

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to authority to extend the existing Attorney Conflicts Panel (ACP) for six months.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to extend the existing ACP for six months, from May 1, 2015 through November 1, 2015, to allow for the completion of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process to re-establish the new ACP.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations in this report will have no additional impact upon the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At its meeting of April 13, 2015, the Budget and Finance Committee considered a CAO report relative to requesting a six month extension for the current ACP through November 1, 2015, to complete its RFP process. The ACP consists of a pre-established list of law firms readily available when conflict counsel needs arise in legal matters which preclude the City Attorney's Office from handling. The ACP Panel is administered and managed by the CAO, and retention of conflict counsel is made on an as-needed basis. The ACP is valid for three years and the current ACP Panel will expire on May 1, 2015.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Budget and Finance Committee recommended approval of the CAO recommendation to extend the ACP. 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:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
BONIN:	ABSENT