



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

REVISED REPORT RE:

**REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

The Honorable Budget & Finance Committee  
of the City of Los Angeles  
Room 1010, City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Members:

On February 1, 2023, this Office transmitted Report No. R23-0038 in this matter. The report inadvertently did not include the recommendation to extend term of contract C-135524, Hogan Lovells. Therefore, we are transmitting this revised report to include the recommendation.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), the City Attorney's Office wishes to meet in closed session to discuss the need for funding for outside counsel for various matters. We ask that the matter be placed on the Budget & Finance Committee's closed session agenda as soon as possible. Our recommendations are as follows:

1. Authorize the City Attorney to amend the following contracts, related to LAPD cases, to increase their respective authority amounts as follows:

C138915	Burke Williams Sorensen	\$1,005,000
C138873	Cole Huber	\$ 685,000
C138838	Hurrell Cantral	\$ 465,000
C138839	Lynberg & Watkins	\$ 60,000
C138910	Stone Busailah	\$ 400,000
C141687	Burke Williams & Sorensen	\$ 200,000
C141690	Hurrell Cantrall	\$ 150,000
C141688	Manning & Kass	\$ 50,000
C141689	Orbach Huff & Henderson	\$ 200,000

2. Authorize the City Attorney to amend contract number 135524 with Hogan Lovells, related to the HUD False Claims Act case, in the amount of \$685,000 for a new total contract authority of \$2,130,000 and to extend the contract by two years for a new end date of December 12, 2024 ;
3. Authorize the City Attorney to enter into a contract with the law firm Burke Williams & Sorensen, LLP for assistance with *Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association et al. v. City of Los Angeles* (Case No. 22STCV39662), *Newcastle Courtyards, LLC et al. v. City of Los Angeles et al*, USDC Case No. 2:23-cv-00104-JAK-AS, and related cases not yet filed or served, in an initial amount of \$500,000;
4. Authorize the City Attorney to enter into a contract with the law firm Nossaman, LLP for assistance with the matter of Los Angeles Equestrian Club (LAEC), in an initial amount of \$600,000;
5. Authorize the City Attorney to amend Contract No.131106 with Downey Brand, LLP, who assists the City in litigation involving three Publicly Owned Treatment Works, to extend the contract by two years for a new end date of September 28, 2024;
6. Direct the CAO to include funding for these contracts and amendments in the mid-year Financial Status Report from the Unappropriated Balance Line Item, Reserve for Mid-Year Adjustments;
7. 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 Anne Haley at (213) 978-8100. She, or another member of this Office, will be present when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

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