

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a request for retention of outside counsel to assist in the defense of Clean Water Act litigation concerning the Central Los Angeles Recycling and Transfer Station.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

APPROVE the retention of Downey Brand, LLP, under a three-year contract for outside legal services, with an initial appropriation of \$50,000 funded through Department 50, Fund 508, Account 50KX82.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Attorney. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel on the above matter)

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting of June 2, 2014, the Budget and Finance Committee considered a City Attorney report relative to a request for retention of outside counsel to assist in the defense of Clean Water Act litigation concerning the Central Los Angeles Recycling and Transfer Station. The Committee recessed into closed session to consider the confidential City Attorney report. After returning to open session and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended approval of the City Attorney recommendation to retain outside counsel. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KREKORIAN:	YES
ENGLANDER:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
BONIN:	YES

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