

TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED #54

MOTION

The City Charter authorizes the Ethics Commission to contract with outside legal counsel in certain circumstances. Existing circumstances require the Ethics Commission to seek assistance from outside legal counsel.

Typically, outside counsel is hired from the City's Attorney Conflicts Panel (ACP), which is administered by the City Attorney and the City Administrative Officer (CAO). However, the firms on the City's ACP list either have conflicting interests or lack the background necessary to assist the Ethics Commission.

The Ethics Commission has identified the firm of Devaney Pate Morris & Cameron as having the background, expertise, and experience needed to assist them. One of the firm's partners serves as general counsel to the San Diego Ethics Commission. To ensure that the Ethics Commission has the resources to complete their task, the City should authorize the CAO to hire the firm of Devaney Pate Morris & Cameron to provide the Ethics Commission with the necessary legal expertise.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council:

1. AUTHORIZE the CAO, or designee, to enter into legal services contract agreements with the firm of Devaney Pate Morris & Cameron, effective June 2, 2023, for advice and legal representation to the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission in matters arising under Los Angeles City Charter section 708; and to be administered by the CAO and the Ethics Commission.
2. AUTHORIZE the CAO to fund the contract in the total amount not to exceed \$100,000, through the Attorney Conflicts Panel Fund No. 46T, Department 10, under City Charter section 708, at the rates specified for General Business Litigation under the City's current ACP.
3. AUTHORIZE the CAO to prepare Controller's instructions for any technical adjustments, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

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