

BUDGET & FINANCE

MOTION

The City Attorney's Office has retained Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher to represent the City of Los Angeles in the LA Alliance for Human Rights case. In Federal Court, it was noted that the firm has assigned 15 attorneys, ranging from Junior Associates to Senior Partners, each billing at a rate of \$1,295 per hour. The City Attorney's Office also has staff assigned on the matter to protect the City's interest.

In May 2025, the City Council approved a three-year contract with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher for up to \$900,000. After the initial funding was exhausted, the City Council authorized an additional \$5 million in contract authority in September 2025.

The latest Financial Status Report shows that the City Attorney's Office has overspent its outside counsel allocation by \$34.17 million. This is in addition to a further \$12 million request submitted under Council File 25-1225.

It is important that Council understands the scope of work and personnel that are involved in all contracts with the City, including outside counsel agreements that have a direct impact on the General Fund.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council REQUEST the City Attorney's Office to report on the contract with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher for representation in the LA Alliance for Human Rights case. This report should include the complete scope of work, a breakdown of the personnel and associated costs for each individual attorney, and a detailed account of internal City Attorney staff dedicated to the case.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council REQUEST the City Attorney's Office to report on all outside counsel requests.

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