Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
Hydee Feldstein Soto

REPORT NO. R26-0464

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

REPORT RE:

PENDING LITIGATION RELATED TO VENICE DELL

**LA FORWARD INSTITUTE ET AL. V. CITY OF LOS ANGELES ET AL.
LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 24STCV17156,
AND FOUR ASSOCIATED
LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT CASES
(COUNCIL DISTRICT 11)**

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

Council File No. 24-0971, 15-1138-S42

Honorable Members:

This Office recommends that discussions with, and advice from, legal counsel regarding the recommendation for City Council action in this pending litigation be scheduled and held in closed session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). Government Code Section 54956.9(g) requires you to state publicly prior to the closed session, what subdivision 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 pending litigation.

These following lawsuits seek injunctive and declaratory relief, damages and writs, related to the City's development processing, approval, and land disposition activity for an affordable housing community and public parking facility at 200 N. Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA (Project). The lawsuits also challenge activity of the Board of Transportation Commissioners (BOTC), and includes claims under Disposition and Development Agreement Contract No. C-140728 (DDA), the Ralph N. Brown Act (Brown Act), and the California Public Records Act (CPRA).

1. *LA Forward Institute, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al.,* LASC Case No. 24STCV17156 (LA Forward Lawsuit).

2. *Venice Community Housing, et al v. City*, LASC Case No.25STCP00892 (BOTC Writ).

3. *People Organized for Westside Renewal v. City*, LASC Case No.25STCP01091 (Brown Act Lawsuit).

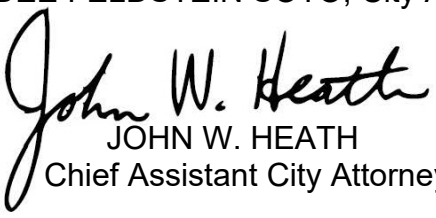
4. *Venice Community Housing Corporation, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al.*, LASC Case No. 25STCV20355 (DDA Lawsuit).

5. Venice Community Housing Corporation, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al., LASC Case No. 25STCP03578 (CPRA Lawsuit).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at (213) 978-8209. A member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer any question you may have.

Sincerely,

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

By 
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