

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

(For further details see Official Council Files)

(For communications referred by the President see Referral Memorandum)

Special Agenda

Roll Call

Members Present: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez (11); Absent: Hutt, Padilla, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (4)

An Opportunity for Public Comment will be Provided for All Items on the Agenda, Regardless of Whether a Public Hearing has been Previously Held

Items for which Public Hearings Have Been Held

(62) 24-1362

BUDGET, FINANCE AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the need for additional funding and/or term extensions for outside counsel contracts.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to enter into new contracts, for an initial term through January 15, 2026, with the following firms:

- a. Clyde & Co US (Sexual Abuse Litigation)
- b. Sanders Roberts (Sexual Abuse Litigation)
- c. Theodora Oringer PC (Sexual Abuse Litigation)
- d. Sanders Roberts (Personal Injury Litigation)

e. Albright Yee & Schmit (Lima case)

f. Frost Brown (Culotti case)

2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to amend the contracts as outlined in Recommendation No. 5 of the City Attorney report dated October 29, 2024, attached to the Council file, and to increase their respective authority amounts as outlined in Recommendation No. 5 of the City Attorney report dated October 29, 2024, attached to the Council file.
3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to amend the contracts identified in Recommendation No. 6 of the City Attorney report dated October 29, 2024, attached to the Council file, to extend their respective terms to January 15, 2026.
- 4.
5. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to amend Contract No. C-139945, Colantuono Highsmith & Whatley, to extend the term to June 1, 2025.
6. 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.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Attorney. Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

The Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)(2), to discuss the need for additional funding and/or term extensions for outside counsel contracts.

Adopted Item Forthwith

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Padilla, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (4)

(63) 24-1372

BUDGET, FINANCE AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a conflict-of-interest waiver for the law firm Albright Yee & Schmit, APC (Albright).

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to execute a conflict-of-interest waiver to the law firm Albright. Albright is currently representing West Basin Municipal Water District in anticipated litigation against the City over issues related to water quality and specifically involving the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and Department of Public Works. The firm was also recently selected, as the result of a competitive bid, to represent the City in a lawsuit under 28 U.S.C. Section 1983 over the City's personnel policies and practices as applied to firefighters and captains in its Los Angeles Fire Department, in a newly-filed case in the United States District Court, Central District, titled Frank Lima et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al., United States District Court Case No. 2:24-CV-06363-DDPJC.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted 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

Adopted Item Forthwith

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Padilla, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (4)

(64) 24-1346

BUDGET, FINANCE AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to reauthorizing Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA) financing for Phases Two, Three, Four and Five of the Vision Theater Project (Project).

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Hutt – Harris-Dawson), SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. REAUTHORIZE \$2,200,000 Fiscal Year 2024-25 MICLA financing for phases Two, Three, Four and Five of the Vision Theater Project

in order to complete the Project.

2. TRANSFER \$1,500,000 out of the \$2,200,000 MICLA authorization for the Project to the Department of General Services (GSD) Construction Forces Division to the following accounts in the amounts specified, GSD Fund No. 100/40:
 - a. Appropriation Unit No. 001014, Salaries Construction - \$105,000
 - b. Appropriation Unit No. 001101, Hiring Hall Construction - \$735,000
 - c. Appropriation Unit No. 001121, Benefits Hiring Hall Construction - \$210,000
 - d. Appropriation Unit No. 003180, Construction Materials - \$450,000

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item Forthwith

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Padilla, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (4)

(65) **24-1270**
CD 1

NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to developing and implementing the Central American Cultural District Project and related matters.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Hernandez, Soto-Martinez – Padilla):

INSTRUCT the Bureau of Street Services, Bureau of Engineering, and Department of Cultural Affairs, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Los Angeles Department of Transportation, City Clerk, the

Department of Planning, and any other necessary departments, and in coordination with Council District One, to report in 180 days with recommendations to develop and implement the Central American Cultural District Project within a four to five year timeline, including the installation of gateways at the intersections of Pico Boulevard and Vermont Avenue and Alvarado Street and Beverly Boulevard, the installation of ceremonial signage at 7th Street and Hoover Street, 6th Street and Bixel Street, and Olympic Boulevard and Union Avenue, include cost estimates, project timelines, and options for public and private funding to cover costs of the project, and the restoration and implementation of cultural markers and monuments at the following locations:

