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

REPORT RE:

**PROPOSED LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR
COUNSEL IN THE CASE *CITY OF GARDENA V. REGIONAL WATER QUALITY
CONTROL BOARD, ET AL*, CASE NO. 30-2016-00833722-CU-WM-CJC**

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

Honorable Members:

This Office recommends that Downey Brand LLP be approved as outside counsel, with an initial appropriation of \$25,000, to assist the City Attorney's Office in assessing legal options and formulating strategic recommendations for Council consideration in the case *City of Gardena v. Regional Water Quality Control Board, et al.*, currently pending in Orange County Superior Court.

We ask that the matter be placed on the Budget & Finance Committee's closed session agenda for its meeting of August 15, 2016.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assistant City Attorney Anne Haley at (213) 978-7009. She, or another member of this Office, will be present when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

By


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