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

REPORT RE:

**PROPOSED LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR 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 Pepper Hamilton LLP be approved as outside counsel, with an initial appropriation of \$100,000, to assist the City Attorney's Office in defending the above-referenced lawsuit. Accordingly, we ask that you:

- 1) Authorize the City Attorney to enter into a contract with Pepper Hamilton LLP for assistance in *United States ex rel. Mei Ling, et al. v. City of Los Angeles*;
- 2) Transfer \$100,000 from the Unappropriated Balance, City Attorney Outside Counsel, including Workers' Compensation line item, to the City Attorney, Fund No. 100, Department No. 12, Account No. 9301 for that contract;
- 3) Authorize the City Attorney or designee to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City

Administrative Officer (CAO), and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

This Office also recommends that the matter be placed on City Council's closed session agenda as soon as possible to allow discussions with, and advice from, legal counsel regarding this pending litigation 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.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Senior Assistant City Attorney Noreen Vincent at (213) 978-7730. A member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

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