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The Charter provides that the civil client of the City Attorney is the municipal corporation, the City of Los Angeles. The City Attorney shall defend the City in litigation, as well as its officers and employees. The City Attorney shall initiate civil litigation on behalf of the City when requested to do so by the authority having control over the litigation as set forth in the Charter. In the course of litigation, client decisions, including a decision to initiate litigation, shall be made by the Council "in litigation involving matters over which the Charter gives the Council responsibility."

The Charter also provides that the City may contract with attorneys outside of the City Attorney's Office to assist the City Attorney in providing legal services to that department.

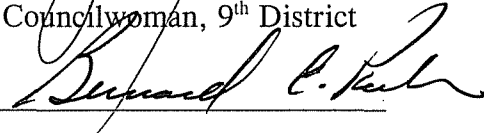
Given the conflict or potential conflict of interest presented by the City Attorney in his assertions against the City Council and the Department of Building and Safety and its lawful prior actions and determinations in the matter of the issuance of permits relating to off-site signs, off-site digital displays and supergraphic signs relative to the Los Angeles Sports and Entertainment project, it is necessary for the Council to retain the services of outside counsel in this matter.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be directed to report with recommendations and funding sources to initiate the process of retaining outside legal counsel to represent the City Council and the Department of Building and Safety in the matter of the issuance of permits relating to off-site signs, off-site digital displays and supergraphic signs relative to the Los Angeles Sports and Entertainment project.

PRESENTED BY:

  
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