MEMORANDUM FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY CONCERNING A CLOSED SESSION BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Kristi J. Smith, Interim City Attorney

SUBJECT: Closed Session - Anticipated Litigation [Government Code §54956.9(d)(4)]

[1] Case(s) Anticipated

A closed session will be held on March 16, 2021, for the purpose of conferring with and/or receiving advice from your legal counsel concerning anticipated litigation. Based upon existing facts and circumstances and the advice of its legal counsel, the City Council is meeting only to decide whether to initiate litigation. [Gov't. Code §54956.9(d)(4)]

If the City Council authorizes the City Attorney to defend, or seek or refrain from seeking appellate review or relief, this determination shall reported in open session at the public meeting during which the closed session is held. If the City Council authorizes initiation or intervention, such authorization shall also be reported and the public advised that the action, defendants and other particulars will be disclosed upon request after the action is formally commenced. [Gov't. Code §54957.1(a)(2)]

If the City Council accepts a settlement offer signed by the opposing party, the substance of the settlement and its acceptance shall be reported at the public meeting during which the closed session is held. [Gov't. Code §54957.1(a)(3)(A)]

Any disclosures shall include the vote or abstention of each member.

Dated: February 24, 2021

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