- a. Paseo Romero on Alvarado Street between 3rd Street and Beverly Boulevard
- b. Plaza Morazan at 8th Street and Valencia Street
- c. Salvadoran Diaspora Monument and Time Capsule at Wilshire Boulevard and Park View Street
- d. Plaza Monsenor Romero at 7th Street and Alvarado Street
- e. Central American Unity Art Installations at 7th Street and Hoover Street and 4th Street/6th Street and Bixel Street
- f.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Public Works Committee waived consideration of above matter)

Adopted Item Forthwith

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Padilla, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (4)

(66) 23-0271

BUDGET, FINANCE AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to requesting additional funding authority for the City's outside counsel contract with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC (CHW) to provide legal services relative to the cases entitled Apartment Owners Association (AOA) of California, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles (City), lead Los Angeles Superior Court (LASC) Case No. BC677423, consolidated for all purposes with Frederick H. Leeds v. City, consolidated LASC Case No. BC709658.

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

1. APPROVE an additional \$300,000 for its contract with CHW for its assistance with AOA and that the contract be amended accordingly.
2. APPROVE the transfer of \$500,000 from the Bureau of Sanitation Fund No. 46D/50YX82 to City Attorney Fund No. 100/12, Account No. 009301, for the contract stated above, which total amount also includes the \$200,000 amendment approved by Council (Council file No. 23-0271).

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted 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 Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to discuss the need for additional funding authority for the City's contract with CHW to provide legal services associated with AOA of California, Inc. v. City, lead LASC Case No. BC677423, consolidated for all purposes with Frederick H. Leeds v. City, consolidated LASC Case No. BC709658.

Adopted Item Forthwith

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Padilla, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (4)

(67) 24-1432

CD 14

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a personal services contract with American Restore, Inc., for as-needed application and maintenance of concrete floor protective topping at the Central Los Angeles Recycling and Transfer Station.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Board of Public Works (BPW), or two members, on behalf of the Bureau of Sanitation, to execute the proposed personal services contract with American Restore, Inc. for as-needed application and maintenance of concrete floor protective topping at the Central Los Angeles Recycling and Transfer Station, as approved by the BPW, for an initial five-year term, with one five-year renewal option and up to 12 month-to-month extension options for a total potential term of 11 years with an estimated cost of \$2,175,000 for the first five-year term, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that funding in the amount of \$435,000 is available in the Central Los Angeles Recycling and Transfer Station Trust Fund for this purpose. Funding beyond 2024-25 is subject to appropriation through the annual budgeting process. There is no impact on the General Fund.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the above recommendation complies with the City's Financial Policies in that financial obligations are limited to appropriated and available funds, and that expenditures of special funds are limited to the mandates of the funding source.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item Forthwith

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Padilla, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (4)

Items for which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - (10 Votes Required for Consideration)

(68) **24-1560**

CD 4

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (RAMAN - HERNANDEZ) relative to a no-cost lease for a term of 30 years, subject to the award of the Behavioral

Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) grant, with Aviva Family and Children's Services to develop and operate the site at 1905 North Highland as a perinatal residential treatment facility.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. INSTRUCT the Department of General Services (GSD) to enter into a no-cost lease for a term of 30 years, subject to the award of the BHCIP grant, with Aviva Family and Children's Services to develop and operate the site at 1905 N Highland as a perinatal residential treatment facility.
2. INSTRUCT the GSD to expedite the execution of a Letter of Intent with Aviva Family Services regarding the City's intent to lease 1905 North Highland in order to fulfill the requirements of the BHCIP's site control requirements.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

(Housing and Homelessness Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Adopted Item Forthwith

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Padilla, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (4)

Closed Session

(69) 24-1307

The Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section No. 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled Luisa Bonilla, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV15297. (This matter arises from the June 30, 2021, incident in which the Los Angeles Police Department Bomb Squad detonated explosive material.)

(Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee considered this matter on December 11, 2024.)

Adopted Motion (Blumenfield – Rodriguez) in Open Session Forthwith - SEE ATTACHED

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Padilla, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (4)

(70) 24-1394

The Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section No. 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled Erica Mora v. City of Los Angeles, et al., United States District Court Case No. CV21-02115-CBM. (This matter arises from an incident involving members of the Los Angeles Police Department that occurred on May 30, 2020.)

(Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee considered this matter on December 11, 2024.)

**Adopted Motion (Blumenfield – Rodriguez) in Open Session Forthwith - SEE ATTACHED
Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Padilla, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (4)**

(71) 24-1304

The Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section No. 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled Patricia Hill v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV06932. (This matter arises from an incident involving members of the Los Angeles Police Department that occurred on May 30, 2020.)

(Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee considered this matter on December 11, 2024.)

**Adopted Motion (Blumenfield – Rodriguez) in Open Session Forthwith - SEE ATTACHED
Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Padilla, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (4)**

Items Called Special

Motions have been Referred and will be Posted on the City Clerk's Website shortly after the Council Meeting

Council Adjournment

ENDING ROLL CALL

Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez (11); Absent: Hutt, Padilla, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (4)

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Holly L. Wolcott, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that the Council ADOPT the following recommendations in order to effect settlement in the case entitled Luisa Bonilla, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV15297. (This matter arises from the June 30, 2021, incident in which the Los Angeles Police Department Bomb Squad detonated explosive material.), **SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:**

1. FIND that based on facts presented by the City Attorney and recommendations by the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the City Legislative Analyst, the settlement is in the best interests of the City.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney's Office to expend up to **\$475,000** in settlement of the above-entitled matter.
3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to obtain a stipulated judgment pursuant to the terms of the settlement (Federal Rule of Civil Procedure, Rule 54/Cal. Code Civ. Proc. Sec. 664.6, or other similar law).
4. AUTHORIZE the Controller's Office to transfer **\$475,000** as a loan or advance from the Reserve Fund to the Unappropriated Balance and appropriate therefrom to the Liability Claims Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009798 - Miscellaneous Liability Payouts, to Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009792 - Police Liability Payouts, to be repaid with the proceeds of a judgment obligation bond issuance.
5. Authorize the City Attorney to draw five demands from Liability Claims Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009792 - Police Liability Payouts as follows:
 - a. \$215,000 to Alexandroff Law Group and Luisa Bonilla
 - b. \$215,000 to Alexandroff Law Group and Benjamin Hernandez Sotelo
 - c. \$25,000 to Alexandroff Law Group and Lessly Rios
 - d. \$10,000 to Alexandroff Law Group and Luisa Bonilla as parent of Alisson Sotelo, a minor
 - e. \$10,000 to Alexandroff Law Group and Luisa Bonilla as parent of Victor Sotelo, a minor
6. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to make necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the CAO; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

This matter was recommended for approval by the Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee (Blumenfield – Rodriguez – McOsler – Park: "Yes") at its meeting held on September 11, 2024, in Closed Session as permitted by Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

PRESENTED BY _____

BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY _____

MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilmember, 7th District

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MOTION

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1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney’s Office to expend up to **\$500,000** in settlement of the above-entitled matter.
2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer **\$500,000** from the Liability Claims Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009798 – Miscellaneous Liability Payouts, to Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009792, Police Liability Payouts.
3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to draw a demand from Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009792, Police Liability Payouts, as follows: Wisner Baum LLP Client Trust Account in the amount of **\$500,000**.
4. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to make necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

This matter was recommended for approval by the Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee (Blumenfield – Rodriguez – McOsker – Park: “Yes”) at its meeting held on September 11, 2024, in Closed Session as permitted by Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

PRESENTED BY _____

BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY _____

MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilmember, 7th District

MOTION

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1. FIND that based on facts presented by the City Attorney and recommendations by the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the City Legislative Analyst, the settlement is in the best interests of the City.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney’s Office to expend up to **\$1,500,000** in settlement of the above-entitled matter.
3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to obtain a stipulated judgment pursuant to the terms of the settlement (Federal Rule of Civil Procedure, Rule 54/Cal. Code Civ. Proc. Sec. 664.6, or other similar law).
4. AUTHORIZE the Controller's Office to transfer **\$1,500,000** as a loan or advance from the Reserve Fund to the Unappropriated Balance and appropriate therefrom to the Liability Claims Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009798 - Miscellaneous Liability Payouts, to Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009792 - Police Liability Payouts, to be repaid with the proceeds of a judgment obligation bond issuance.
5. Authorize the City Attorney to draw a demand from Liability Claims Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009792 - Police Liability Payouts as follows: Baker, Burton & Lundy, APC, Client Trust Account and Patricia Hill in the amount of **\$1,500,000**
6. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to make necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the CAO; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

This matter was recommended for approval by the Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee (Blumenfield – Rodriguez – McOsker – Park: “Yes”) at its meeting held on September 11, 2024, in Closed Session as permitted by Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

PRESENTED BY _____

BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY _____

MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilmember, 7th District