



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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REPORT NO. R25-0396
AUG 8, 2025

REPORT RE:

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF
90-DAY CONTRACT TERM EXTENSION
FOR OUTSIDE SUBROGATION COUNSEL**

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 340, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Members:

This report requests an immediate 90-day contract term extension for outside subrogation counsel, Rose Klein and Marias ("RKM"). The City entered into Contract No. 136725 with RKM on July 30, 2020 for assistance with the enforcement of subrogation claims owing the City. The current contract expires July 29, 2025. We are preparing a Request for Proposals ("RFP") to solicit bids for the continuation of this work but the RFP process will not be complete before RKM's contract expires. In order to prevent a disruption in the legal services provided under this contract, we request a 90-day extension of the current contract, which will provide us with sufficient time to conduct an RFP. This contract is at no cost to the City as the firm is paid on contingency.

The City will continue to employ the assistance of outside counsel to provide legal services for the investigation, evaluation, management, and litigation of subrogation and related claims. All work will be supervised by the City Attorney's Office, and any firms will be compensated only through contingency fees, as has been the case with RKM. The merit of utilizing outside counsel to pursue matters where the City is entitled to

subrogation is well established. RKM has resolved 400 subrogation matters for the City since 2021 and recovered (net) for the City over \$6 million during that time period.

Recommendations

1. That the City Attorney be authorized to extend Contract No. 136725 with RKM for 90-days from July 29, 2025 to October 27, 2025.
2. 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 these matters, please contact the undersigned at susan.kong@lacity.org. She, or another member of this Office, will be present when you consider these matters to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

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