

Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
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REPORT NO. **R25-0217**  
May 01, 2025

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

REPORT RE:

**PROPOSED LEGAL SERVICES  
AGREEMENT WITH  
BIENART KATZMAN LITTRELL WILLIAMS,  
LLP  
TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES RELATED  
TO  
LOS ANGELES TIMES COMMUNICATIONS v. CITY OF  
LOS ANGELES  
LASC Case No. 25STCP01139**

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

Honorable Members:


Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), this Office wishes to meet in closed session to discuss the retention of Bienert Katzman Littrell Williams LLP (BKLW) to assist the City Attorney's Office in the City's defense of a lawsuit based on alleged violations of laws relating to record retention, willful destruction of government records, and the California Public Record Act (CPRA), entitled *Los Angeles Times Communications, et al. v. City of Los Angeles*, LASC Case No. 25STCP01139 ("LA Times").

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Approve a contract with Bienert Katzman Littrell Williams LLP for outside counsel assistance with *Los Angeles Times Communications et al. v. City of Los Angeles*, LASC Case No. 25STCP01139;
2. Instruct the CAO to identify funding in the amount of \$125,000 for this contract and transfer the same to the City Attorney Fund 100, Department No. 12, Account No. 009301;
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.

Sincerely,

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

By   
ANNE HALEY  
Assistant City Attorney