

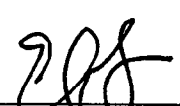


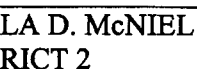
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TO: Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Councilman Roland Gutierrez, District 3
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SUBJECT: Creation of Council Committee on Spending and Trust
DATE: June 16, 2005

I respectfully ask for your concurrence in requesting that staff bring forward an ordinance establishing a City Council oversight committee that reviews litigation and provides internal review for items associated with litigation settlements and risk management claims. The Council Oversight on Spending and Trust committee or COST, will promote the public trust in government by Increasing accountability through expenditure oversight; Increasing transparency in government by bringing cash settlements into the public domain earlier on in the settlement process (to the extent they do not violate the attorney client privilege), and set limits on attorneys fees for claims under certain criteria; Assuring that risk management claims will be scrutinized on a case by case basis and therefore will boost the awareness of preventative measures and promote the use of best practices models Citywide; and by increasing effective oversight through claims auditing.

Finally, the COST committee remains consistent with the pledge of effective, efficient and transparent government where the expenditure of tax dollars are at stake. Your favorable consideration is appreciated.


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