

MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that the Council ADOPT the following recommendations in order to effect settlement in the case entitled Lee Newson v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV02179. (This matter arises from a Los Angeles Police Officer alleging four causes of action, all under the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA): Disability Discrimination; Harassment; Retaliation; and Failure to Prevent Discrimination, Harassment, or Retaliation that arose in 2021.), **SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:**

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney's Office to expend up to **\$2,811,353.56, plus accrued interest**, in settlement of the above-entitled matter.
2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer **\$2,631,353.56, plus accrued interest**, from the Liability Claims Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009798, Miscellaneous Liability Payouts, to Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009792, Police Liability Payouts.
3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to draw a demand from Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009792, Police Liability Payouts to Law + Brandmeyer LLP Client Trust Account in the amount of **\$2,631,353.56, plus accrued interest**.
4. AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Police Department to draw a demand from Fund No. 100/70, Account No. 001012 – Sworn Salaries payable to Lee Scott Newson for payroll in the amount of **\$180,000** for back wages and future wages, subject to all applicable taxes, deductions, and payroll withholdings.
5. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to make necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.
6. REQUEST the City Attorney to report on how much the City spends annually on interest due to the delay of these types of settlements, and how to prioritize or expedite judgments with interest through the Claims Board, Committee, and Council process

This matter was recommended for approval by the Budget and Finance Committee (Yaroslavsky – Blumenfield – McOsker – Hutt – Hernandez: "Yes") at its meeting held on August 5, 2025, in Closed Session as permitted by Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

PRESENTED BY _____

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SECONDED BY _____

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Councilmember, 3rd District