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CITY OF LOS ANGELES

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

LA ALLIANCE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS,
et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a Municipal
entity, et al.,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:20-cv-02291 DOC (KES)

Honorable David O. Carter,
United States District Judge

**DEFENDANT CITY OF LOS
ANGELES'S OBJECTION TO
MINUTE ORDER REGARDING
NOVEMBER 11, 2025 STATUS
CONFERENCE AND HEARING
(DKT. 1075)**

Action Filed: March 10, 2020

1 On November 12, 2025, the Court held a hearing regarding the City of Los
2 Angeles's latest quarterly report and other issues. At that hearing, the City of Los
3 Angeles was represented by its outside attorneys at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, as
4 well as a Deputy City Attorney. During the hearing, the Court repeatedly referred to
5 attorneys from Gibson Dunn as "the City Attorney" and "Acting City Attorneys." On
6 multiple occasions, counsel for the City corrected the Court on the record and clarified
7 that they were neither the City Attorney of the City of Los Angeles nor Acting City
8 Attorneys, but were outside counsel for the City in this case. Following the hearing, the
9 Court issued a minute order that again referred to Gibson Dunn as "Acting City
10 Attorneys." Dkt. 1075 at 2.

11 The City of Los Angeles and Gibson Dunn again object to the Court's continued
12 and inaccurate references to Gibson Dunn as the "City Attorney" or "Acting City
13 Attorney." The City Attorney for the City of Los Angeles is an elected officer of the
14 City of Los Angeles, set forth in the City Charter. *See* L.A. City Charter § 409
15 ("Vacancies in the offices of Mayor, City Attorney, Controller and members of the City
16 Council shall be filled by appointment or election in the manner set forth in this
17 section."). The "Acting City Attorney" is a position defined in the Los Angeles
18 Administrative Code as an "assistant or deputy" appointed by the City Attorney "who
19 shall become the acting incumbent in case of any vacancy in such office." L.A. Admin.
20 Code § 20.22. Any appointment of an Acting City Attorney must be made "by the City
21 Attorney . . . in writing filed with the City Clerk." *Id.* Separately, under the City
22 Charter, the City Attorney "may contract with attorneys outside of the City Attorney's
23 Office to assist the City Attorney in providing legal services to that department." L.A.
24 City Charter § 275.

25 As demonstrated in the contracts between the City of Los Angeles and Gibson
26 Dunn that the Court required the City to file, Gibson Dunn has been retained as "Outside
27 Counsel" for the specific purpose of "assist[ing] the City Attorney in providing legal
28 representation for the City" in this specific case. Dkt. 1073-1 at 3, § 1. Neither Gibson

1 Dunn as a firm, nor any of the attorneys associated with Gibson Dunn who have
2 appeared in this case on behalf of the City of Los Angeles, are the City Attorney or
3 “Acting City Attorneys.”

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5 DATED: November 14, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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