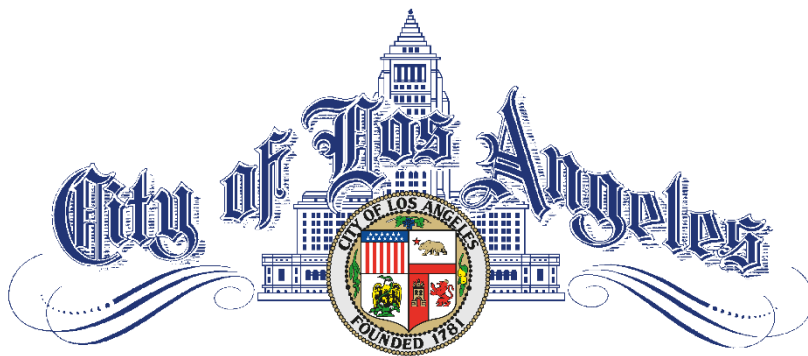




Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
Hydee Feldstein Soto

REPORT NO. **R26-0101**
2/17/2026

**REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1) and (d)(2)**

REPORT RE:

**PROPOSED LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR
ASSISTANCE WITH POLICE DEFENSE LITIGATION**

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) and (d)(2), 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. APPROVE contracts with Burke Williams & Sorensen, Colantuono Highsmith & Whatley, Orbach Huff & Henderson, Reily & Jeffery, for a period of three years, each in an initial amount of \$25,000, for outside counsel assistance with police defense litigation.

2. APPROVE a contract with Jones Mayer Law, in an amount of \$150,000, for outside counsel assistance with police defense litigation.
3. APPROVE an appropriation of \$150,000 for the existing contract C-204152 with Nathan & Kamionski, and expand the scope of that contract to include outside counsel assistance with police defense litigation.
4. DIRECT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to identify funding in these respective amounts (for a total of \$400,000) and transfer that amount to Fund 100, Department No. 12, Account No. 009301 Outside Counsel by way of the Mid-Year Financial Status Report to fund these contracts.
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.

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. A member of this office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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