



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
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**REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO  
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

REPORT RE:

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES  
WITH NOSSAMAN, LLP**

LA FORWARD INSTITUTE ET AL. V. CITY ET AL.,  
LASC CASE NO. 24STCV17156;  
VENICE COMMUNITY HOUSING, ET AL V. CITY,  
LASC CASE NO. 25STCP00892;  
PEOPLE ORGANIZED FOR WESTSIDE RENEWAL V. CITY,  
LASC CASE NO. 25STCP01091;  
VENICE COMMUNITY HOUSING, ET AL. V. CITY,  
LASC CASE NO. 25STCP03578; AND  
VENICE COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION, HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY  
HOUSING CORPORATION, VENICE DELL LP. V. CITY  
LASC NO. 25STCV20355  
(COUNCIL DISTRICT 11)

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

Council File Nos.: 24-0971; 25-0169; 15-1138-S42

Honorable Members:



Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), the Office of the City Attorney requests to meet in closed session to discuss and put forth the following recommendations for the Budget and Finance Committee's and thereafter the City Council's consideration regarding Nossaman, LLP's representation of the City in *LA Forward Institute, et al. v. City of Los Angeles et al.*, LASC Case No. 24STCV17156; *Venice Community Housing, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al.*, LASC Case No. 25STCP00892; *People Organized for Westside Renewal v. City of Los Angeles et al.*, LASC Case No. 25STCP0109; and *Venice Community Housing Corporation, Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, Venice Dell LP. v. City of Los Angeles et al.*, LASC Case No. 25STCV20355. These lawsuits seek injunctive and declaratory relief, damages and a writ, related to the City's development processing, approval, and land disposition activity for an affordable housing community and parking lot project at 200 N. Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA. A fifth lawsuit, *Venice Community Housing Corporation, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al.*, LASC Case No. 25STCP03578, is related to these other litigation matters but is being handled by this Office.

This Office puts forth the following recommendations for Council's consideration:

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to amend Contract No. C-146250 with Nossaman, LLP to increase the funding from the original of allocation of \$620,000 to a new total of \$1,380,000.

If authorized, this additional \$760,000 will be paid through funds that were previously approved by City Council for Outside Counsel costs (C.F. 25-1225) on December 10, 2025;

2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to amend Contract No. C-146250 with Nossaman, LLP to include in its scope of work, assistance with the lawsuit, *Venice Community Housing et al. v. City of Los Angeles*, LASC Case No. 25STCV20355; and
3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney or designee to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the CAO, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Chief Assistant City Attorney, John Heath at (213) 978-8209. A member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer any question you may have.

Sincerely,

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By   
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