BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a request for Attorney fees, pursuant to the ruling in <u>Friends of Westwanda Drive v. City of Los Angeles et al.</u>, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCP03490 (Council District 5).

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

APPROVE the payment of attorneys' fees in the amount of \$212,025.15 plus applicable interest by doing the following:

- a. Authorize payment of the Court-ordered attorneys' fees in the total amount of \$212,025.15 plus applicable interest from the Liability Claims Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009798 Miscellaneous Liability Payouts. The demand drawn on said fund shall be paid as follows: Channel Law Group LLP.
- b. Authorize this Office to deliver the warrants payable to Channel Law Group LLP, contemporaneous with receipt of a Notice of Satisfaction of the attorneys' fee awarded against the City.
- c. Authorize this Office to make necessary technical adjustments, subject to approval of the City Administrative Officer, and that the Controller be authorized to implement the instructions.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on September 2, 2025, your Budget and Finance Committee considered a City Attorney report relative to a request for Attorney fees, pursuant to the ruling in <u>Friends of Westwanda Drive</u> v. City of Los Angeles et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCP03490 (Council District 5).

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee recommended to approve the recommendation contained in the Report, as detailed above. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE
YAROSLAVSKY: ABSENT
BLUMENFIELD: YES
HUTT: YES
McOSKER: YES
HERNANDEZ: YES

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