# CITY OF ANGELS EXEMPT EMPLOYEES

**MEMORANDUM** 

**OF** 

**UNDERSTANDING** 

**Effective:** 

May 22, 2022--June 30, 2024

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#### 1. PARTICIPANTS

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into by and between the City of Angels ("City") and the City of Angels Employee's Association ("Association"), having met and conferred in good faith regarding wages and conditions of employment. All designated representatives have exchanged freely; information, opinions and proposals and have endeavored to reach agreement on matters relating to wages and benefits.

# 2. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This MOU will remain in effect for a two-year period, beginning May 22, 2022, and expiring June 30, 2024. However, nothing herein shall prohibit the Parties from changing the terms, or any part of the terms, of this MOU, by mutual agreement.

#### 3. **DEFINITION OF CITY**

The City Council or the person or persons duly authorized by the City Council as the representative of the City of Angels, shall hereinafter be referred to as "City".

# 4. BARGAINING UNIT

This MOU shall be applicable to full-time exempt management employees in the classifications listed in Exhibit A. The terms "employee," "bargaining unit employee," "exempt management employees" and "members of this unit" may be used interchangeably herein to mean all workers covered by this MOU.

# 5. <u>USE OF CITY FACILITIES</u>

The Association shall be allowed to use bulletin boards for communications having to do with official Association business, such as times and places of meeting, etc.

#### 6. NO DISCRIMINATION

The City and Association agree that there shall be no unlawful discrimination against, and/or harassment of employees or job applicants with respect to any terms or conditions of employment on the basis of actual or perceived: race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, related medical conditions, or breastfeeding), gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age (40 or over), religion (including religious dress and grooming practices), physical or mental disability, medical condition, pregnancy, marital status, citizenship status, military or veteran status, genetic information or characteristics, or any other basis protected by applicable federal, state, or local law.

# 7. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS BY EMPLOYEES

When requested by the City, persons who are representatives of the association shall be given reasonable time off with pay to attend meetings with City representatives. The use of official time for this purpose shall be reasonable and shall not interfere with the performance of City services as determined by the City.

#### 8. AT-WILL EMPLOYMENT STATUS/TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

Members of this bargaining unit are appointed to their positions and serve at the pleasure of the City Council and City Administrator, thus bargaining unit employees are at-will employees and either the City or the employee may terminate the employment relationship at any time with or without notice. As appointed at-will management employees, bargaining unit members have no property right in their jobs and are not entitled to due process for any adverse employment action under the City's Personnel Policy Rules and Regulations or any other City policy or procedure, unless such process is required by law, set forth in this MOU, or an applicable individual employment agreement.

The City Administrator may negotiate employment terms with members of the bargaining unit including but not limited to the appropriate pay step into which to hire new staff (from within the City Salary Table) and to enter into individual employment agreements for such bargaining unit positions on the City's behalf; provided that any such employment agreement terms which conflict with the specified benefits provided under this MOU must be approved by the City Council.

The City's Personnel Policy Rules and Regulations, as may be amended from time to time after meeting and conferring with the Association, shall apply to employees covered by this MOU, to the extent that they are not in conflict with any provision of this MOU or any applicable individual employment agreement.

# 9. **SALARIES**

Salary ranges for exempt management employee classifications shall be set forth in Exhibit "A". The rates of pay set forth do not include reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses authorized and incurred incident to City employment.

#### 10. CONVERSION OF SALARIES

Any monthly, daily or hourly rate of pay may be converted into any equivalent rate of pay or to such other time basis when, in the judgment of the City, such conversion is advisable. In determining equivalent amounts of different time bases, the City shall provide tables or regulations to the person involved for the calculation of payment and for use in converting monthly salaries to hourly rates, as well as for calculating hourly rates.

