

Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
Hydee Feldstein Soto

REPORT NO. R26-0160
MAR 25 2026

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

REPORT RE:

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH NOSSAMAN, LLP RELATED TO**

LA FORWARD INSTITUTE et al. v. CITY et al.,
LASC CASE NO. 24STCV17156;
VENICE COMMUNITY HOUSING, et al v. CITY,
LASC CASE NO. 25STCP00892;
PEOPLE ORGANIZED FOR WESTSIDE RENEWAL v. CITY,
LASC CASE NO. 25STCP01091; AND
VENICE COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION, HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY
HOUSING CORPORATION, VENICE DELL LP. v. CITY,
LASC NO. 25STCV20355
(COUNCIL DISTRICT 11)

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

Council File Nos.: 24-0971; 25-0169; 15-1138-S42

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), this Office requests to meet in closed session to discuss and put forth recommendations for the Budget and Finance Committee's and thereafter the City Council's consideration regarding

Nossaman, LLP's representation of the City in *LA Forward Institute, et al. v. City of Los Angeles et al.*, LASC Case No. 24STCV17156; *Venice Community Housing, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al.*, LASC Case No. 25STCP00892; *People Organized for Westside Renewal v. City of Los Angeles et al.*, LASC Case No. 25STCP01091; and *Venice Community Housing Corporation, Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, Venice Dell LP. v. City of Los Angeles et al.*, LASC Case No. 25STCV20355. These lawsuits seek injunctive and declaratory relief, damages and a writ, related to the City's processing, approval, and land disposition activity for an affordable housing and parking lot development project at 200 N. Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA. A fifth lawsuit, *Venice Community Housing Corporation, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al.*, LASC Case No. 25STCP03578, is related to these other litigation matters but is being handled solely by this Office.

This Office puts forth the following recommendations for City Council's consideration:

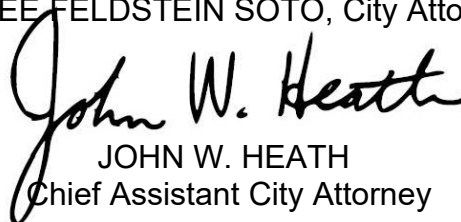
1. REQUEST that the City Administrative Officer (CAO) identify funding in the amount of \$650,000 to accommodate the shortfall needed to fund the legal services contract with Nossaman LLP (Nossaman), Contract No. C-146250, through June 30, 2026, and transfer this amount to the City Attorney Fund 100, Department No 12, Account No. 009301.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to amend the legal services contract with Nossaman, Contract No. C-146250, to increase contract authority by \$650,000.
3. 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 Chief Assistant City Attorney John Heath at (213) 978-8209. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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By


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