



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
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REPORT NO. R 25 - 0061  
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**REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO  
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

REPORT RE:

**SETTLEMENT DISCUSSION**

ALBA RIVERA v. STEPHEN RUDA, et al.  
LASC CASE NO. 21STCV39669

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

(Re: Claim Nos. C20-03580 and C22-20209)

Honorable Members:

This office recommends that discussions with, and advice from, legal counsel regarding the recommendation for Claims Board action in this pending litigation be scheduled and held in closed session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) requires you to state publicly prior to the closed session, what subdivision of this section authorizes the closed meeting, and that the closed session is being held to confer or discuss with, or receive advice from, legal counsel regarding pending litigation.

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This matter arises from a falling tree incident on October 28, 2019, at 19146 Stare Street, in Northridge, California.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Patty Thammalaiviroj, Deputy City Attorney at (213) 978-8025. 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,

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

By:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. H. Sassounian", with a horizontal line extending from the end.

DIKRAN H. SASSOUNIAN

Assistant Chief, Civil Litigation Branch

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cc: Board of Public Works Commission  
Keith Mozee, Director  
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