

Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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REPORT NO. R26-0183
March 27, 2026

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

REPORT RE:

PENDING LITIGATION

*FEDERATION OF HILLSIDE CANYON ASSOCIATIONS, INC. AND STATE ALLIANCE
FOR FIRESAFE ROAD REGULATIONS v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES /
JOSEPHSON INVESTMENTS, INC., REAL PARTY-IN-INTEREST
LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 25STCP04981
(CITY-WIDE / COUNCIL DISTRICT 5)*

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

Honorable Members:

This Office recommends that discussions with, and advice from, legal counsel regarding the above lawsuit be scheduled and held in closed session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). Government Code Section 54956.9(g) requires you to state publicly, prior to the closed session, what subdivision of this section authorizes the closed meeting, and that the closed session is being held to confer or discuss with, or receive advice from, legal counsel regarding pending litigation.

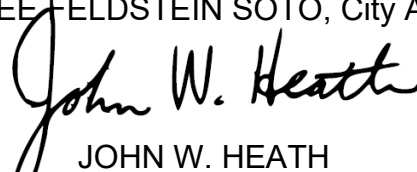
On December 30, 2025, the City was served with a Petition and Complaint in the lawsuit titled *Federation of Hillside Canyon Associations, Inc. and State Alliance for Firesafe Road Regulations v. City of Los Angeles / Josephson Investments, Inc., Real*

Party-In-Interest, LASC Case No. 25STCP04981. The lawsuit alleges the City fails to implement specified State Minimum Fire Safe Regulations at 14 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 1270-1276, identifies 76 projects that allegedly do not meet the regulations, and seeks to invalidate building permits issued for Real-Party's single-family residence project at 10453 Sandal Lane in the Bel Air - Beverly Crest area allegedly issued in violation of regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Steven Blau at Steve.Blau@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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