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CITY ATTORNEY

REPORT NO. **R24-0230**  
**MAY 10 2024**

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

REPORT RE:

**SETTLEMENT DISCUSSION**

**PRAXEDES BENITEZ v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES, ET AL.**  
**LASC CASE NO. 21STCV32551**

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

(Re: Claim No. C21-02476)

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 trip and fall incident that occurred on November 8, 2020, on the sidewalk abutting 3231 Fletcher Road, in the City of Los Angeles.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assistant Chief for the Civil Litigation Branch Dikran Sassounian at (213) 913-5687. 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

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

By:

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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