



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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REPORT NO. R24-0068
February 16, 2024

**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 funding and/or term extensions for the following outside counsel contracts, and for seven new contracts, and puts forth the following Recommendations for the City Council's consideration:

1. DIRECT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to identify funding in the amount of \$3,840,000 to accommodate the shortfall needed to fund all current projections through March 2024 in outside counsel contracts and transfer this amount to Outside Counsel Including Workers Compensation line item to the City Attorney, Fund 100, Department No. 12, Account No. 009301;

2. Authorize the City Attorney to amend the following contracts to increase their respective authority amounts as follows:

C138915	Burke Williams Sorensen	\$405,000
C138838	Hurrell Cantrall	\$255,000
C141687	Burke Williams & Sorensen	\$ 80,000
C141690	Hurrell Cantrall	\$335,000
C141689	Orbach Huff & Henderson	\$295,000
C142641	Nossaman	\$135,000
C143190	Munger Tolles & Olson	\$1,200,000
C139740	Best Best & Krieger	\$140,000
C143733	Shumener Odson & Oh	\$255,000

3. Authorize the City Attorney to amend its contract with Ice Miller (for tax law services) to extend its term by two years to May 31, 2026;
4. Authorize the City Attorney to enter into a new contract with Kronick Moskowitz Tiedemann & Girard in the initial amount of \$120,000 for assistance with labor and employee relations;
5. Authorize the City Attorney to enter into a new contract with Lagasse Branch Bell & Kinkhead in the initial amount of \$125,000 for assistance with *Colomey v. City of Los Angeles*, 21STCV00093 and *Prokop v. City of Los Angeles*, 22STCV35963;
6. Authorize the City Attorney to enter into new contracts with Cole Huber, Keesal Young & Logan, and Manning & Kass, each in the initial amount of \$125,000, for assistance with The Fireworks Litigations;
7. Authorize the City Attorney to enter into a new contract with Burke Williams & Sorensen in the initial amount of \$100,000 for assistance with *Johnny Smith, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al.*, 22STCV11178, and *Eric Denton, et al. v City of Los Angeles, et al.*, 22STCV13267;
8. Authorize the City Attorney to enter into a new contract with Baker Hostetler in the initial amount of \$20,000 for assistance with health, data privacy and cybersecurity law.
9. 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 Anne Haley at (213) 978-8100. She, or another member of this Office, will be present when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

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