



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
Hydee Feldstein Soto

REPORT NO. R25-0319
June 20, 2025

REPORT RE:

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF
LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
COVINGTON & BURLING, LLP
TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO
A FEDERAL INVESTIGATION**

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

Honorable Members:

The City Attorney's Office requests the City Council authorize the retention of outside counsel to assist with Federal Investigations related to the City of Los Angeles, and puts forth the following Recommendations for the City Council's consideration:

Recommendations

1. Authorize the City Attorney to enter into a contract with Covington & Burling, LLP, in an amount up to \$500,000, for legal advice and assistance related to federal investigations;
2. Instruct the City Clerk to place on Council Calendar for July 1, 2025 the following action relative to this matter:



"That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer \$500,000 from the Unappropriated Balance, Outside Counsel Including Worker's Compensation line item, to the City Attorney, Fund 100, Dept 12, Account 009301 for a contract with Covington & Burling, LLP."

3. Authorize the City Attorney or designee to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the CAO, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at 213.978.8100 or at strefan.fauble@lacity.org . 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

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