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**Comments for Public Posting:** Public Comment 6-9-2026 regarding Council File: 26-0625 Title: Kristin Crowley v. City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior Court (LASC) Case No. 26STCV05669 Coblentz Patch Duffy and Bass LLP / Kristin Crowley v. City of Los Angeles / Legal Services Agreement That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer \$500,000 from the Unappropriated Balance, Outside Counsel Including Workers Compensation line item, to the City Attorney, Fund No. 100/12, Account No. 009301". Once again, we see the City preparing for a major settlement expense. The course of events causing this went like this: Fire Chief Kristin Crowley of the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) were under-funded by the Mayor and City Council's Fire Department budget. A major fire ensued with the mayor out-of-town. The lack of resources and a proper chain-of-command structure resulted in a major loss of life and property. Fire Chief Kristin Crowley was in-fact blamed for some of the inaction regarding the fire. But in her defense, she was in-fact, underfunded. But where she went wrong was that she threw the mayor under the bus publicly. You can never do that to your boss. Thus, Mayor Bass decided to demote her, essentially being described as a firing. The City Council concurred and that was that. She was out as Fire Chief. However, as politicians and lawyers and anyone who wants to make money does, a great source is the LA City money pit. In yet another closed-door session, this initial \$500,000 dollar ask, is yet again a drop in the bucket compared to the actual costs that will be born at taxpayer's expense. City Attorney Feldstein-Soto has no problem asking for \$500,000 dollars up front. She and her LA City Attorney's office in-fact could be handling these initial costs. Council File 26-0625 is very light in the details (in fact no details) and responsibilities required of the law firm CPDB LLC. I see this will have to be signed off by the culpable parties, the City Council and the Mayor herself. I expect it to pass. I highly oppose the promotion of Council File 26-0625

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