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REPORT NO. **R22-0331**
September 30, 2022

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

REPORT RE:

**REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATIONS
FOR OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

The Honorable Budget & Finance Committee
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 1010, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 545956.9(d)(1), the City Attorney's Office wishes to meet in closed session to discuss the need for additional funding for the following outside counsel contracts and puts forth the following Recommendations for the City Council's consideration:

A. Recommendation related to cases funded by UB line item:

1. Transfer \$1,495,000 from the Unappropriated Balance, Outside Counsel Including Workers Compensation line item to the City Attorney, Fund 100, Department No. 12, Account No. 009301;
2. Transfer \$5,000 from the Unappropriated Balance, Outside Counsel Including Workers Compensation line item to the City Attorney, Fund 100, Department No. 12, Account No. 009302;

3. Acknowledge the remaining amount of \$24,980 from a settlement involving several wireless telephone companies and authorize the use of this balance for existing outside counsel matters;
4. Authorize the City Attorney to amend the following contracts to increase their respective authority amounts as follows:

C139740	Best Best & Krieger	\$ 127,000
C129459	Colantuono & Levin	\$ 2,980
C133343	Ice Miller	\$ 15,000
C115552	Kronick Moskowitz Tiedemann Girard	\$ 130,000
C139508	Sanders Roberts	<u>\$ 875,000</u>
		\$1,149,980

5. Authorize the City Attorney to enter into a contract with the law firm Tharpe & Howell, LLP for assistance with the litigation *Eric C. Ingstad, et al. v. City of Los Angeles*, 2:22-CV-04772 in an initial amount of \$370,000.

B. Recommendations related to cases funded from other sources:

6. Direct the CAO to immediately identify a source of funds in the amount of \$1,375,000, for the police protest cases, currently being handled by outside counsel, and authorize the Controller to process the transfer of the identified funds to Fund 100, Department 12, Account 009301 based on the CAO's recommendation. This funding should come from outside the City Attorney's Office.
7. Authorize the City Attorney to amend the following contracts related to police protest cases to increase their respective authority amounts as follows:

C138915	Burke Williams Sorensen	\$ 230,000
C138873	Cole Huber	\$ 180,000
C138838	Hurrell Cantral	\$ 350,000
C138839	Lynberg & Watkins	\$ 315,000
C138910	Stone Busailah	<u>\$ 300,000</u>
		\$1,375,000

8. Transfer \$500,000 from City Attorney, Fund 100, Department No. 12, Account No. 001010 Salary General to Fund 100, Department 12, Account 009301 to allocate to the following law firms in these respective amounts for assistance with overflow in the police litigation

unit, and authorize the City Attorney to enter into contracts with those law firms:

Burke Williams & Sorensen	\$125,000
Hurrell Cantrall	\$125,000
Manning & Kass	\$125,000
Orbach Huff & Henderson	<u>\$125,000</u>
	\$500,000

9. Acknowledge receipt of \$40,000 from the United States Treasury (CR23120001635 - Fund 100, Dept. 12, Revenue Source 5188) and appropriate same to Fund 100, Department 12, Account No. 009301 and authorize the City Attorney to amend its contract with Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell to increase its authority by that amount;
10. Authorize the City Attorney to amend Contract C-135530 with Nossaman to extend its term to June 30, 2025;
11. Authorize the City Attorney or designee 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 Anne Haley at (213) 978-8100. She, or another member of this Office, will be present when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

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