

ITEM NO. 8-A


MOTION

I MOVE that the matter of the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Report relative to conducting a comprehensive, multi-year evaluation of alternative legal service models for the City, Item No. 8 on today's Council agenda (C.F. 25-1023), BE AMENDED to change the recommendation as follows (indicated in **bold** and underline):

INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and City Administrative Officer (CAO), with assistance from the Office of the City Attorney, City Attorneys Association and other bargaining units, as necessary, to report to Council in 30 days with recommendations for:

- a. A multi-year strategy to restructure and modernize the City's legal service delivery model. This strategy must include, at a minimum:
 - i. Evaluation of alternative models for settlements, including potential delegation of settlement authority thresholds and administrative reforms to eliminate costly delays.
 - ii. A strict framework for the strategic use of outside counsel, including mandatory cost-effectiveness analysis, engagement criteria, and strengthened contract oversight.
 - iii. A comprehensive long-term staffing plan for the City Attorney's Office that addresses caseload realities, reduces reliance on outside counsel, and ensures accountability for results.
 - iv. Comparative research on legal service models in other large municipalities, with a focus on governance structures, cost drivers, performance outcomes, and lessons learned that Los Angeles can and should adopt.
 - v. A review of policy options for the Charter Reform Commission to consider for broader structural reforms of legal service delivery.
- b. Convening an advisory panel to the City Council of former senior City administrators, former City Attorneys, and independent legal and finance experts to ensure that external perspectives inform structural reform. This panel should be tasked with challenging existing assumptions, benchmarking Los Angeles against its peers, and identifying concrete reforms to strengthen accountability and reduce costs.

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