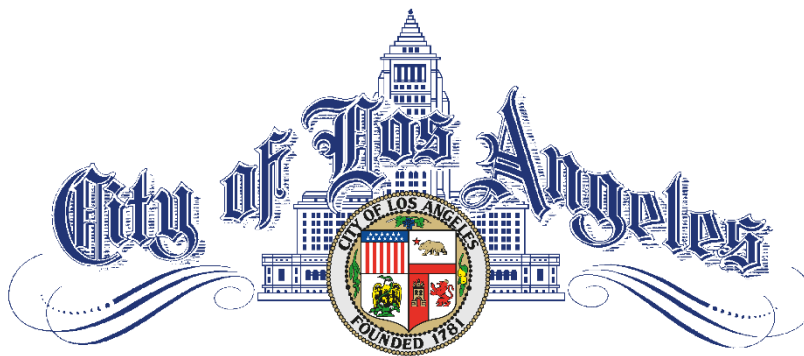




Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
Hydee Feldstein Soto

REPORT NO. R26-0463

AUG 07, 2026

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

REPORT RE:

**PROPOSED LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
STOEL RIVES LLP**

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

Honorable Members:

This Office recommends that discussion with, and advice from, legal counsel with respect to significant exposure to litigation be scheduled by City Council and held in closed session pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(1). Government Code Section 54956.9 requires the issuance of a public statement that includes the section subdivision that authorizes the closed meeting, and determines whether the closed session will be held to confer or discuss with, or receive advice from legal counsel regarding significant exposure to litigation, prior to the closed session.

This Office also recommends the following. That the City Council:

1. **APPROVE** a contract with Stoel Rives, LLP for outside counsel assistance with *Los Angeles Waterkeeper v. City of Los Angeles*, USDC Case No. CV26-07417;

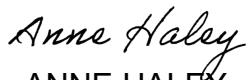
2. TRANSFER the amount of \$75,000 from the Unappropriated Balance Outside Counsel, Including Worker's Compensation line item, to the City Attorney Fund 100, Department No 12, Account No. 009301;
3. That the City Attorney or her designee be authorized to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the CAO, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

We ask that the matter be placed on the closed session agendas of the Budget and Finance Committee and City Council as soon as practicable.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assistant City Attorney Gabriel Dermer at (213) 978-7558. He or another member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

By 
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