



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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**REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54956.9(d)(2), (d)(4) & (e)(1)**

REPORT RE:

**PROPOSED PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION
WITH LITIGATION, REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT, AND OTHER SIMILAR
LEGAL WORK INVOLVING FEDERAL AUTHORITY OVER CITY PERSONNEL
AND RESOURCES**

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

Honorable Members:

We recommend the Office of the City Attorney be authorized to retain various pro bono legal services providers as outside counsel to advise this Office on litigation, regulatory enforcement, administrative procedures, and other similar legal work involving federal authority over City personnel and resources.

The time sensitivity and fact that all services engaged under this authority will be provided on a pro bono basis means that it is neither reasonably practicable nor in the City's best interest to delay this retention to proceed through a competitive process. See Los Angeles City Charter Sections 371(e)(2) and 372.

While the City Council's approval of this action would give the City Attorney discretion on which pro bono legal service providers to engage, the City Council would retain approval authority over conflict waivers, should any arise. Any future requests for conflict waivers would be brought to the City Council for its consideration at the time they arose.

Should the City Council want to recess into closed session to discuss this matter, such action would be pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2), (d)(4), and (e)(1) (three potential cases). Government Code Section 54956.9(g) requires you to state publicly, prior to closed session, what subdivision of the section authorizes the closed meeting, and that the closed session is being held to confer, discuss with, or receive advice from, legal counsel regarding potential litigation.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at 213-978-8100. He or another member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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