

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to authorization for the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to amend legal service contracts under the Attorney Conflicts Panel to increase compensation and extend the terms, and reassign cases.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the CAO to execute amendments and encumber funds totaling \$1,605,000 within the Attorney Conflicts Panel Fund No. 46T/10, for the following Attorney Conflicts Panel law firms:
 - a. \$350,000 for Amendment No. 4 to Contract No. C-123123 for the law firm of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo for the matter of Zna Houston, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al.
 - b. \$400,000 for Amendment No. 4 to Contract No. C-123298 for the law firm of Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP for the matter of Reggie D. Cole v. City of Los Angeles, et al.
 - c. \$60,000 for Amendment No. 6 to Contract No. C-119636 for the law firm of Haight, Brown & Bonesteel, LLP for the matter of Rukhsana Chaudhry v. City of Los Angeles, et al.
 - d. \$20,000 for Amendment No. 4 to Contract No. C-119492 for the law firm of Gutierrez, Preciado & House, LLP for the matter of Guillermo Alarcon v. City of Los Angeles, et al.
 - e. \$100,000 for Amendment No. 4 to Contract No. C-123671 for the law firm of Haight, Brown & Bonesteel, LLP for the matter of Michael Brown v. City of Los Angeles, et al.
 - f. \$150,000 for Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. C-122802 for the law firm of Klein Hornig, LLP for legal services and support relating to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 504 and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance and enforcement matters.
 - g. \$50,000 for Amendment No. 7 to Contract No. C-108921 for the law firm of Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith, LLP for the matter of Harold Hall v. City of Los Angeles, et al.
 - h. \$200,000 for Amendment No. 4 to Contract No. C-123166 for the law firm of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore for the matter of Stephen Miller v. City of Los Angeles, et al.
 - i. \$75,000 for Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. C-125519 for the law firm of Lozano Smith for the matter of Kim Nguyen v. City of Los Angeles, et al.

- j. \$200,000 for Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. C-123932 for the law firm of Lozano Smith for the matter of Loren Farrell v. City of Los Angeles, et al.

2. AUTHORIZE the CAO to execute amendments to amend the term of the following contracts with the following Attorney Conflicts Panel law firms:

- a. Amend the term of Contract No. C-123123 (Zna Houston matter) with Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo to February 3, 2019.
- b. Amend the term of Contract No. C-122009 (Rohayent Eriza matter) with Ferguson, Praet & Sherman to December 21, 2016.
- c. Amend the term of Contract No. C-116291 (Rukhsana Chaudhry matter) with Ferguson, Praet & Sherman to June 27, 2016.
- d. Amend the term of Contract No. C-119492 (Guillermo Alarcon matter) with Gutierrez, Preciado & House to August 11, 2018.
- e. Amend the term of Contract No. C-119636 (Rukhsana Chaudhry matter) with Haight, Brown & Bonesteel, LLP to June 9, 2016.
- f. Amend the term of Contract No. C-122802 (HUD and ADA matters) with Klein Hornig, LLP to December 14, 2018.
- g. Amend the term of Contract No. C-123166 with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore (Stephen Miller matter) to January 14, 2019.
- h. Amend the term of Contract No. C-118589 (Paul Blumberg matter) with Meyers Nave Riback Silver & Wilson to January 17, 2017.
- i. Amend the term of Contract No. C-120550 (Retiree Health Benefits matter) with Meyers Nave Riback Silver & Wilson to May 29, 2016.
- j. Amend the term of Contract No. C-121371 (Community Redevelopment Agency dissolution matter) with Richards Watson & Gershon to June 26, 2018.

3. AUTHORIZE the CAO to reassign two case matters, Retiree Health Benefits legal consultation and Jack Fry v. City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS140201, to Renne Sloan Holtzman Sakai, LLP; and execute two legal services contracts, commencing on a date to be determined, in the Retiree Health Benefits case matter in the amount of \$50,000, and in the Jack Fry case matter in the amount of \$50,000, with the funds to be encumbered within the Attorney Conflicts Panel Fund No. 46T/10.

4. AUTHORIZE the CAO to prepare Controller instructions and to make any technical adjustments needed to implement the intent of the Mayor and Council action; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that the proposed contract amendments are in compliance with City Financial Policies. The recommendations in this report will not have an impact upon the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(The City Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the above matter.)

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on December 7, 2015, the Budget and Finance Committee considered a report from the CAO relative to the Attorney Conflicts Panel Counsel and requests for appropriations, term extensions, and reassignment of various cases among Counsel.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Budget and Finance Committee approved the recommendations of the CAO report as detailed above. 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:	YES

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