

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE relative to a proposed legal services agreement with the firm of Downey Brand, LLP to assist the City Attorney.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to enter into a contract with Downey Brand, LLP for the assistance of Ms. Melissa Thorne in the case entitled City of Gardena v. Regional Water Quality Board, et al.
2. TRANSFER \$25,000 from the Unappropriated Balance, City Attorney Outside Counsel including Workers' Compensation line item, to the City Attorney, Fund No. 100/12, Account No. 9301, for that contract.
3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Attorney. Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

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 case entitled City of Gardena v. Regional Water Quality Control Board, et al., Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-201600833722-CU-WM-CJC.)

SUMMARY

At a regular meeting held on August 29, 2016, the Chair and a Member of the Budget and Finance Committee considered a report from the City Attorney dated August 12, 2016 relative to approval of a legal services agreement in the amount of \$25,000 with Downey Brand, LLP to assist the City Attorney with the case entitled City of Gardena v. Regional Water Quality Control Board, et al., currently pending in Orange County Superior Court.

After consideration and discussion of the City Attorney's report in closed session, and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee Chair and Member approved the recommendations above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



COUNCILMEMBER PAUL KREKORIAN, CHAIR
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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