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

REVISED REPORT RE:

REQUEST FOR AMENDMENTS TO OUTSIDE COUNSEL CONTRACTS

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:

On November 23, 2022, this Office transmitted Report No. R22-0417 in this matter. That report inadvertently omitted the recommendations associated with the underlying confidential report. Therefore, we are transmitting this revised report to include those recommendations.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), the City Attorney's Office wishes to meet in closed session to discuss the need for additional funding for the law firm Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley to continue to assist the City Attorney's Office in *Garcia, et al. v. City of Los Angeles*, Case No. 2:19-CV-06182; and the need to extend a contingency contract with Joshua P. Friedman to perform judgment collections work on behalf of the City, as follows:

1. Authorize the City Attorney to amend Contract No. 140486 with Colantuono Highsmith Whatley LLP in the amount of \$250,000, funded by LASAN's Livability Services Division, for the purpose of continuing to assist the City Attorney's Office in *Garcia, et al. v. City of Los Angeles*, Case No. 2:19-CV-06182;


2. Transfer \$250,000 from Fund No. 100/82, Appropriation Account No. 001010, Salaries General, from Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, to the City Attorney, Fund No. 100/12, Account No. 009301 for Contract No. 140486 with Colantuono Highsmith & Whatley; and
3. Authorize the City Attorney to amend Contract No. 137827 with Joshua P. Friedman to extend its term by two years to February 28, 2024.
4. 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.

We ask that this matter be placed on the Budget & Finance Committee's closed session agenda as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Gabriel Dermer at (213) 978-8100. He, 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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