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

REPORT RE:

PROPOSED LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DOWNEY BRAND LLP RE LOS ANGELES WATERKEEPER v. WATER BOARDS, LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. BS163391

The Honorable City Council of the City of Los Angeles Room 395, City Hall 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Honorable Members:

This Office recommends that discussions with, and advice from, legal counsel regarding the above-referenced litigation be scheduled and held in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). Government Code Section 54956.9(g) requires that you 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.

We ask that the matter be placed on the closed session agendas of the Budget and Finance Committee and City Council as soon as practicable.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Adena M. Hopenstand at 213-978-8156. She or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

MICHAEL-N. FEUER, City Attorney

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