



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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REPORT NO. **R23-0171**
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**REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

REPORT RE:

**REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR OUTSIDE COUNSEL IN
ADAM HOFFMAN V. CITY OF LOS ANGELES,
LASC Case No. BC672326**

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

Honorable Members:

As previously approved by this Council, the City Attorney engaged the law firm of Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC to assist the City Attorney's Office in the City's defense of a putative class action lawsuit, entitled *Hoffman v. City of Los Angeles*, currently pending in the Los Angeles Superior Court. The terms of the current contract provide that the Colantuono firm's fees are not to exceed \$150,000. As the litigation continues, we recommend increasing the contract amount by an additional \$70,000, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$220,000. The Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation supports this amendment and has agreed to fund the total contract through the Sewer Construction and Maintenance.

We ask that the matter be placed on the Budget and Finance Committee's closed session agenda as soon as reasonably practicable.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Arlene Hoang at (213) 978-7508. She or another member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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