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City Attorney

REPORT NO. R14-0026  
JAN 24, 2014.

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

REPORT RE:

**REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION OF MEDIATOR'S PROPOSAL FOR  
SETTLEMENT**

**RICHARD VENTURA v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
LASC CASE NO. BC484949**

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

Honorable Members:

This Office, the Department of Building and Safety and the Housing Community Investment Department recommend that discussions with, and advice from, legal counsel regarding the recommendation for City Council action in this pending litigation be scheduled and held in closed session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (1). That Section requires you to state publicly, prior to the closed session, what subdivision 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.

This case arises from allegations of employment discrimination on the basis of race and disability, and retaliation allegedly perpetrated against a current City employee while he was working at the former Los Angeles Housing Department, which has since been renamed the Housing and Community Investment Department.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Jennifer Handzlik at (213) 978-7151. She or other members 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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cc: Raymond S. Chan, Interim General Manager, Department of Building and Safety  
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