



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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REPORT NO. R25-0117
March 7, 2025

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

REPORT RE:

**REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATIONS
FOR OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

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 Section 545956.9(d)(1), the City Attorney's Office wishes to meet in closed session to discuss the need for additional outside counsel assistance and funding, and puts forth the following Recommendations for the City Council's consideration:

Recommendations

1. Authorize the City Attorney to enter into a contract with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC in an initial amount of \$400,000 for outside counsel assistance with *Shapiro v. City of Los Angeles*, LASC Case No. 25STCV04179;

2. Authorize the City Attorney or her designee to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the CAO, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assistant City Attorney Gabriel Dermer at (213) 978-7558. He or another member of this office will be present when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

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