

Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
Hydee Feldstein Soto

REPORT NO. R24-0412  
AUG 21 2024

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

REPORT RE:

**PROPOSED LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NOSSAMAN, LLP  
RELATED TO LA FORWARD INSTITUTE ET AL. v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES ET AL.  
LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 24STCV17156  
(COUNCIL DISTRICT 11)**

The Honorable City Council  
of the 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 the recommendation for City Council 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(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 lawsuit seeks injunctive and declaratory relief, related to the City's development processing and approval activity for an affordable housing community at 200 N. Venice

Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA (Property). Related to it, this Office seeks outside counsel assistance and recommends the following:

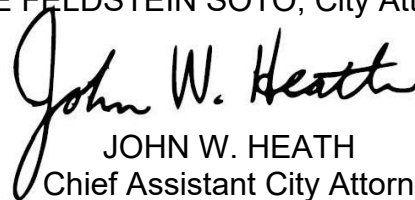
1. That the City Attorney be authorized to enter into a contract with the law firm Nossaman, LLP to assist with the Lawsuit for an initial term of three years and in an initial amount of \$250,000;
2. Transfer \$250,000 from the Unappropriated Balance, Outside Counsel Including Workers Compensation line item to the City Attorney, Fund 100, Department No. 12, Account No. 009301; and
3. That the City Attorney or her designee be authorized 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 Assistant City Attorney Mei Mei Cheng 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.

Very truly yours,

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

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