

Council Meeting of
September 27, 2010

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

Subject: Finance - Approve in concept the association between the City of Torrance and the law firm of Colantuono & Levin, PC in matters related to the Sipple et al. v. City of Alameda, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC 462270

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Finance Director that Council approve in concept the association between the City of Torrance and the law firm of Colantuono & Levin, PC in matters related to the Sipple et al. v. City of Alameda, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC 462270.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

In July 2011, the City of Torrance along with various other cities and counties in the State of California entered into a lawsuit regarding refunding of Utility Users' Tax. With the large number of cities and counties involved, a Client Relations Committee was created with the City of Torrance appointed as the Treasurer to the Committee.

The Finance Director of the City of Torrance will act as the Committee's Treasurer. The cities and counties involved have sent the Treasurer funds based on a percentage of the amounts they have at stake. These monies have been placed in a special account for expenses related to the lawsuit. The Committee has also retained the services of the law firm of Colantuono & Levin, PC in matters related to the above mentioned case.

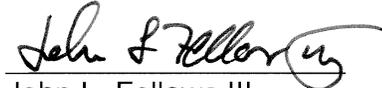
Your approval tonight, will give the Client Relations Committee's Treasurer the authority to make payments, as invoiced, to the law firm of Colantuono & Levin, PC and any other vendors retained in matters related to the above case, upon approval by the Committee. Funds to make payments are from the monies received from the cities in this lawsuit and are not City of Torrance funds with the exception of Torrance's pro rata share.

Respectfully submitted,

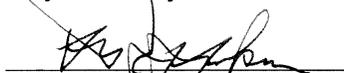


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CONCUR:



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