

# Council Agenda Bill

**AB Number**

AB25-112

## Agenda Bill Information

**Title\***

Authorization for continued legal services with K&L Gates

**Action\***

Motion

**Council Agenda Section**

Committee Report

**Council Meeting Date\***

12/08/2025

**Staff Member**

Dena Burke

**Department\***

Legal

**Committee**

Finance and Administration

**Committee Date**

12/02/2025

**Exhibits**

Packet Attachments - if any

x1 K&L Gates Engagement Letter 6.5.2023.pdf

411.27KB

x2 AB 24-073.pdf

914.17KB

## Summary

**Introduction\***

Brief summary.

The City entered into an engagement letter with K&L Gates on June 6, 2023, for legal services related to fee -to -trust, fee -for -service, and other legal matters.

The initial approved amount was for \$50,000. On June 24, 2024 Council approved an additional \$80,000 (AB 24-073) for continued legal representation. The City has exceeded the previously approved \$80,000 spending threshold and seeks Council approval for an additional \$16,178.53 for services already rendered.

**Proposed Motion**

Move to approve an additional \$16,178.53 for legal services already rendered with K&L Gates

**Background/Overview\***

What was done (legislative history, previous actions, ability to hyperlink)

The City collaborates and negotiate with the Tribe on several matters, including the below items.

-Casino Impact Mitigation Fund

-Fee for Service Agreement

-Fee to Trust Issues

Additionally, there are other legal matters involving Tribal Law. Tribal Law is complex and nuanced, requiring the expertise of outside counsel. It is an area of specialization and expertise that some attorney's choose to focus on entirely for their career.

The City Attorney has worked to reduce outside counsel costs involving K&L Gates. For example, in 2024 the City spent \$93,893.84. In 2025, the City spent \$27,008.99.

**Analysis\***

Due to the complex and nuanced nature of Tribal Law, it is recommended to authorize an additional \$16,178.53 for the legal representation K&L Gates provided. These funds will cover negotiated and advocated matters mentioned above, which protect the City's interests.

**Budgetary Status\***

This is an extra-budget expenditure.

**Budget Summary**

**Fiscal Impact**

Amount of Expenditure	Amount Budgeted	Appropriation Requested
\$16,178.53		

**Fiscal Impact Screenshot**

**Administrative Departments Services (#001)**

2025-26 Biennial Budget	
Beginning Budget	\$ 4,374,673
Expenditures	\$ (2,097,622)
Outstanding Contract Value	\$ (61,998)
Current Available Budget	\$ 2,215,052
Cost of AB25-112	\$ (68,195)
Available Budget after AB25-112	\$ 2,146,857