



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
Hydee Feldstein Soto

REPORT NO. **R 23 - 0083**  
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**REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO  
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

REPORT RE:

**PROPOSED LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH  
COLANTUONO, HIGHSMITH & WHATLEY, PC TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES  
ASSOCIATED WITH APARTMENT OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC.  
v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES, LEAD LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT (LASC)  
CASE NO. BC677423, CONSOLIDATED FOR ALL PURPOSES WITH  
FREDERICK H. LEEDS v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES,  
CONSOLIDATED LASC CASE NO. BC709658**

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

Honorable Members:

This Office recommends that discussion with, and advice from, legal counsel with respect to *Apartment Owners Association of California, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles*, lead Los Angeles Superior Court (LASC) Case No. BC677423, consolidated for all purposes with *Frederick H. Leeds v. City of Los Angeles*, consolidated LASC Case No. BC709658, be scheduled by the City Council and held in closed session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). Government Code Section 54956.9 requires you to state publicly, prior to the closed session, what division 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 regarding significant exposure to litigation.

This Office also recommends that the City Council approve Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC as outside counsel in the aforementioned litigation and that the City enter into a three-year contract with this law firm with a contract ceiling amount of \$500,000.

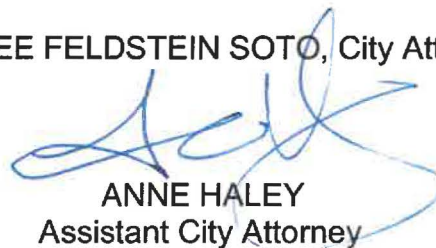
We ask that the matter be placed on the Budget and Finance Committee's closed session agenda as soon as reasonably practicable.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assistant City Attorney Anne Haley at (213) 978-7009. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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