



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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REPORT NO. 26-0327
JUN 04 2026

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

REPORT RE:

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSION

GERALD STEPHENS v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES
LASC CASE NO. 24STCV23415

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

(Re: Claim No. C24-09854)

Honorable Members:

This office recommends that discussions with, and advice from, legal counsel regarding the recommendation for Claims Board action in this pending litigation be scheduled and held in closed session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) 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.

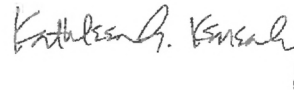
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This matter arises from a fall on November 16, 2023 into an open and uncovered vault on the Hill Street sidewalk under the Santa Monica Freeway overpass.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Richard H. Loomis, Deputy City Attorney at (213) 978-6956. He or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney



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