

BUDGET, FINANCE AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to requesting additional funding authority for the City's outside counsel contract with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC (CHW) to provide legal services relative to the cases entitled Apartment Owners Association (AOA) of California, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles (City), lead Los Angeles Superior Court (LASC) Case No. BC677423, consolidated for all purposes with Frederick H. Leeds v. City, consolidated LASC Case No. BC709658.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. APPROVE an additional \$300,000 for its contract with CHW for its assistance with AOA and that the contract be amended accordingly.
2. APPROVE the transfer of \$500,000 from the Bureau of Sanitation Fund No. 46D/50YX82 to City Attorney Fund No. 100/12, Account No. 009301, for the contract stated above, which total amount also includes the \$200,000 amendment approved by Council (Council file No. 23-0271).

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Attorney. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on December 11, 2024, your Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee considered a City Attorney report relative to requesting additional funding authority for the City's outside counsel contract with CHW to provide legal services relative to the cases entitled AOA of California, Inc. v. City, lead LASC Case No. BC677423, consolidated for all purposes with Frederick H. Leeds v. City, consolidated LASC Case No. BC709658.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee recommended to move forward the recommendations contained in the City Attorney report, as detailed above. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

BUDGET, FINANCE AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	ABSENT
McOSKER:	YES
YAROSLAVSKY:	ABSENT
PARK:	YES

LV 12.11.24

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