Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
Hydee Feldstein Soto

REPORT NO. R26-0446
08/03/26

REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(2)

REPORT RE:

SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL

MERRYWOOD DRIVE CLAIMS
CLAIM NOS. C24-00030; C24-03172; C24-03069; C24-07008; C24-03071; C24-03072; C24-03004; C24-03073; C24-03076; C24-03047
(COUNCIL DISTRICT 4)

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

Council File No. 23-0782

Honorable Members:

This Office recommends that discussions with, and advice from, legal counsel regarding pending litigation be scheduled and held in closed session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2). Government Code Section 54956.9(g) requires you to state publicly, prior to the closed session, which division of that section authorizes the closed session, and that the closed session is being held to confer or discuss with, or receive advice from, legal counsel regarding pending litigation.

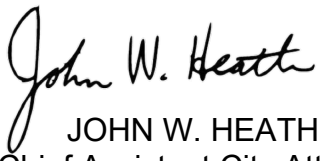
The requested closed session relates to inverse condemnation claims arising from the closure of Merrywood Drive to vehicular access and the claims' potential settlement through the acquisition of certain parcels along Merrywood Drive. The

Bureau of Engineering has prepared a Notice of Exemption and Narrative for the proposed settlement (Project), and recommends that the City Council determine that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15301 Existing Facilities and Class 3 New Construction of Small Structures. Additionally, the Project is exempt pursuant to Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines Article III, Section 1, Class 1 Existing Facilities, Class 3 New Construction of Small Structures, and Class 5 Alterations in Land Use Limitations. None of the limitations set forth in State CEQA Guidelines 15300.2 apply.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact Deputy City Attorney Pejmon Shemtoob at (213) 978-8226. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

By 
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