



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
Hydee Feldstein Soto

REPORT NO. R25-0046  
FEBRUARY 13, 2025

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

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 54956.9(d)(1)(2), 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. Ask that the City Administrative Officer (CAO) identify funding in the amount of \$2,770,000 to accommodate the shortfall needed to fund the following contracts through March 2025, and transfer this amount to the City Attorney Fund 100, Department No 12, Account No. 009301;

2. Follow up on the remaining \$500,000 funding approved for transfer in CF24-1362 to the City Attorney Fund 100, Department No 12, Account No. 009301, but not yet received;
3. Authorize the City Attorney to amend the following contracts to increase their respective authority amounts as follows:

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|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Keesal Young & Logan (C145377) | \$400,000        |
| Theodora Oringer (C146297)     | \$ 10,000        |
| Sanders Roberts (C146777)      | \$250,000        |
| Baker Hostetler (C145334)      | \$ 14,000        |
| Nossaman LLP (C145365)         | \$600,000        |
| Nossaman LLP (146250)          | <u>\$370,000</u> |
|                                | \$1,644,000      |

4. Authorize the City Attorney to amend Raines Feldman (C138114) to increase contract authority by \$14,000, funded by the Los Angeles Public Library;
5. Authorize the City Attorney to enter into new contracts with the following firms:

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Clyde & Co.                 | \$250,000        |
| Hurrell Cantrall            | \$250,000        |
| Ropers Majeski              | \$250,000        |
| Wood Smith Henning & Berman | \$250,000        |
| Sanders Roberts             | <u>\$126,000</u> |
|                             | \$1,126,000      |

6. Authorize the City Attorney to amend the following contracts to extend their respective terms to January 15, 2026:  
  
Best Best & Krieger (C132207)  
Liebert Cassidy & Whitmore (C140512)  
Hawkins Delafield & Wood (C140171)  
Kutak Rock (C140173)
7. Authorize the City Attorney or 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 the undersigned at (213) 978-8100. They or another member of this office will be present when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

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