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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

## RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to authorize the City Manager to execute the Fourth Amendment to Contract No. 27905 with the law firm of Richards, Watson & Gershon in the matter entitled, Shell Chemical Company, et al. vs. County of Los Angeles, et al. Case Nos. CV-00-1917 MRP (MANx); CV-00-1938 MRP (MANx); CV-00-6420 MRP (MANx)

## DISCUSSION

The City Council is requested to authorize the City Manager to execute a Fourth Amendment to Contract No. 27905 with the law firm of Richards, Watson & Gershon to increase the total amount of the contract by an additional \$100,000.00. The firm has been authorized to represent the City in the above-captioned litigation. The increase in the contract is necessary in order that the legal interests of the City in this litigation are properly served.

## SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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