# 11. SALARY INCREASES / PERFORMANCE REVIEWS

Each employee shall be considered for salary step increases annually in according to the employee's anniversary date, or revised salary anniversary date. Salary step increases are based on merit and are contingent on the recommendation of the City Administrator. If awarded, step increases will be paid the next complete pay cycle following the anniversary date. Should the City Administrator determine that an employee has not achieved the level of performance required for a salary increase, the City Administrator shall provide notice to the employee explaining the specific reason(s) why a salary increase is to be withheld.

Changes in an employee's salary because of promotion, demotion or postponement of salary step increases due to marginal performance will set a revised salary anniversary

date for that employee. However, salary range adjustments for a classification will not set a revised salary anniversary date.

Documentary records and/or performance reviews must be maintained and discussed with the employee at least once every year, and more often if considered desirable by the City.

# 12. PAYMENT OF SALARIES AND WAGES

BIWEEKLY PAY PERIOD--All City employees will be paid on a biweekly basis. This will be a total of 26 paychecks per year which will be issued every other Friday.

# 13. **SEVERANCE PAY**

Final payroll checks issued as a result of resignation or layoff from City employment will be paid no later than the next regularly scheduled payday. If terminated for cause, accrued wages shall be paid no later than the next regular working day.

# 14. **ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE**

Exempt management employees shall receive fifteen (15) eight hour administrative days. Employees should not take administrative leave until after the completion of six (6) months of their probation. Administrative leave cannot be carried over from year to year and is not paid out on termination. Exempt management employees may cash out 60 hours of Administrative leave per fiscal year based on:

- a. Approval/discretion of City Administrator
- b. Maximum of 60 hours per fiscal year

New Year's Day

- c. Employee must have sufficient hours accrued for cash out
- d. Cash value equals employee's hourly rate times Administrative Leave

#### 15. **HOLIDAYS**

1.

All regular full time employees shall be entitled to thirteen (14) annual holidays off, on full pay. Authorized holidays are as follows:

January 1

2.	Martin Luther King	3rd Monday in Jan.
3.	Washington's Birthday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday in Feb.
4.	Memorial Day	Last Mon. in May
5.	Independence Day	July 4
6.	Labor Day	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon. in Sep.
7.	Columbus Day	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon. in Oct.
8.	Veterans Day	November 11
9.	Thanksgiving Day	November, as designated
10.	Day after Thanksgiving	November, as designated
11.	Christmas Eve	December 24
12	Christmas Day	December 25

12. Christmas Day

December 25

\*\*In lieu of Floor

13. Floating Day \*\* \*\*In lieu of Election Day

14. Juneteenth June 19

Any additional holidays recognized by the Federal Government shall be an additional holiday and not substituted for any existing holiday.

When a holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be recognized as a holiday. When a holiday falls on a Sunday, it shall be recognized the following Monday. If a holiday falls within an employee's vacation leave, that day shall be deemed a holiday and not a vacation day.

# 16. VACATION ALLOWANCE

Bargaining unit employees shall be entitled to annual vacation leave, with pay, according to the number of continuous full calendar years of full time employment, based on the following scale:

1 through 5 full calendar years 10 working days/year 6 through 10 full calendar years 15 working days/year

After 11 years of continuous full time service, one additional paid vacation day is added each year until a maximum of 20 working days is reached at the end of 15 years:

11 years	16 working days
12 years	17 working days
13 years	18 working days
14 years	19 working days
15 years	20 working days

Vacation time is accrued from first full month of employment but should not be taken until after passage of 6 months. Employees should request to schedule vacation days as far in advance as possible. Vacations will be scheduled so as to provide adequate coverage of jobs and staff requirements. Vacation does not accrue during unpaid leaves of absence or other periods of inactive service.

Vacation accrues to and will be capped at a maximum of 150% of the employee's annual accrual. Once that maximum amount is reached, no further vacation will accrue until some vacation time is used to reduce the employee's balance below the maximum annual accrual. Employees are responsible to keep track of accrued vacation time. For employees hired prior to January 1, 2006, the City will pay out accrued vacation in excess of the cap over the term of this Agreement. The timing and amount of such payments will be in accord with the City's business needs, as determined by the City Administrator. If the employee's accrual is not reduced below the applicable cap within the applicable time period, the employee will cease to accrue additional vacation until such time as their accrued vacation time falls below the maximum cap.

