

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a proposed legal services agreement with Coblenz Patch Duffy & Bass LLP for outside counsel assistance with the case entitled Kristin Crowley v. City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior Court (LASC) Case No. 26STCV05669.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. APPROVE a contract with Coblenz Patch Duffy & Bass LLP for a period of three years, in the initial amount of \$500,000, for outside counsel assistance with the litigation entitled Kristin Crowley v. City of Los Angeles, LASC Case No. 26STCV05669.

2. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to place on the agenda for the first regularly scheduled City Council meeting of the new fiscal year, or as soon as practicable thereafter, the following action relative to this matter and funding of this contract:

“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”.

3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Attorney. Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

[The City Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel to discuss the retention of the law firm Coblenz Patch Duffy & Bass LLP to provide legal services associated with the aforementioned case.]

SUMMARY

At a Special meeting held on June 4, 2026, your Budget and Finance Committee considered a City Attorney report, dated April 28, 2026, relative to a proposed contract with Coblenz Patch Duffy & Bass LLP for outside counsel assistance with the case entitled Kristin Crowley v. City of Los Angeles. The term of the proposed contract is for a three-year period in the initial amount of \$500,000. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee discussed the matter in Closed Session and moved to approve the recommendations contained in the City Attorney report in Open Session, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
HUTT:	ABSENT
McOSKER:	ABSENT
HERNANDEZ:	YES

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