



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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REPORT NO. R24-0488
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**REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

REPORT RE:

**PROPOSED LEGAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH
BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN LLP
TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO
GRIFFIN v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES
*USDC Case No. 24-cv-06312***

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

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 545956.9(d)(1), the City Attorney's Office wishes to meet in closed session to discuss the need for outside counsel to assist with the litigation *Judy Griffin et al. v. City of Los Angeles*, USDC Case No. 24-cv-06312, and related litigation, and puts forth the following Recommendations for the City Council's consideration:

Recommendations

1. Approve a contract with Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP ("BWS") for a period of three years, in an initial amount of \$500,000, for outside counsel assistance with *Judy Griffin et al. v. City of Los Angeles*, USDC Case No. 24-

- cv-06312, and related litigation;
2. Ask that the City Administrative Officer (CAO) identify funding in an initial amount of \$500,000 to cover the cost of this contract and transfer this amount to Fund 100, Department No. 12, Account No. 009301 - Outside Counsel by way of the soonest possible Financial Status Report;
 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.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assistant City Attorney Gabriel Dermer. He 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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