Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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REPORT NO. R26-0597
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REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1), (d)(2), and (e)(1)

REPORT RE:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF CONTRACTS FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH BEVERIDGE & DIAMOND PC RELATED TO THE JULY 11, 2021, FLOODING INCIDENT AT THE HYPERION WATER RECLAMATION PLANT – MECKLENBURG v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES, ABDELNUR v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES, KONIG v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), (d)(2), and (e)(1), this Office wishes to meet in closed session to discuss the need for term extensions and additional funding for its outside counsel contracts as detailed below. Government Code Section 54956.9 requires the issuance of a public statement that includes the section subdivision that authorizes the closed meeting, and that the closed session is being held to confer or discuss with, or receive advice from, legal counsel regarding exposure to litigation. This request for closed session relates to outside counsel's representation of the City of Los Angeles (City) in civil and administrative matters that pertain to the July 11, 2021, flooding incident at the Bureau of Sanitation's Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant, including pending personal injury litigation *(Mecklenburg v. Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant,* LASC Case No. 21 STCV28114), mass tort litigation *(Abdelnur v. City of*

Los Angeles, LASC Case No. 22STCV00153 and *Konig v. City of Los Angeles,* LASC Case No. 22STCV00970), and the most recently filed contractual and tort litigation, *West Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Los Angeles*, LASC Case No. 26STCV25456).

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

1. Approve an amendment to Contract No. C-140018 with Beveridge & Diamond that increases the contract ceiling by $1.5 million, for a total contract amount of $7.45 million.

2. Authorize the City Attorney or designee to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

The Department of Public Works - Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) will pay for this amended contract from LASAN special funds, and LASAN supports this recommendation. Therefore, we ask that the matter be placed on the closed session agendas of the Budget and Finance Committee and City Council As soon as reasonably practicable.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Virginia M. Choi at (213) 978-8130. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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