



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
Hydee Feldstein Soto

REPORT NO. R25-0523

October 17, 2025

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

REPORT RE:

**REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

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

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), the City Attorney's Office wishes to meet in closed session to discuss the need for additional outside counsel assistance and funding, and puts forth the following Recommendations for the City Council's consideration:

**Recommendations**

1. TRANSFER the balance of \$1,358,000 from the Unappropriated Balance Outside Counsel, Including Worker's Compensation line item, to the City Attorney Fund 100, Department No 12, Account No. 009301;
2. REQUEST the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to identify funding in the amount of \$11,049,000 and transfer that amount to Fund 100, Department No. 12,

Account No. 009301 Outside Counsel, by way of the First and Second Financial Status Reports;

3. REQUEST authority to enter into a new contract with Best Best & Krieger for an initial term of three years and in an initial amount of \$250,000 for assistance in LA Press Club v. City of Los Angeles;
4. REQUEST authority to amend the following contracts, if necessary, to increase contract funding by the following amounts:

Albright Yee & Schmit	C-147005	\$1,150,000
Baker Hostetler	C-145334	\$14,000
Bienart Katzman Littrell Williams	C-201693	\$300,000
Bienart Katzman Littrell Williams	C-200823	\$18,000
Burke Williams & Sorensen	C-138915	\$350,000
Burke Williams & Sorensen	C-141687	\$100,000
Burke Williams & Sorensen	C-145367	\$750,000
Burke Williams & Sorensen	C-146597	\$1,700,000
Burke Williams & Sorensen	C-142665	\$25,000
Burke Williams & Sorensen	C-201681	\$150,000
Clyde & Co US	C-201068	\$300,000
Cole Huber	C-138873	260,000
Cole Huber	C-145366	\$400,000
Hurrell Cantrall	C-200972	\$1,000,000
Keesal, Young & Logan	C-145377	195,000
Manning & Kass	C-141688	\$80,000
Manning & Kass	C-145432	100,000
Meyers Nave	C-201402	\$350,000
Nossaman	C-146250	\$850,000
Ropers Majeski	C-201259	\$1,000,000
Sanders Roberts	C-146534	\$420,000
Sanders Roberts	C-146777	\$1,300,000
Sanders Roberts	C-139508	\$675,000
Sanders Roberts	C-201449	\$450,000
Stone Busailah	C-138910	\$220,000

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,157,000</b>
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5. REQUEST authority to amend the following contracts to extend their respective terms by two years;

Albright Yee & Schmit	C-147005
Burke Williams & Sorensen	C-141687
Burke Williams & Sorensen	C-138915

Colantuono Highsmith & Whatley	C-139945
Cole Huber	C-138873
Hurrell Cantrall	C-141690
Manning & Kass	C-141688
Orbach Huff & Henderson	C-141689
Rose Klein & Marias	C-136725
Sanders Roberts	C-139508
Stoel Rives	C-146980
Stone Busailah	C-138910

6. REQUEST authority to amend Nossaman Contract 146250 to include in its scope assistance with the lawsuit Venice Community Housing, et al v. City;
7. TRANSFER \$5,000 from Budget Fiscal Year 2007, Fund No. 550/12, Account No. 12A304, Consumer Protection Penalty, to City Attorney Fund No. 100/12, Account No. 009301 for Contract No. 145767 with Rimom Law, PC;
8. 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 this matter, please contact Assistant City Attorney Anne Haley at (213) 978-8100 or at [anne.haley@lacity.org](mailto:anne.haley@lacity.org). She or another member of this office will be present when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

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