

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the retention of Tharpe and Howell, LLP as outside counsel, and a request for waiver of the firm's conflicts.

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

1. RECEIVE and FILE City Attorney reports No. R16-0274 dated September 1, 2016 and September 7, 2016.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to enter into a contract with Tharpe and Howell, LLP for outside legal services with respect to the case entitled Miles v. City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior Court (LASC) Case No. BC547126, for a three-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.
3. TRANSFER the amount of \$500,000 from the Unappropriated Balance, Outside Counsel Including Workers' Compensation line item to the City Attorney, Fund No. 100/12, Account No. 009301 for the above referenced contract.
4. APPROVE the request for a waiver of conflicts for Tharpe and Howell, LLP in its representation of co-defendants to the City in the cases entitled Bravo Maximillian v. City of Los Angeles, et al., LASC Case No. BC572635; Sharon Klugman, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al., LASC Case No. BC546468; and Byanca Molina v. City of Los Angeles, et al., LASC Case No. BC56690.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None provided 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.

**(The City Council may recess to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled Miles v. City of Los Angeles, LASC Case No. BC547126.)**

SUMMARY

At a regular meeting held on October 31, 2016, the Budget and Finance Committee considered a report from the City Attorney dated September 7, 2016 relative to the retention of Tharpe and Howell, LLP for outside legal services in the case entitled Miles v. City of Los Angeles, and waiver of conflicts for the firm's representation of co-defendants to the City in various cases.

After discussion in Closed Session, and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee approved the City Attorney's 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
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
BONIN:	ABSENT

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