



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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REPORT NO. R26 - 0284
MAY 11, 2026

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

REPORT RE:

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR OUTSIDE COUNSEL

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

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) and (d)(2), the Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney wishes to meet in closed session to discuss funding for outside counsel.

We ask that this matter be placed on the Budget and Finance Committee's closed session agenda as soon as reasonably practicable.

Recommendations

1. Request the City Administrative Officer (CAO) identify funding in the amount of \$4,534,722.37 to accommodate the shortfall needed to fund the following existing Outside Counsel contracts, in these respective amounts, and transfer that funding to the City Attorney Fund 100, Department No 12, Account No. 009301 in the Fiscal Year End FSR;

147005	ALBRIGHT YEE & SCHMIT	\$ 250,000
145334	BAKER & HOSTETLER	\$ 250,000.00
200823	BIENART KATZMAN LITRELL WILLIAMS	\$ 10,000
201693	BIENART KATZMAN LITRELL WILLIAMS	\$ 100,000
146597	BURKE WILLIAMS & SORENSEN	\$ 50,000
145964	CLYDE & CO.	\$ 200,000
138873	COLE HUBER	\$ 60,000
200972	HURRELL	\$ 600,000
145432	MANNING & KASS	\$ 20,000
201695	OLSON REMCHO	\$ 100,000
201259	ROPER MAJESKI	\$ 500,000
146534	SANDERS ROBERTS	\$ 30,000
146777	SANDERS ROBERTS	\$ 700,000
139508	SANDERS ROBERTS	\$ 1,400,000
201449	SANDERS ROBERTS	\$ 200,000
138910	STONE BUSAILAH	\$ 50,000
146297	THEODORA ORINGER	\$ 14,722.37
	TOTAL	\$ 4,534,722.37

2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to disencumber within City Attorney Fund No 100/12, Account No 009301 from the following contracts and in the respective amounts listed below, and process an early reversion up to \$235,277.63 to the Reserve Fund No 101/62;

BFY 25	138838	HURRELL	\$ 124,362.07
BFY 25	140512	LIEBERT, CASSIDY & WHITMORE	\$ 63,742.50
BFY 25	146618	HUESTON HENNIGAN	\$ 19,509.50
BFY 25	143190	MUNGER, TOLLES & OLSON	\$ 27,482.80
BFY 25	139626	OLSON REMCHO	\$ 180.76
		TOTAL	\$ 235,277.63

3. REAPPROPRIATE the reverted amount up to \$235,277.63 from the Reserve Fund No 101/62, identified in Recommendation No 2 above, through the Unappropriated Balance Fund No 100/58 and appropriate therefrom

to the City Attorney Fund No 100/12 Account No 009301 City Attorney Outside Counsel to fund the following contracts;

146297	THEODORA ORINGER	\$ 185,277.63
201025	WSHB	\$ 50,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 235,277.63

4. AUTHORIZE The City Attorney to amend the following contracts to increase their respective contract authority amount as follows;

145334	BAKER & HOSTETLER	\$ 250,000
132207	BEST BEST & KRIEGER	\$ 100,000
200823	BIENART KATZMAN LITTRELL WILLIAMS	\$ 10,000
200693	BIENART KATZMAN LITTRELL WILLIAMS	\$ 100,000
145791	COLANTUONO HIGHSMITH & WHATLEY	\$ 250,000
138873	COLE HUBER	\$ 60,000
145964	CLYDE & CO.	\$ 200,000
200972	HURRELL	\$ 600,000
146034	MAYNARD NEXSEN	\$ 500,000
201695	OLSON REMCHO	\$ 100,000.00
201259	ROPERS MAJESKI	\$ 500,000
146777	SANDERS ROBERTS	\$ 700,000
139508	SANDERS ROBERTS	\$ 1,400,000
146297	THEODORA ORINGER	\$ 200,000
201025	WSHB	\$ 50,000

5. AUTHORIZE The City Attorney to amend the following contracts to extend their term for two years:

145334	BAKER & HOSTETLER	1/29/24-8/1/25
139740	BEST BEST & KRIEGER	11/7/21-1/15/26
132207	BEST BEST & KRIEGER	7/1/18-1/15/26
200823	BIENART KATZMAN LITTRELL WILLIAMS	12/1/24-12/31/25
144346	BURKE WILLIAMS & SORENSEN	7/1/23-6/30/26
142665	BURKE WILLIAMS & SORENSEN	2/6/23-2/5/26
143265	COLANTUONO HIGHSMITH & WHATLEY	03/10/23-03/09/26
139945	COLANTUONO HIGHSMITH & WHATLEY	12/2/21-06/10/25
140171	HAWKINS DELAFIELD & WOOD	02/01/22-01/31/2025
138838	HURRELL	8/24/21-1/15/26
133343	ICE MILLER	6/1/19--5/31/26
133036	ICE MILLER	2/8/19-1/15/26
146493	JABURG WILK LAW FIRM	8/12/24-8/12/26
137827	JOSHUA P. FRIEDMAN AND ASSOCIATES	3/1/19-1/15/26
144882	KENDALL BRILL & KELLY	11/17/23-11/16/26
140173	KUTAK ROCK	02/01/22-1/15/26
143507	LIEBERT, CASSIDY & WHITMORE	5/1/23-4/30/26
138839	LYNBERG & WATKINS	8/24/21-1/15/26
133099	MEYERS NAVE	12/28/18-1/15/26
139626	OLSON REMCHO	1/25/21-01/15/26
143733	SHUMENER ODSON OH	6/26/23-6/25/26

6. TRANSFER \$2,000 from Budget Fiscal Year 2007, Fund No. 550/12, Account No. 12A304, Consumer Protection Penalty, to City Attorney Fund No. 100/12, Account No. 009301 for Contract No. 145767 with Rimon Law, PC;

7. AUTHORIZE the Controller to disencumber up to \$65,449.94 in 2023-24 encumbrance balances from Contract C-144622 Downey Brand within City Attorney Fund No 100/12, Account No 009301, process an early reversion of \$65,449.94 to Sidewalk and Curb Repair Fund No. 57F/50 and transfer therefrom into Account No. 50WVHK, Environmental Compliance Services;

8. 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 the undersigned at (213) 978-7744 or at barak.vaughn@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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