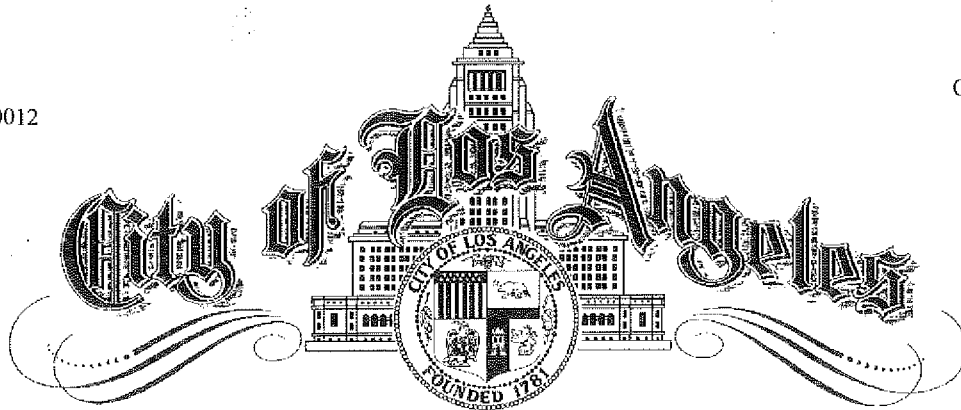


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**REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(a)**

REPORT RE:

PENDING LITIGATION

MJ COLLECTIVES LITIGATION:

AMERICANS FOR SAFE ACCESS et al. v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES,
LASC, Lead Case No. BC433942 (and all related actions)
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA v. NATURAL WAYS ALWAYS, et al. /
NATURAL WAYS ALWAYS, INC. v. CITY, et al.,
LASC Case No. BC 460799

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

Council File No. 08-0923-S16

Honorable Members:

This Office recommends that discussions with, and advice from, legal counsel regarding the recommendation for City Council action in this pending litigation be scheduled and held in closed session before the Public Safety Committee on January 13, 2012, pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a). Government Code Section 54956.9(a) requires you to state publicly prior to 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.

The pending litigation includes more than 50 separate lawsuits filed against the City by medical marijuana dispensaries, owners, operators, and patients. The lawsuits challenge the City's medical marijuana ordinance on a wide variety of legal grounds and seek to enjoin enforcement of the City's Ordinance.

We request that this matter be placed on the closed session portion of the Public Safety Committee's agenda of January 13, 2012.

Should you have any questions in advance of the Closed Session, please contact Special City Attorney Jane Usher at (213) 978-8100. She and other members of this Office will be present when you consider this matter in Closed Session to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

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