

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 03-350

DATE November 5, 2003

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: THREE YEAR EXTENSION OF CONTRACT NO. 3019, BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND MS. EVELINA TEMPLETON FOR AS-NEEDED SCIENTIFIC ILLUSTRATIONS AND EXHIBIT DESIGNS FOR THE CABRILLO MARINE AQUARIUM

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General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve an amendment to the three-year personal services contract executed on August 8, 2001, with Ms. Evelina Templeton to provide scientific illustrations and exhibit designs for the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, extending the contract for an additional three years effective January 1, 2004; and,
2. Increase the maximum value of the contract from \$27,456.00 per year to \$29,000 per year and raise the maximum hourly rate from \$22.00 dollars per hour to \$23.00 dollars per hour effective January 1, 2004; and,
3. Find, pursuant to Charter Section 1022, that these services can be performed more economically and feasibly by a qualified independent contractor than by a City employee; and,
4. Direct the Board Secretary to submit the contract to the City Attorney for approval as to form and Mayor for review and recommendation in accordance with Executive Directive No. 16, prior to execution by the Board President and Secretary.

SUMMARY:

Ms. Evelina Templeton, an independent artist and biological illustrator, provides scientific

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illustrations and designs, on an as-needed basis, for marine life exhibits that are publicly displayed at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Ms. Templeton possesses a Zoology degree with a minor in art and has created a consistent design style to all exhibits since her specialized skills were first contracted by the Aquarium in 1981. The artwork that Ms. Templeton has designed and created is a reflection of an unusual combination of education and talent. She is able to combine a scientific knowledge of marine life with exceptional artistic talent to showcase truly unique exhibits for the public's benefit.

The importance of Ms. Templeton's contributions as an artistic liaison will be paramount as the Aquarium prepares for an expansion that will add a 2,417 square foot Exploration Center and a 2,597 square foot Aquatic Nursery. As the exterior expansion draws to a close, efforts will now be concentrated upon the design, fabrication, and installation of exhibits for this multi-million dollar project scheduled to open to the public in the fall of 2004.

Extending Ms. Templeton's contract, which expires on January 31, 2003, will allow plans for the Aquarium's production schedule for new exhibits to proceed uninterrupted.

This report was prepared by Susanne Lawrenz-Miller, Director, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.