



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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REPORT NO. **24-0597**
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**REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

REPORT RE:

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSION

**STOP LAPD SPYING COALITION v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES,
LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 23STCP00816**

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

Honorable Members:

This Office recommends that discussions with, and advice from, legal counsel regarding 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(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 arises from a December 2022 California Public Records Act (CPRA) request, which was submitted by the organization Stop LAPD Spying Coalition to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) seeking a “current roster of all LAPD officers” with the following information for each officer: “name, serial number, ethnicity, gender, area, rank, year of hire, weight, and height.” LAPD responded to the request in January 2023 by providing a responsive roster with all of the requested information, except for officers’ height and weight information, asserting that such information was exempt from disclosure under certain express provisions of the CPRA.

The requester filed a petition for a writ of mandate requesting a court order requiring LAPD to disclose the requested withheld information, and the parties litigated the legal issues vigorously in the trial court. After a trial on the merits, the trial court issued an order granting the petition, and the City subsequently sought appellate review of the trial court’s decision, which the appellate court denied. The present proposed settlement concerns an award of attorney’s fees and court costs, which is mandatory if a petitioner prevails in a CPRA writ matter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Soraya Kelly at (213) 978-8100. She or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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