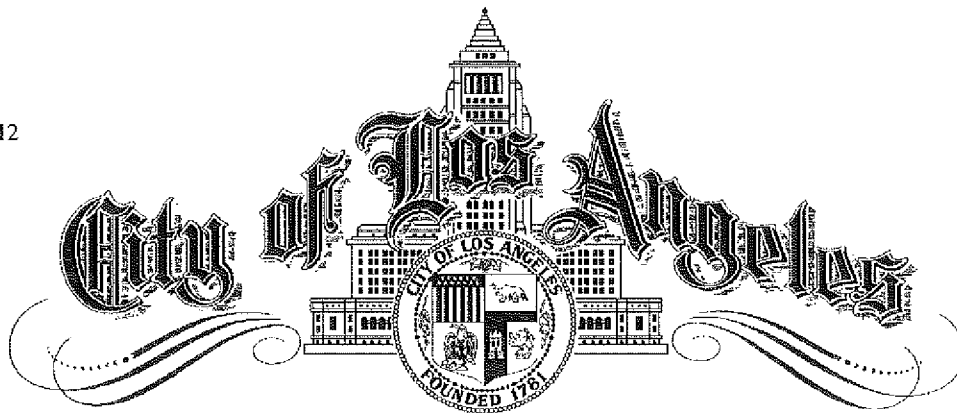


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**REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO  
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(a)**

REPORT RE:

**AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES**

**SOUTH CENTRAL FARMERS ACTION FUND, *et al.* v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES, *et al.***  
**LASC CASE NO. BS 117 561**

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 that discussions with, and advice from, legal counsel about the recommendation for City Council action regarding the award of attorneys' fees in this pending litigation be scheduled and held in closed session 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 that 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. We ask that the matter be placed on the closed session agendas of the Claims Board, Budget and Finance Committee and City Council as soon as practicable.

This case concerns allegations that the City violated the Brown Act and that the City Clerk's official Journal of Council Proceedings violated the City Charter.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assistant City Attorney Laurie Rittenberg at (213) 473-6848 or Deputy City Attorney Gabriel Dermer at (213) 473-6850. They or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

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