



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
Hydee Feldstein Soto

REPORT NO. **R 25 - 0248**
MAY 16 2025

**REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1), (d)(2), and (e)(2)**

AND

**REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION
FOR OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

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

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to California Government 54956.9(d)(1), (d)(2) and (e)(2) [one potential case], the City Attorney's Office wishes to meet in closed session to provide legal advice regarding the need for the assistance of outside counsel in the case *LA Alliance for Human Rights et al. v. City of Los Angeles et al.*, USDC Central District Case No. 2:20-cv-02291-DOC-KES. Government Code Section 54956.9(g) requires you to state publicly, prior to the closed session, what subdivision of this section authorizes the closed meeting and that the closed session is being held to confer or discuss with, or receive advice from, legal counsel.

Additionally, the City Attorney's Office puts forth the following public recommendations for the City Council's consideration:

Recommendations

1. Authorize the City Attorney to retain outside counsel appropriate to assist in litigation related to *LA Alliance for Human Rights et al. v. City of Los Angeles et al.*,

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USDC Central District Case No. 2:20-cv-02291-DOC-KES, in an initial amount not to exceed \$900,000 with a term of two years. The City Council's approval of this action would give the City Attorney discretion on which outside counsel to retain.

2. Instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to identify funding in this amount for such contract and transfer it to Fund 100, Department No. 12, Account No. 009301 – Outside Counsel.
3. Authorize the City Attorney or designee to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assistant City Attorney Strefan Fauble at (213) 978-8100. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

By


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