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

REPORT RE:

**PROPOSED LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR OUTSIDE COUNSEL IN  
*UNITED STATES EX REL. MEI LING, ET AL. V. CITY OF LOS ANGELES,*  
USDC CASE NO. CV 11-00974 PSG (JCX)**

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

Honorable Members:

This Office recommends that Michael M. Maddigan, of Hogan Lovells LLP, be approved as outside counsel to assist the City Attorney's Office in the City's defense of a lawsuit entitled *United States ex rel. Mei Ling, et al. v. City of Los Angeles*. The case is based on allegations that the City violated the False Claims Act (FCA). The matter is currently pending in the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

Recommendations for City Council action:

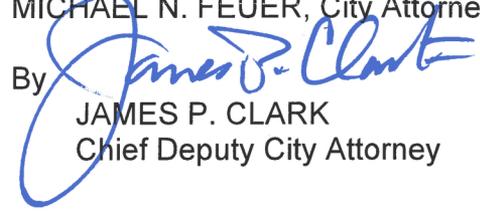
1. Approve a contract with Hogan Lovells LLP in an initial amount of \$100,000
2. Waive the firm's conflict of interest in the matter of *City of Los Angeles v. Purdue Pharma L.P. et al.*, USDC C.D. Cai., Case No. 2:18-CV-3712

We ask that the matter be placed on City Council's closed session agenda as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

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