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

REPORT RE:

**PROPOSED LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
MUNGER, TOLLES & OLSON, LLP
TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE LITIGATION
*UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ex rel. MEI LING AND FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL OF
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES,*
No. CV-11-00974 PSG (JCx)**

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

Honorable Members:

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 to retain the law firm Munger, Tolles & Olson, LLP to assist in the litigation *United States of America ex rel. Mei Ling and Fair Housing Council of San Fernando Valley v. City of Los Angeles* and to waive conflicts.

The City Attorney's recommendations are as follows:

1. That the City Attorney be authorized to enter into a contract with the law firm Munger Tolles & Olson, LLP to assist with the *Mei Ling* litigation for an initial term of three years and in an initial amount of \$850,000;

2. That the CAO be directed to identify funding in this amount for this contract and include it in the year-end Financial Status Report;
3. That conflicts of interest be waived;
4. That the City Attorney or her designee be authorized 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 for April 10, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Michael Bostrom 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,

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

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