



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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REPORT NO. **R25-0204**
April 24, 2025

**REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)(2) & (e)(1)**

REPORT RE:

**REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE CONTRACT NO. C-144622 BE AMENDED TO
SUBSTITUTE STOEL RIVES LLP FOR DOWNEY BRAND LLP TO ASSIST IN THE
MATTER OF COMPLIANCE WITH WRIT OF MANDATE IN *UNITED
NEIGHBORHOODS FOR LOS ANGELES V. CITY*, LOS ANGELES COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 21STCP02401**

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(1)(2) & (e)(1), the City Attorney wishes to meet in closed session to discuss an amendment to Contract No. C-144622, to substitute Stoel Rives LLP (Stoel Rives) in for Downey Brand LLP (Downey Brand), at no cost to the City, to assist the City in complying with the writ of mandate in *United Neighborhoods for Los Angeles v. City*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 21STCP02401 (*United Neighborhoods*).

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council:

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, without the need for further Council approval, to substitute Stoel Rives for Downey Brand in Contract No. C-144622.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to revert and transfer directly the remaining amount of \$65,449.94, encumbered to Contract No. C-144622, to the City Attorney, Fund No. 100/12, Account No. 009301 for the contract with Stoel Rives.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Siegmund Shyu at Siegmund.Shyu@lacity.org or 213-978-8231. He or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer any questions that you may have.

Very truly yours,

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