Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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REPORT NO. R26 - 0619

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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 Sections 545956.9(d)(1) and (d)(2), the City Attorney's Office wishes to meet in closed session to discuss the need for additional outside counsel funding, and puts forth the following Recommendations for the City Council's consideration:

Recommendations

1. TRANSFER the balance of $5,922,000 from the Unappropriated Balance Outside Counsel, including Worker's Compensation line item, to the City Attorney Fund No 100/12, Account No. 009301 to fund the following contracts;

Contract Number	Law Firm	Funding Need
147005	ALBRIGHT YEE & SCHMIT	$ 1,739,303
145334	BAKER & HOSTETLER	$ 80,000
139740	BEST BEST & KRIEGER	$ 83,000
201693	BIENART KATZMAN LITTRELL WILLIAMS	$ 130,000
145367	BURKE WILLIAMS & SORENSEN	$ 50,000
204504	BURKE WILLIAMS & SORENSEN	$ 940,000
138915	BURKE WILLIAMS & SORENSEN	$ 300,000
141687	BURKE WILLIAMS & SORENSEN	$ 40,000
201681	BURKE WILLIAMS & SORENSEN	$ 65,000
145964	CLYDE & CO.	$ 400,000
201068	CLYDE & CO.	$ 20,000
204684	COLANTUONO HIGHSMITH & WHATLEY	$ 410,000
202460	COVINGTON & BURLING	$ 500
145559	HOGAN LOVELLS, LLP	$ 307,000
200972	HURRELL	$ 460,000
133343	ICE MILLER	$ 10,000
204502	JONES MAYER LAW	$ 300,000
145377	KEESAL, YOUNG& LOGAN	$ 5,000
143507	LIEBERT, CASSIDY & WHITMORE	$ 400,000
133099	MEYERS NAVE	$ 182,197
	TOTAL	$ 5,922,000

2. REQUEST the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to identify funding in the amount of $5,687,803 and transfer that amount to Fund No 100/12, Account No. 009301, Outside Counsel by way of the First and Second Financial Status Reports;

Contract Number	Law Firm	Funding Need
133099	MEYERS NAVE	$ 17,803
146493	MEYERS NAVE	$ 285,000
204152	NATHAN & KAMIONSKI	$ 1,500,000
201695	OLSON REMCHO	$ 65,000
141689	ORBACH HUFF & HENDERSON	$ 100,000
204505	ORBACH HUFF & HENDERSON	$ 175,000
204391	REILY & JEFFEREY	$ 70,000
201259	ROPERS MAJESKI	$ 1,800,000
146534	SANDERS ROBERTS	$ 15,000
146777	SANDERS ROBERTS	$ 65,000
139508	SANDERS ROBERTS	$ 60,000
201449	SANDERS ROBERTS	$ 530,000
145145	SHUMAKER LOOP & KENDRICK	$ 140,000
138910	STONE BUSAILAH	$ 325,000
146297	THEODORA ORINGER	$ 540,000
	TOTAL	$ 5,687,803.00

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

CONTRACT NO	LAW FIRM	AMENDMENT AMOUNT
147005	ALBRIGHT YEE & SCHMIT	$ 1,739,303
201693	BIENART KATZMAN LITTRELL WILLIAMS	$ 130,000
204504	BURKE WILLIAMS & SORENSEN	$ 940,000
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4. 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;

5. 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;

6. EXPAND the scope of Lagasse Contract No C-145398 to handle all employment matters.

7. 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 Assistant City Attorney Anne Haley at anne.haley@lacity.org. A 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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