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Council Agenda, # S-408, Waiver of Attorney-Client Privilege Related to Vinson & Elkins Most Current Investigation

City Attorney Michael Aguirre wants the City Council today to compel Vinson & Elkins (V & E) to present to them material from V & E's latest investigation of the City's financial disclosure practices before the law firm provides its findings to federal authorities. While urging the City Council to waive the attorney-client privilege in relation to this matter, the City Attorney is advising the Council to stay their waiver until V & E makes a presentation to them. The City Attorney is concerned that once the privilege is waived, V & E will bypass the City Council and go directly to federal authorities with their information.

To date the City has paid V & E close to \$4 million for their investigations.

"Council members have the right to see what V & E has uncovered with this latest in \$2 million in taxpayer money," said City Attorney Michael Aguirre.

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