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**REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(a)**

REPORT RE:

LINCOLN PLACE TENANTS ASSOCIATION, et al., v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES, et al.
LASC CASE NO. BS103560

SASSON, et al., v. AIMCO VENEZIA, LLC, et al.
LASC CASE NO. BC390164

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

Honorable Members:


This Office recommends that discussions with, and advice from, legal counsel regarding the implementation of the settlement agreement with respect to the above-referenced cases be scheduled and held in closed session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a). The settlement agreement was approved by the City on May 27, 2010. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Peter D. Lichtman, Jr. was the settlement judge and he continues to oversee the settlement's implementation. The parties last appeared before Judge Lichtman on January 20, 2011. Although the settlement was previously approved, the litigation remains pending and continuing meetings with the Court regarding implementation of the settlement require discussion with City Council.

Government Code Section 54956.9 requires you to state publicly prior to the closed session what division of this section authorizes the closed meeting, and that the closed session is being held to confer or discuss with, or receive advice from, legal counsel regarding ongoing litigation.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Chief Assistant City Attorney David Michaelson or Special Assistant City Attorney Jane Usher. They or other members of this Office will be present when you consider this matter in Closed Session to answer any questions that you may have.

Very truly yours,

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