



# City of Carson Report to Redevelopment Agency

September 7, 2010  
New Business Consent

**SUBJECT: CONSIDER EXTENDING THE CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CJ STRATEGIES, LLC FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SERVICES AND CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF A REDEVELOPMENT AND BROWNFIELDS REMEDIATION LOAN AND FINANCING ACT**

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## I. SUMMARY

The Agency Board is asked to consider approving a third amendment and one-year extension to the agreement (Exhibit No. 1) for federal legislative advocacy services. Approval of the third amendment will ensure that the Agency continues to respond to and apply for potential opportunities and/or legislative vehicles that may provide funding or financing for the Agency's current capital improvement projects and development of a proposed Redevelopment and Brownfields Remediation Loan and Financing Program.

## II. RECOMMENDATION

TAKE the following actions:

1. APPROVE a one-year extension of, and Third Amendment to, the Consultant Services Agreement with CJ Strategies, LLC.
2. AUTHORIZE the Chairman to execute the Third Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement following approval as to form by Agency Counsel.

## III. ALTERNATIVES

1. MODIFY the agreement and APPROVE as the Agency Board deems appropriate.
2. DECLINE to extend the agreement.
3. TAKE another action the Agency Board deems appropriate.

## IV. BACKGROUND

Responding to the severe economic challenges faced by the United States in November 2008, President-Elect Obama announced his plan to revitalize our nation. Knowing the potential impact of this economic stimulus plan on our city, the Executive Director entered into an agreement (Exhibit No. 2) with CJ Strategies, LLC, to keep Carson's projects on our federal legislators' priority

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