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Re: Your March 28, 2022, Special Meeting Agenda Item 9, "Discussion and Possible Approval of Amendment of Contract for Legal Services with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley to Increase "Not to Exceed" Amount"

You may want to be clear in the contract about who if anyone has the authority to direct [Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley] to do work under your contract.

The County of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission, of which you know I am a member, and for which I am not speaking/writing here, may have fallen short in that regard. Holly Whatley once (just once, as far as I know) prepared a memo at the request of the commission's co-chairs, who did not ask the commission for authorization. As far as I know, the co-chairs did not have authority to direct her to prepare the memo or to authorize the expenditure of resources involved.

- David Holtzman

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