The City may, in its discretion, schedule vacation time for employees in accord with its business needs, or to buy back unused accrued vacation time in December at the end of each calendar year during the period this MOU is in effect. Additionally, employees may request to cash out up to forty (40) hours of accrued vacation time each calendar year. Such requests will be granted provided, in the City Administrator's sole discretion, City's business needs and financial abilities allow. It is the intent of the City that employees use allotted vacation time for its intended purpose. In lieu pay cannot be substituted for taking vacation time.

# 17. SICK LEAVE

Employees with accumulated sick leave may be granted sick leave for the following:

- a. Preventative care, illness or physical incapacity of the employee;
- b. Enforcement quarantine of the employee in accordance with community health regulations;
- c. Illness or injury in the immediate family will be granted in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act;
- d. Medical, vision and dental office appointments which cannot be scheduled at other than work hours;
- e. Diagnosis, care or treatment of a medical condition or preventative treatment for an employee's family member in accordance with the California Paid Sick Leave laws;
- f. To obtain relief or services related to bring a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking in accordance with California Paid Sick Leave laws.

All bargaining unit employees shall be granted eight (8) hours of accrued sick leave for each full month of service.

Employees may be required to file a physician's certificate with the City Administrator stating the cause of the absence exceeding three days.

Accrual of sick leave begins on the first day of the first full month of employment.

Unused sick leave shall be accumulated from year to year. Sick leave may be accrued to a maximum of 720 hours.

Employees may use ½ of their accrued sick leave to attend to illnesses in the immediate family in accordance with the California Kin Care laws.

Unused sick leave will not be cashed out.

Upon retirement, unused sick leave may be credited as service time as provided in the City's contract with PERS.

# 18. **BEREAVEMENT**

Bereavement leave may be used by employees when they are required to be absent from work because of a death in their immediate family, not to exceed three (3) days in state, or five (5) days if out of state, per incident. This will not be charged to sick leave. Immediate family shall include father, mother, loci parentis, siblings, or child of employee, and mother/father/siblings of the employee's spouse. Additional consideration may be given in special cases as determined by the City Administrator.

# 19. LEAVES OF ABSENCES

Leaves of absence will be administered in accordance with state and federal law and City policies as set forth in the Personnel Policy Rules and Regulations, as may be amended

from time to time. The City complies with California and federal law governing family and medical leaves. The provisions of this section shall be applied in conformity with the California Family Rights Act and the Federal Family Medical Leave Act.

A regular employee may request a leave of absence "without pay" up to a maximum of one year for the following reasons:

- a. Prolonged illness
- b. To attend school or college or to enter training to improve the quality of his/her service.
- c. Jury/Witness Duty. In such cases, the employee shall be paid his/her regular salary and jury/witness fees that the employee may receive from the Court shall be remitted to the City, except pay for travel and meals.
- d. Military leave will be granted in accordance with the State and Federal law.
- e. An employee who is absent from duty for any reason shall report the reason thereof to his/her supervisor or the City Administrator immediately on the day of absence, unless prevented from doing so.
- f. All unauthorized and unreported absences shall be considered as absence without leave a deduction of pay may be made for each period of such absence in accordance with the provisions of the FLSA, and any applicable state or local law. Voluntary absence without leave for five (5) consecutive days shall be considered as an automatic resignation from City service.

#### 20. BREAK IN SERVICE

Any employee who is re-employed after being terminating voluntarily or being discharged by the City shall be deemed to have experienced a break in service. Thus, for purposes of computing leave accruals, benefits and any additional compensation such as longevity pay, the employee's length of employment shall then be measured from the date of his/her most recent appointment.

