



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

### City of Anaheim OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 15, 2022  
**FROM:** OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY  
**SUBJECT:** PUBLICATION OF FINAL INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

**ATTACHMENT (Y/N):** NO **ITEM #** 03

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council, by Motion, confirm and provide direction to the JL Group, Judge Clay Smith, and City staff to make public upon receipt by the City (1) the final report resulting from the independent investigation and audit regarding campaign contributions and city contracts, regardless of whether any additional addenda or work to the report is subsequently requested, and (2) in the event City Council or staff request addenda or work in addition to the final report, any additional requested addenda or work product.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

On August 9, 2022, the City Council approved the selection of JL Group, LLC to conduct an independent investigation/audit regarding former Mayor Harry Sidhu's and the City Council's campaign contributions and potentially related contracts and agreements along with an evaluation of staff's involvement, if any, and whether any serial communications/meetings in violation of the Brown Act occurred in the context of the facts alleged in the federal investigation. The Council also approved the selection of the Honorable Clay Smith, retired judge, of Judicate West to serve as the neutral to administer and oversee the investigation.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

On October 25, 2022, the JL Group and Judge Smith provided an update to the Council regarding the status of the investigation. At the November 1, 2022, Councilmember Moreno agenda'd an action item to confirm that the investigation report be made public whenever it is completed or received, estimated to be March or April 2023.

#### **IMPACT ON BUDGET:**

This item will have no impact on the budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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