



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** January 28, 2020

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** City Attorney's Office

**SUBJECT:** Authorization For Legal Services With Slaughter, Reagan & Cole, LLP For Special Counsel Services

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council:

- A. Authorize the City Attorney to execute a legal services agreement with Slaughter, Reagan & Cole, LLP, for special counsel services regarding *Flightline Restaurant, LLC, et al. v. City of Santa Barbara*, SBSC Case Number 19CV06555, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000; and
- B. Approve an increase in appropriations in the Airport Operating Fund in the amount of \$250,000, to be funded from Airport Operating Fund reserves, to secure the legal services agreement with Slaughter, Reagan & Cole, LLP.

### DISCUSSION:

This case requires litigation support levels that we cannot sustain in-house given our other litigation. Given the potential financial exposure to the City, retention of outside counsel is warranted and necessary.

### BUDGETARY IMPACTS:

The cost for legal support for this case will be paid from new appropriations of Airport Department Operating Reserves.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Ariel Pierre Calonne, City Attorney

**APPROVED BY:** Ariel Pierre Calonne, City Attorney

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office