#### 21. ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

1. The City shall, for active employees, contribute the following monthly amounts based upon the actual election of medical plan and level of coverage by the employee:

Employee only: The total monthly premium for the highest premium available PERS plan.

Employee plus one: The total monthly premium for the highest premium available PERS plan for Employee only, plus 75% of the additional monthly premium of the lowest plan for one dependent.

<u>Family</u>: The total monthly premium for the highest premium available PERS plan for Employee only, plus 75% of the additional monthly premium of the lowest plan for a family.

<u>Cash in lieu</u>: Employees with alternate insurance may opt out of City health insurance coverage and receive a payment in lieu of benefits in the amount of two

hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). In no event will employees receive more than \$250 in return for waiving all medical coverage for themselves and/or their spouse or dependents.

- 2. Dental care benefits shall be provided to employees. The City shall contribute 100% of the lowest employee only premium. For employees opting for employee plus one or employee plus family, the City shall pay sixty percent (60%) of the difference between the employee only premium and the respective employee plus one or employee plus family.
- 3. Vision care benefits shall be provided to City employees. The City shall contribute 100% of the employee only premium. For employees opting for employee plus one or employee plus family, the City shall pay sixty percent (60%) of the difference between the employee only premium and the respective employee plus one or employee plus family.
- 4. The City strives to provide a high quality, competitive benefits package. Unfortunately, benefits such as medical insurance have recently experienced dramatic fluctuations in premiums. While the City is committed to providing fair and appropriate medical insurance benefits, increases in premiums may be passed onto the employees.
- 5. Life Insurance benefits will be provided through a City sponsored group term life insurance program administered. The City will contribute the full cost for employee only coverage as follows: group term life insurance coverage of \$15,000 natural death; \$30,000 accidental death for employee only. Employees are responsible for the payment of any costs in excess of the maximum City contribution

#### 7. Retiree Health Insurance

- a. For employees hired after July 1, 2009 who have a minimum of ten years of service with the City, the City shall contribute on a monthly basis an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the current premium contribution for employee only.
- b. Upon retirement, should the employee elect not to participate in the retiree medical benefit plan, the City's contribution will be zero and it will be an irrevocable election.
- 8. The City shall pay 100% of the Worker's Compensation Insurance Premium.
- 9. The City shall pay 50% of the Social Security retirement benefit.
- 10. The City shall pay 100% of the unemployment insurance premium.
- 11. Public Employees Retirement System (P.E.R.S.)

<u>First Level (Classic) Employees</u>-Employees hired before January 1, 2013 participate in the PERS 2.7% at 55 formula for active local miscellaneous (nonsafety) members. Participation requires a payment of 8% of the employee's gross

salary for the 2.7@55 benefit. Effective July 1, 2013, employees will pay the required 8% on a pre-tax basis.

Employees hired before January 1, 2013, who are in local safety positions participate in the PERS 3% at 50 formula for active local safety members. Participation requires a payment of 9% of the employee's gross salary for the 3% @ 50 benefit. Effective July 13, 2013, employees will pay the required 9% on a pre-tax basis.

PEPRA (New Member) Employees-Pursuant to the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA), any miscellaneous (non-safety) employee hired on or after January 1, 2013, who is a "new member" as defined by PEPRA shall participate in the PERS 2% at 62 formula for active local miscellaneous members. Participation requires employees to contribute at least one-half (½) of the "normal cost" of the benefit, rounded to the nearest ¼ of 1% or the current contribution rate of similarly situated employees, whichever is greater. The required employee contributions will be paid on a pre-tax basis.

Local safety employees hired on or after January 1, 2013, who are "new members" as defined by PEPRA shall participate in the PERS 2.7% at 57 formula for active local safety members. Participation requires employees to contribute at least one-half (½) of the "normal cost" of the benefit, rounded to the nearest ¼ of 1% or the current contribution rate of similarly situated employees, whichever is greater. The required employee contribution will be paid on a pretax basis.

Contribution requirements are determined by periodic actuarial valuations under state law and may change in accordance with CalPERS regulations and/or state law.

