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REPORT RE:

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO
AN OUTSIDE COUNSEL CONTRACT WITH
THE LAW FIRM OF ICE MILLER LLP**

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

Honorable Members:

This Office recommends that the law firm of Ice Miller LLP be approved as outside counsel to assist the City Attorney's Office in representing the City in the area of general state and federal tax law and advice.

Background

In July of last year, the City Attorney released a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking outside counsel assistance with state and federal tax laws. Questions pertaining to tax codes and matters come up from time to time from various City departments and the City Attorney has found it useful and economical to have a firm with this expertise under contract to be utilized on an as-needed basis. A new RFP was conducted to ensure the City attained the best services at the best price, given the variety of issue that arise in the tax arena. Ice Miller has the experience and familiarity with municipal interests to meet that need.

This contract will replace a contract with Reed Smith previously approved by this Council for this purpose, and the \$20,000 already approved for that contract will be utilized for this one. No additional appropriation is required at this time.

Recommendation

This Office respectfully requests that the City Council authorize the City Attorney to enter into a three year contract with Ice Miller LLP, in the amount of \$20,000 for citywide assistance with tax law.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at (213) 978-7009. She or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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By  for

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