



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
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REPORT RE:

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST  
FOR ROPERS MAJESKI  
FOR ITS REPRESENTATION OF CHRISTOPHER LEE  
IN THE MATTER *ALI V. CITY OF LOS ANGELES*, CASE NO. 22STCV40381**

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

Honorable Members:

In this Report we ask that the City Attorney be authorized to execute a conflict of interest waiver to allow the law firm Ropers Majeski (“Ropers”), currently retained to represent the City of Los Angeles (“City”) in various employment and personal injury matters, to also represent Christopher Lee (“Lee”) in the lawsuit *Ali v. City of Los Angeles*, case number 22STCV40381 (the “*Ali* case”). The firm submitted its request for waiver of the conflict pursuant to its duty under the Rules of Professional Responsibility.

The matters in which Ropers represents the City as outside counsel (the “Existing Cases”) are as follows:

*Hoffman v. City of Los Angeles, Lam Xa*, LASC case 21STCV33144, an employment matter;

*Ewing v. City of Los Angeles, David Greene*, LACS case 20STCV42379, an employment matter;

*Contreras v. City of Los Angeles, Office David Silva*, case 22STCV12690, a vehicular accident matter.

In the *Ali* case, plaintiff alleges that he hit a pothole while riding an electric scooter, and so fell under Lee's Ram ProMaster van resulting in plaintiff's foot being run over. Plaintiff sued the City for the pothole condition and Lee for hitting him. The City filed a cross-complaint seeking indemnity from Lee and a determination of apportionment.

Our Office has determined that the conflicting representation should not pose an issue to the City's posture in the Existing Cases and, therefore, recommends waiver of the conflict so that Ropers may continue its role in the *Ali* matter.

For your approval.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at (213) 247-7894. She or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

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