#### 22. **LONGEVITY**

Employees are eligible for additional compensation for longevity based on years of continuous full time employment with the City. Longevity pay shall be added to the base salary of the employee.

2.5% at 10 years of continuous full-time service

2.5% at 15 years of continuous full-time service

2.5% at 20 years of continuous full-time service

2.5% at 25 years of continuous full-time service

#### 23. TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

City shall reimburse employee's expenses for tuition, books and materials upon the demonstration of the satisfactory completion of the course for approved courses relating to their perspective jobs.

# 24. <u>CELL PHONE ALLOWANCE</u>

Bargaining unit employees will receive a monthly cell phone allowance in the amount of \$40.00.

#### 25. EMPLOYEE BONUSES

Essential Employee Pay: In recognition of bargaining unit employees' service to the CITY and its citizens during the challenges presented by the public health pandemic, the CITY will provide a one-time bonus in the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) to employees who have been continuously employed in a full-time bargaining unit capacity by the CITY less than five (5) years as of the date this Agreement takes effect. The CITY shall provide a one-time bonus of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to employees who have been continuously employed in a full-time bargaining unit capacity by the CITY for five (5) or more years as of the date this Agreement takes effect. The bonus shall be payable the first full pay period following ratification and approval of the MOU.

COVID-19 Vaccine Bonus - The CITY shall provide a one-time bonus in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00 per shot) to all bargaining unit employees who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Employees who have received a COVID-19 booster vaccination will receive an additional one-time bonus in the amount of \$500.00. The bonuses shall be contingent on: 1) ratification and approval of this MOU, 2) employee being in a bargaining unit position as of the date this MOU is ratified and approved, and 3) documentation that the vaccination(s) have been received prior to the date this MOU is ratified and approved being presented to the Administrative Services Officer. Vaccine bonuses shall be payable the first full pay period after ratification and approval have occurred and documentation has been presented.

# 26. SALARIES & SALARY SCHEDULES

See Exhibits A attached.

The term of this agreement shall be from May 22, 2022, through June 30, 2024.

CITY OF ANGELS

EXEMPT EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION

Employee Representative

Date

Employee Representative

Date

City of Angels Camp Exempt Salary Schedule for 2021/2022 Fiscal Year (No COLA Included)

Range		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
41	Chief Plant Officer	\$36.35	\$38.17	\$40.08	\$42.08	\$44.19
		\$6,300.67	\$6,616.13	\$6,947.20	\$7,293.87	\$7,659.60
		\$75,608.00	\$79,393.60	\$83,366.40	\$87,526.40	\$91,915.20
49	Finance Director	\$44.29	\$46.51	\$48.83	\$51.28	\$53.84
	,	\$7,676.93	\$8,061.73	\$8,463.87	\$8,888.53	\$9,332.27
		\$92,123.20	\$96,740.80	\$101,566.40	\$106,662.40	\$111,987.20
41	Administrative Services Officer	\$36.35	\$38.17	\$40.08	\$42.08	\$44.19
••		\$6,300.67	\$6,616.13	\$6,947.20	\$7,293.87	\$7,659.60
		\$75,608.00	\$79,393.60	\$83,366.40	\$87,526.40	\$91,915.20
51	Public Works Superintendent	\$46.54	\$48.86	\$51.31	\$53.87	\$56.57
	(Adopted Dec. 2020)	\$8,066.93	\$8,469.07	\$8,893.73	\$9,337.47	\$9,805.47
	(, taopica 200. 1010)	\$96,803.20	\$101,628.80	\$106,724.80	\$112,049.60	\$117,665.60
57	Police Chief	\$53.97	\$56.67	\$59.50	\$62.48	\$65.60
3,		\$9,354.80	\$9,822.80	\$10,313.33	\$10,829.87	\$11,370.67
		\$112,257.60	\$117,873.60	\$123,760.00	\$129,958.40	\$136,448.00