



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
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REPORT NO. **R24-0548**  
October 30, 2024

**REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO  
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

REPORT RE:

**REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

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 545956.9(d)(1), the City Attorney's Office wishes to meet in closed session to discuss the need for additional funding requests additional funding authority for the City's contract with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC (CHW) 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, which are collectively referred to as AOA, and puts forth the following Recommendations for the City Council's consideration:

Recommendations

1. That the City Council approve an additional \$300,000 for its contract with Colantuono Highsmith & Whatley for its assistance with AOA and that the contract be amended accordingly.
2. That the City Council approve the transfer of \$500,000 from LASAN Fund 46D/50YX82 to City Attorney Fund 100, Department 12, Account No. 009301 for this contract, which total amount also includes the \$200,000 amendment approved by Council File #23-0271.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Adena M. Hopenstand at (213) 978-8100. She or another member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

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