

MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that the Council ADOPT the following recommendations in order to effect settlement in the case entitled Los Angeles Times Communications LLC v. City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCP01267. (This case arises out of a California Public Records Act request where attorneys' fees were awarded to the Los Angeles Times.), **SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:**

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney's Office to expend up to **\$203,624.80** in settlement of the above-entitled matter.
2. AUTHORIZE the payment of the Court-ordered attorneys' fees in the total amount of **\$203,624.80** from the Liability Claims Fund No. 100/59.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller's Office to transfer **\$203,624.80** from the Liability Claims Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009798 – Miscellaneous Liability Payouts to Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009790 - Fire Liability Payouts.
4. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to draw a demand from Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009790 - Fire Liability Payouts for **\$203,604.80**. The demand drawn on said fund shall be paid to the Law Office of Kelly Aviles, counsel for the Los Angeles Times, in the amount of **\$203,624.80**.
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 with recommendations on how to create a consolidated streamlined process for processing California Public Records Act requests that is compliant with, or in accordance with, dicta laid out by the Judge.

This matter was recommended for approval by the Budget and Finance Committee (Yaroslavsky – Blumenfield – Hutt – McOskey – Hernandez: "Yes") at its meeting held on October 21, 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