



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
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REPORT NO. **24-0150**  
**APR 05 2024**

**REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO  
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(2) AND (e)(1)**

REPORT RE:

**PROPOSED LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH  
DOWNEY BRAND LLP**

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 discussion with, and advice from, legal counsel with respect to significant exposure to litigation be scheduled by City Council and held in closed session pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(1). Government Code Section 54956.9 requires the issuance of a public statement that includes the section subdivision that authorizes the closed meeting, and determines whether the closed session will be held to confer or discuss with, or receive advice from legal counsel regarding significant exposure to litigation, prior to the closed session.

This Office also recommends that the City Council approve the retention of Downey Brand LLP as outside counsel and that the City enter into a three-year contract for a budget not to exceed \$500,000.

We ask that the matter be placed on the closed session agendas of the Budget and Finance Committee and City Council as soon as practicable.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Virginia M. Choi at (213) 978-8130. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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