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REPORT NO. R21-0259  
AUG 26, 2021

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

REPORT RE:

**SETTLEMENT DISCUSSION**

SONGHAI SMITH v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES, ET AL.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CASE NO. CV20-03118 RGK-Ex

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

(Re: Claim No. C20-01697)

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(d)(1) 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.

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This matter arises from a detention by LAPD officers on April 3, 2019 in the San Fernando Valley.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Denise Mills, Senior Assistant City Attorney, Civil Litigation, at (213) 978-6954. I or another member of this Office, will be present when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

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