



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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REPORT NO. **R 23 - 0 1 2 3**
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**REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

REPORT RE:

**PROPOSED LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
LIEBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE
FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE LITIGATION
DANIEL GONZALEZ, et al v. CITY of LOS ANGELES, 23-CV-00222
AND
JONATHAN LAROCQUE v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES, 22STCV33311
and related Fair Labor Standards Act cases**

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 Liebert Cassidy Whitmore to assist in the litigation *Daniel Gonzalez, et al v. City of Los Angeles, 23-CV-00222* and *Jonathan Larocque v. City of Los Angeles, 22STCV33311*.

The City Attorney's recommendations are as follows:

1. Authorize the City Attorney to enter into a contract with the law firm Liebert Cassidy Whitmore to assist with the *Gonzalez* litigation and, as necessary,

- the *Larocque* litigation for an initial term of three years and in an initial amount of \$75,000;
2. Direct the CAO to identify funding in this amount for this contract and include it in the year-end Financial Status Report;
 3. Authorize the City Attorney or her 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 Scott Marcus 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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