

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to appropriations for outside counsel contracts.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

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 No. 100/12, 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 No. 100/12, Account No. 009301, Outside Counsel, by way of the First and Second Financial Status Reports.
3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to:
 - a. Enter into a new contract with Best Best & Krieger LLP for an initial term of three years and in an initial amount of \$250,000 for assistance in the case entitled LA Press Club v. City of Los Angeles.
 - b. Amend the following contracts, if necessary, to increase contract funding by the following amounts, for a total amount of \$10,199,000:
 - i. Albright, Yee & Schmit, APC; Contract No. C-147005: \$1,150,000
 - ii. Baker Hostetler; Contract No. C-145334: \$14,000
 - iii. Bienart Katzman Littrell Williams LLP; Contract No. C-201693: \$300,000
 - iv. Bienart Katzman Littrell Williams LLP; Contract No. C-200823: \$18,000
 - v. Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP; Contract No. C-138915: \$350,000
 - vi. Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP; Contract No. C-141687: \$100,000
 - vii. Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP; Contract No. C-145367: \$750,000
 - viii. Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP; Contract No. C-146597: \$1,700,000
 - ix. Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP; Contract No. C-142665: \$25,000
 - x. Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP; Contract No. C-201681: \$150,000
 - xi. Clyde & Co US; Contract No. C-201068: \$300,000
 - xii. Cole Huber LLP; Contract No. C-138873: \$260,000
 - xiii. Cole Huber LLP; Contract No. C-145366: \$400,000
 - xiv. Hurrell Cantrall LLP; Contract No. C-200972: \$1,000,000
 - xv. Keesal, Young & Logan; Contract No. C-145377: \$195,000
 - xvi. Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester, LLP; Contract No. C-141688: \$80,000
 - xvii. Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester, LLP; Contract No. C-145432: \$100,000
 - xviii. Meyers Nave; Contract No. C-201402: \$350,000
 - xix. Ropers Majeski PC; Contract No. C-201259: \$1,000,000
 - xx. Sanders Roberts LLP; Contract No. C-146534: \$420,000
 - xxi. Sanders Roberts LLP; Contract No. C-146777: \$1,300,000
 - xxii. Sanders Roberts LLP; Contract No. C-139508: \$675,000
 - xxiii. Sanders Roberts LLP; Contract No. C-201449: \$450,000
 - xxiv. Stone Busailah, LLP; Contract No. C-138910: \$220,000
 - c. Amend the following contracts to extend their respective terms by two years:
 - i. Albright Yee & Schmit, APC; Contract No. C-147005
 - ii. Burke Williams & Sorensen, LLP; Contract No. C-141687
 - iii. Burke Williams & Sorensen, LLP; Contract No. C-138915
 - iv. Colantuono Highsmith & Whatley, PC; Contract No. C-139945
 - v. Cole Huber LLP; Contract No. C-138873
 - vi. Hurrell Cantrall LLP; Contract No. C-141690
 - vii. Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester, LLP; Contract No. C-141688

- viii. Orbach Huff & Henderson LLP; Contract No. C-141689
 - ix. Rose Klein & Marias LLP; Contract No. C-136725
 - x. Sanders Roberts LLP; Contract No. C-139508
 - xi. Stoel Rives LLP; Contract No. C-146980
 - xii. Stone Busailah, LLP; Contract No. C-138910
4. 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 Rimon Law, PC.
5. 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.

[The City Council may recess to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel to discuss the need for additional outside counsel assistance and funding.]

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Attorney. Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

Against: Los Feliz Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY

At its meeting held on December 2, 2025, your Budget and Finance Committee considered a City Attorney report, dated October 17, 2025, relative to appropriations for outside counsel contracts. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee discussed the matter in Closed Session. The Committee subsequently approved the recommendations contained in the City Attorney report as amended in Open Session, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
HUTT:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES

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