



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
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REPORT NO. R24-0293  
June 5, 2024

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

REPORT RE:

**PROPOSED LEGAL SERVICES  
AGREEMENTS WITH  
BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN LLP  
AND  
MAYNARD NEXSEN, PC  
TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO  
*VADNAIS TRENCHLESS SERVICE, INC. v. CITY OF LOS  
ANGELES, ET AL.*  
LASC Case No. 23STCP03825**

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 for outside counsel to assist with the litigation *Vadnais Trenchless Service, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles, et al.*, LASC Case No. 23STCP03825, and puts forth the following Recommendations for the City Council's consideration:

**Recommendations**

1. Approve contracts with Burke, Williams, & Sorensen, LLP (“BWS”) and Maynard Nexsen, PC, for a period of three years, each in the amount of \$250,000, for outside counsel assistance with *Vadnais Trenchless Services, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles, et al.*, LASC Case No. 23STCV0682.
2. 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 Assistant City Attorney Gabriel Dermer at (213) 978-7558 or Deputy City Attorney Jeffrey Goss at (213) 978-7564. They 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

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