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REPORT RE:

WAIVER OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

Honorable Members:

The City Attorney recommends that the City Council consider waiving the following conflict as requested by outside counsel firm Best Best & Krieger (BBK).

BBK currently represents the City on a variety of cable and telecommunications issues and also, what with the recent joinder of law firm Jenkins & Hogin LLP, on a number of real estate and CEQA land use matters as well. BBK has requested waiver of a potential conflict of interest with respect to its representation of Ozzy Media, Inc. ("Ozzy") in connection with a legal assessment provided to Ozzy regarding whether certain advertisements are permissible under the Los Angeles Municipal Code and related laws and, if not, to potentially propose amendments to those Codes. The professional services which the firm has provided to the City are unrelated to the proposed representation and any information that the firm has learned from its representation of the City is unrelated to its representation of Ozzy. In addition, the firm has agreed to establish an ethical wall between its lawyers who perform work for the City and those lawyers who will work with Ozzy.

Because of the firm's representation of the City, the California Rules of Professional Conduct preclude adverse representations without a waiver from the City. For this reason, BBK has, in writing, by letter dated May 17, 2018, requested such a waiver. The City Attorney has no objection to the City Council's approval of the waiver.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council waive the conflict of interest created or potentially created by current outside counsel BBK's representation of Ozzy Media, Inc.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at (213) 978-8100. She, or another member of this Office, will be present when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

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