

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to approval of a contract amendment with the law firm of Byrne & Nixon to extend the contract term.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer (CAO), or designee, to extend the termination date to Contract No. C-121063 for the law firm of Byrne & Nixon, from June 3, 2015 to October 3, 2015.
2. AUTHORIZE the CAO, or designee, to reflect the extended contract termination date of October 3, 2015 under Amendment No. 5 to Contract No. C-121063 for the law firm of Byrne & Nixon.
3. AUTHORIZE the CAO to make any technical adjustments needed to implement the intent of the Mayor and Council action, and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that the proposed contract amendment is in compliance with City Financial Policies. The recommendations in this report will not have an impact upon the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**(Council may recess into Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) & (2), to confer with legal counsel in the matter, entitled Independent Living Center of Southern California, Fair Housing Council of San Fernando Valley and Communities Actively Living Independent and Free v. City of Los Angeles, Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles; U.S. District Court Case No. CV12-551 SJO(PJWx) (Independent Living Center case). [This matter involves American with Disabilities Act litigation referenced above; and compliance matters relating to the CRA/LA; and significant exposure to litigation regarding the Voluntary Compliance Agreement with United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.]**

## SUMMARY

At its meeting of June 15, 2015, the Budget and Finance Committee considered a CAO report requesting authority to amend a legal services contract under the Attorney Conflicts Panel in order to extend the termination date of a contract with the law firm of Byrne & Nixon (B&N) which expired on June 3, 2015. The proposed request would extend the termination date through October 3, 2015 in order to allow for the transition of the B&N assignments to the City Attorney's Office. The CAO report, attached to the Council file, provides further background information.

The Committee recessed into closed session to consider the matter. After returning to open session and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Budget and Finance Committee recommended approval of the recommendations contained in the CAO report. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE



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

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