, controlled, and managed beaches.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as they do not meet the definition of a “Project” under Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

2. Approve an increase to the maximum annual contract amount for the As-Needed Economic Consultant Services Master Agreements from $100,000 to $300,000, effective upon Board approval, for the remainder of the current option year and for the third and final optional renewal year of the Master Agreements, increasing the maximum aggregate amount for all executed Master Agreements from $770,000 to $1,210,000, which is inclusive of an additional 10% annually for unforeseen services.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Beaches and Harbors (Department) to increase the annual contract amount for the As-Needed Economic Consultant Services Master Agreements previously approved by your Board on June 8, 2021. The recommended action will increase the maximum annual aggregate amount from $770,000 to $1,210,000, including the additional 10 percent available annually for unforeseen services.

On July 12, 2022, your Board approved a motion directing DBH to strategically plan for the long-term use of County property, to help achieve important Board policies and initiatives, including equity, inclusion, and poverty alleviation, as well as environmental justice, the provision of affordable housing, and enhanced tenant and workforce protections. In addition, to have an opportunity to effectuate DBH's strategic goals, including enhanced public access to MdR, sustained coastal vitality, and environmental stewardship. DBH has the responsibility of creating a plan to align future development in County-owned Marina del Rey (MdR) with the County's adopted Guiding Equity Principles in September 15, 2021, while also taking into account community input and the County's 2014 MdR Vision Statement. Collectively this effort, referred to as "MdR for All," reflects the County's vision of a more vibrant, equitable, and sustainable County resource that embodies the ideal of "LA's Marina."

This annual contract amount increase will provide funding to allow the Department to complete a broader assessment of the MdR for All effort, including continued work with the Antiracism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative, and engaging with pertinent consultant(s) to develop a framework for analyzing the needs and future development of MdR that is based on and consistent with the County's Guiding Equity Principles. The increase will also allow the Department to address other increasing regulatory requirements in Marina del Rey and County-owned, controlled, and managed beaches. The requested services are currently provided on an as-needed basis and will remain so.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the increase to the As-Needed Economic Consultant Services Master Agreements will promote and further Board-approved Strategic Plan North Star 2, Foster vibrant and resilient communities, Community Connections, by ensuring that DBH continues to develop a vibrant, equitable, and sustainable MdR.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Upon your Board's approval, the maximum annual amount for the As-Needed Economic Consultant Services Master Agreements will increase from $100,000 to $300,000 for the remaining option year and the third and final option year. If the final option is exercised, the maximum aggregate amount for all executed Master Agreements will increase from $770,000 to $1,210,000, which is inclusive of an additional 10 percent annually for unforeseen services.

The Master Agreements do not guarantee any contractor a minimum amount of work, and costs will only be incurred as services are requested through Work Orders. Payment for work will be on an hourly basis and subject to the total maximum compensation specified in each individual Work Order.

There is sufficient appropriation in DBH's Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Final Adopted Budget to partially fund the contract services. One-time funding was requested in DBH's FY 2025-26 Supplemental Budget to fully fund the contract services, which will be offset by one-time revenues. DBH will continue to explore and pursue funding sources and opportunities to fund the MdR for All work.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Approval of the increased contract amount will not result in any other changes to the Master Agreement. All other terms and conditions of the Master Agreement will remain unchanged and continue in full force and effect.

All delegated authority and Master Agreement terms and conditions remain as previously approved by your Board.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed action is not subject to the CEQA, because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a "Project" by section 21065 of the Public Resources Code and section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines. The proposed action is an organizational or administrative activity of government which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On June 8, 2021, your Board approved three Master Agreements with Bae Urban Economics, Inc., Illuminas Consulting, LLC., and Keyser Marston Associates, Inc.

On February 2, 2021, DBH issued a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) seeking qualified contractors to provide economic consultant services on an as needed and intermittent basis. The RFSQ is open continuously and new contractors meeting the minimum qualifications of the RFSQ will be allowed to submit Statement of Qualifications (SOQs) to qualify for inclusion on the Master Agreement list throughout the term of the Master Agreements and the optional years, if exercised.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There is no negative impact on current services or projects. Approval of this action will provide increased funding for DBH's continued use of contractors to provide essential economic consultant services.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

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County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors