

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a request for authority to amend nine legal services contracts with various law firms under the Attorney Conflicts Panel (ACP) program to increase funding for each contract.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to execute amendments and encumber funds totaling \$1,933,500 within the ACP Fund No. 46T/10, for the following ACP law firms, subject to review by the City Attorney:
 - a. \$200,000 for Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. 123123 for the law firm of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo for the matter of Zna Houston, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al. and Vivienne A. Swanigan v. City of Los Angeles.
 - b. \$350,000 for Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. 123298 for the law firm of Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP for the matter of Obie Steven Anthony v. City of Los Angeles, et al. and Reggie D. Cole v. City of Los Angeles, et al.
 - c. \$400,000 for Amendment No. 5 to Contract No. 121063 for the law firm of Byrne & Nixon, LLP for the matter of the Independent Living Center of Southern California v. City of Los Angeles.
 - d. \$3,500 for Amendment No. 5 to Contract No. 122235 for the law firm of Collinson Law for the matter of Alphinia Boone, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al.
 - e. \$90,000 for Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. 123671 for the law firm of Haight Brown & Bonesteel, LLP for the matter of Michael Brown v. City of Los Angeles, et al.
 - f. \$275,000 for Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 122802 for the law firm of Klein Hornig, LLP for legal services and support relating to Housing and Urban Development Section 504 and Americans with Disabilities Act compliance and enforcement matters.
 - g. \$400,000 for Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. 123166 for the law firm of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore for the matter of Stephen Miller v. City of Los Angeles, et al.
 - h. \$75,000 for Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 123932 for the law firm of Lozano Smith for the matter of Loren Farrell, et al. v. City of Los Angeles.
 - i. \$150,000 for Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. 122797 for the law firm of Meyers Nave Riback Silver & Wilson for the matter of Jack Fry, et al. v. City of Los Angeles.
2. 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 amendments are 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.

SUMMARY

At its meeting of April 13, 2015, the Budget and Finance Committee considered a CAO report relative to a request for authority to amend nine legal services contracts with various law firms under the ACP to increase funding for each contract. The CAO report, attached to the Council file, includes an attachment that provides a brief case description, case status and funding summary for each contract assignment.

During Committee discussion, a CAO representative provided an overview of the request and responded to related questions by Committee members. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Budget and Finance Committee recommended approval of the recommendations contained in the CAO report, as reflected above. 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:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
BONIN:	YES

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