

**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: James Johnson, City Attorney

SUBJECT: Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
[Government Code §54956.9]

Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of
Section 54956.9 (Deciding Whether to Initiate Litigation). Number of
Potential Case(s): one

A closed session will be held on August 25, 2026, for the purpose of conferring with and/or receiving advice from your legal counsel concerning whether to initiate litigation. Based on existing facts and circumstances and the advice of its legal counsel, the City Council has decided to initiate or is deciding whether to initiate litigation. *[Government 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 be 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 may be disclosed upon request after the action is formally commenced. *[Government Code § 54957.1(a)(2)]*.

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

Dated: August 13, 2026

Prepared By: James Johnson
City Attorney