

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to authorization to amend two legal service contracts under the Attorney Conflicts Panel Program (Program), increase compensation, and add two law firms to the Program.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to execute an amendment and encumber funds totaling \$211,000 within the Attorney Conflicts Panel Fund No. 46T/10, for the following Attorney Conflicts Panel law firm:
  - a. \$60,000 for Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. C-128826 for the law firm of Morris Polich and Purdy, LLP/Clark Hill PLC for the matter of Adrienne McColl v. Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, et al.
  - b. \$151,000 for Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. C-129124 for the law firm of Burke Williams and Sorensen, LLP for the matter of Craig Curry v. City of Los Angeles, et al.
2. AUTHORIZE the CAO to execute an amendment to amend the term of the following contracts with the following Attorney Conflicts Panel law firm:
  - a. Amend the term of Contract No. C-125929 (Edward Jordan and De'Wana Hubbard v. City of Los Angeles) with Ballard Rosenberg Golper and Savitt to April 19, 2021.
  - b. Amend the term of Contract No. C-126227 (Susan Mellen, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al.) with Collinson Law to June 29, 2021.
3. AUTHORIZE the CAO to add the following law firms to the Program:
  - a. Clark Hill PLC to the Tort Negligence section of the Panel.
  - b. LimNexus LLP to the General Business Litigation, Employment Litigation, and Police Employment Litigation sections of the Panel.
4. AUTHORIZE the CAO to prepare Controller instructions and to make any technical adjustments needed to implement the intent of the Mayor and Council action; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement these instructions.
5. RECEIVE and FILE the CAO report dated December 4, 2017 inasmuch as it was replaced by the revised CAO report dated January 16, 2018.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that the proposed contract amendments are in compliance with City Financial Policies. The recommendations in this report will not have an impact upon the General Fund. There are sufficient funds in the Attorney Conflicts Panel Fund to cover the cost of the contract amendments.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**(The City Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the above matter.)**

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on January 22, 2018, the Budget and Finance Committee considered report from the CAO dated December 4, 2017 and a revised report dated January 16, 2018 relative to the Attorney Conflicts Panel Program and requests for authorization to amend legal services contract under the Program, increase compensation, and add two law firms to the Program panel.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee approved the recommendations in the January 16, 2018 CAO report, and received and filed the December 4, 2017 report. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KREKORIAN:	YES
ENGLANDER:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	ABSENT
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
BONIN:	YES

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