



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
Hydee Feldstein Soto

REPORT NO. R23-0172
MAY 15, 2023

**REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

REPORT RE:

**REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO OUTSIDE COUNSEL CONTRACT
COLANTUONO HIGHSMITH & WHATLEY
FOR ASSISTANCE WITH
*GARCIA, ET AL. v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES***

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

Honorable Members:

This Office recommends that discussion regarding the need for additional funding for outside legal counsel with respect to *Garcia, et al. v. City of Los Angeles*, Case No. 2:19-CV-06182, be scheduled by the City Council and held in closed session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

This Office also requests that the City Council approve the following recommendations:

1. Authorize the City Attorney to amend Contract No. 140486 with Colantuono Highsmith Whatley LLP in the amount of \$300,000, funded by LASAN's Livability Services Division, for the purpose of continuing to assist the City Attorney's Office in *Garcia, et al. v. City of Los Angeles*, Case No. 2:19-CV-06182;

2. Transfer \$300,000 from Fund No. 100/82, Appropriation Account No. 003090, Field Equipment, from Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, to the City Attorney, Fund No. 100/12, Account No. 009301 for Contract No. 140486 with Colantuono Highsmith & Whatley; and
3. Authorize the City Attorney or designee to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the CAO, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

We ask that the matter be placed on the Budget and Finance Committee's closed session agenda as soon as is reasonably practicable.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assistant City Attorney Anne Haley at (213) 978-7009. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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