



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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REPORT NO. R25-0005
January 15, 2025

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

REPORT RE:

**PROPOSED LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH
BIENART KATZMAN LITTRELL WILLIAMS, LLP
TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES
REPRESENTING CITY EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS
RELATED TO
THE FEDERAL, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
OF A CITY EMPLOYEE**

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 545956.9(d)(1), the City Attorney's Office wishes to meet in closed session to discuss the need for outside counsel to assist the City Attorney's Office in representing City employees and officials in a federal, criminal investigation related to a City employee, and puts forth the following Recommendations for the City Council's consideration:

Recommendations

1. Approve a contract with Bienart Katzman Littrell Williams, LLP, for a period of

- one year, in the amount of \$40,000, for outside counsel assistance representing City employees and officials in a federal criminal investigation related to a City employee.
2. Ask that the City Administrative Officer (CAO) identify funding in the amount of \$40,000, and transfer that amount to the City Attorney Fund 100, Department No 12, Account No. 009301 for this contract.
 3. 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 Strefan Fauble at 213.978.8100. He 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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