



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
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REPORT NO. R24-0214  
APR 26, 2024

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

REPORT RE:

**SETTLEMENT DISCUSSION**

DAMIAN BROWN v. LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT, ET AL.  
LASC CASE NO. 22STCV22747

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

(Re: Claim No. C22-04332)

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 allegations of discrimination, harassment, retaliation, failure to accommodate and provide responsible accommodations for a Los Angeles Fire Department firefighter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Keimer Raymond at (213) 526.6743. She 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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