Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
Hydee Feldstein Soto

REPORT NO. R26-0626
Oct. 27, 2026

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

REPORT RE:

REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF ARBITRATION AWARD PURSUANT TO THE RULING IN UNITED FIREFIGHTERS OF LOS ANGELES CITY, IAFF LOCAL 112 v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT, ARBITRATION NO. 4035 (CLASS GRIEVANCE OF FIREFIGHTER BROWNELL)

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

This Office recommends discussions with, and advice from, legal counsel regarding this final binding arbitration award be scheduled and held in closed session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

Government Code Section 54956.9(g) requires you to state publicly, before 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.

This case arises out of a final arbitration award against the City as a result of a class grievance filed by the United Firefighters of Los Angeles City (UFLAC) on behalf of 119 firefighters who were placed off duty without pay under the City's Ordinance No. 187134 mandating all City employees be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assistant City Attorney Erika Johnson-Brooks at (213) 978-7140. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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