



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
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REPORT NO. R24-0228  
May 9, 2024

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

REPORT RE:

**PROPOSED LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH  
COLANTUONO, HIGHSMITH & WHATLEY, PC TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES  
ASSOCIATED WITH APARTMENT OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.  
v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES, LEAD LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT (LASC)  
CASE NO. BC677423, CONSOLIDATED FOR ALL PURPOSES WITH  
FREDERICK H. LEEDS v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES,  
CONSOLIDATED LASC CASE NO. BC709658**

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), the City Attorney's Office wishes to meet in closed session to discuss the need to amend its contract with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC (CHW) to provide legal services associated with *Apartment Owners Association of California, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles*, lead Los Angeles Superior Court (LASC) Case No. BC677423, consolidated for all purposes with *Frederick H. Leeds v. City of Los Angeles*, consolidated LASC Case No. BC709658, which are collectively referred to as AOA, for additional funding. In that effort, the City Attorney's Office puts forth the following recommendation:

1. That the City Council approve an additional \$200,000 in funding authority for Contract No. 143265 with Colantuono Highsmith & Whatley for its assistance with AOA and that the contract be amended accordingly.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Adena Hopenstand 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.

Sincerely,

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