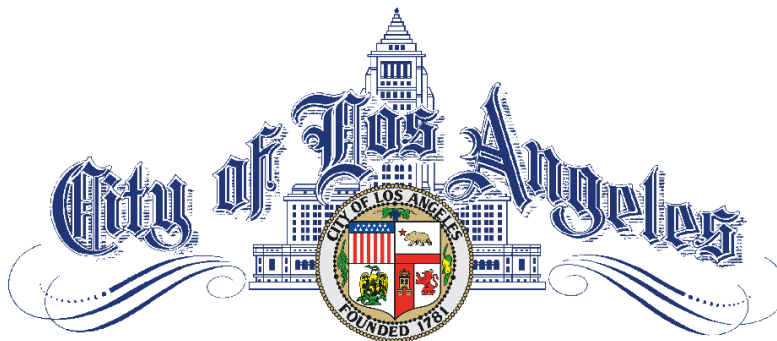




Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
Hydee Feldstein Soto

REPORT NO. **R26 - 0381**
JUN 29 2026

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

REPORT RE:

***IN RE: GREATER LOS ANGELES ZOO ASSOCIATION, UNITED STATES
BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT; CASE NO. 2:26-BK-16410-
DS;
AND
CITY OF LOS ANGELES V. GREATER LOS ANGELES ZOO ASSOCIATION; LOS
ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, CASE NO. 24STCV33753***

AND

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF
LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
HOGAN LOVELLS US, LLP**

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

Honorable Members:

The Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney requests the City Council authorize the retention of outside counsel to specially appear and assist with representation of the City in the following related matters: In re: *Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association*, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District; Case No. 2:26-bk-16410-DS; and *City*

of *Los Angeles v. Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association*; Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 24STCV33753, and puts forth the following recommendations for the City Council's consideration:

Recommendations

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to enter into a contract with Hogan Lovells US, LLP, in an initial amount up to \$250,000, with a two-year term for legal services related to the pending litigation in the matters of *In re: Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association*, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District; Case No. 2:26-bk-16410-DS; and *City of Los Angeles v. Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association*; Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 24STCV33753;
2. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to identify funding in this amount for said contract and transfer it to Fund 100, Department No. 12, Account No. 009301 – Outside Counsel; and
3. 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.

Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(1), the Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney wishes to meet in closed session to discuss the above-referenced matters. Government Code Section 54956.9(g) requires you to state publicly, prior to the closed session, what subdivision of this section authorizes the closed session meeting and that the closed session is being held to confer or discuss with, or receive advice from, legal counsel.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Assistant City Attorney Barak Vaughn at (213) 712-6153 or at barak.vaughn@lacity.org. He or another member of this Office -will be present when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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