

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to an outside counsel fund appropriation for Cecil Hotel Litigation.

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

1. TRANSFER \$170,000 from the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) Rent/SCEP account to the LAHD Outside Legal Counsel Account.
2. APPROVE the extension of 18 months for the Best Best & Krieger Contract No. 109391 for a new end date of July 3, 2013.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At its special meeting on July 22, 2013, the Budget and Finance Committee considered a City Attorney report recommending an outside counsel fund appropriation to make a final payment to Best Best & Krieger for past services rendered on Cecil Hotel litigation and any possible post settlement matters. The City Attorney report, attached to the Council file, provides additional background information.

During Committee consideration, a City Attorney representative provided a brief overview of the matter and responded to related questions from Committee members. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Budget and Finance Committee recommended to approve the City Attorney recommendations. 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:	YES
KORETZ:	ABSENT
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
BONIN:	YES

