

Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto

REPORT NO	R23-0230
	06/15/23

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

REPORT RE:

ENGAGEMENT OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL FOR ASSISTANCE IN H&H RETAIL OWNER v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES LASC 22STCP03975

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:

This Office recommends that, pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), the following Recommendations be scheduled by the City Council and discussion thereon held in closed session inasmuch as the request pertains to facts and advice from and involving legal counsel regarding litigation.

- 1. Authorize the City Attorney to enter into a three year contract, in an initial amount of \$200,000, with the law firm Shumener Odsen & Oh, LLP for assistance in the H&H Retail matter;
- 2. Authorize the City Council to instruct the City Clerk to place on agenda for the first regularly scheduled City Council meeting of the new



fiscal year, July 5, 2023, or as soon as is practicable thereafter, the following action relative to this matter and for the funding of this contract:

"That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer \$200,000 from the Unappropriated Balance, Outside Counsel Including Workers Compensation line item, to the City Attorney, Fund 100, Department 12, Account 009301."

3. 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 and Finance Committee's closed session agenda as soon as reasonably practicable.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assistant City Attorney Anne Haley at (213) 978-8100. She or another member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer whatever questions you may have.

Sincerely,

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

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