



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
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REPORT NO. **R25-0078**  
February 25, 2025

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

REPORT RE:

**REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION OF LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH  
DEMETRIOU, DEL GUERCIO, SPRINGER & FRANCIS, LLP TO PROVIDE LEGAL  
SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH *BKK WORKING GROUP v. 1700 SANTA FE LTD.*  
USDC CASE NO. 2:18-CV-05810-MWF-PLA**

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

Honorable Members:

This Office recommends that discussions with, and advice from, legal counsel regarding pending litigation be scheduled and held in closed session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). Government Code Section 54956.9(g) 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.

This matter involves a recommendation by the City Attorney for the City to retain the law firm of Demetriou, Del Guercio, Springer & Francis, LLP's (DDSF) to provide legal services associated with *BKK Working Group v. 1700 Santa Fe Ltd.*, USDC Case No. 2:18-CV-05810-MWF-PLA.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Robert Mahlowitz at (213) 978-8205. A member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

By   
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