

MOTION

It was recently reported that the Paradis Law Group, PLLC, who served as Special Counsel for the City in litigation against PricewaterhouseCoopers for implementing a faulty new billing system, also represented a Department of Water and Power (DWP) customer who initiated a class-action lawsuit against the City for overcharges experienced during the implementation of the new billing system.

These reports are a concern, since the Paradis Law Group's representation of both the City, and a plaintiff against the City, in associated litigation would appear to be a significant conflict of interest. In addition, there is concern regarding the *Aventador* agreement, its role in the litigation and the provision of services to the DWP.

In order to better understand the matter, the City Attorney and the DWP should immediately report to the Council with more context to these reports, including actions initiated in response. In this manner, the best interests of the City and the ratepayers may be ensured.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney and the Department of Water and Power (DWP) be requested to immediately report to the Council relative to the PricewaterhouseCoopers litigation regarding a faulty new billing system and the City's Special Counsel representation by the Paradis Law Group, PLLC.

I FURTHER MOVE that the DWP report on the status of the *Aventador Utility Solutions* contract, its provision of services, funding and expenditures to date; as well as its role, if any, in the litigation matter.

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