Council file No. 26-1095

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a proposed legal services agreement with Stoel Rives, LLP for outside counsel assistance with the case entitled Los Angeles Waterkeeper v. City of Los Angeles, United States District Court (USDC) Case No. CV26-07417.

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

1. APPROVE a contract with Stoel Rives, LLP for outside counsel assistance with the case entitled 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 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 or discuss with, or receive advice from its legal counsel regarding significant exposure to litigation.]

SUMMARY

At its meeting held on September 15, 2026, your Budget and Finance Committee considered the City Attorney report, dated August 7, 2026, relative to the approval of a legal services agreement with Stoel Rives, LLP for outside counsel assistance with case entitled Los Angeles Waterkeeper v. City of Los Angeles. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation 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

MEMBER	VOTE
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
HUTT:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES

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