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HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL  
Oakland, California

**Subject: Ronald Ross v. City of Oakland, et al.**  
**Case No. No. 14-800-MEJ**  
City Attorney File No. X04015, (Oakland Police Department-  
Wrongful Conviction)

President Reid and Members of the City Council:

Pursuant to Section 401 of the Charter, the City Attorney has prepared and requests your approval of a resolution authorizing compromise and settlement of the above-entitled claim for the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$300,000.00), payable to Ronald Ross.

This action arises out of a lawsuit filed by Mr. Ross against the City and an individual Oakland Police Department officer alleging he was wrongfully convicted of attempted murder.

The Council authorized settlement of this case in Closed Session on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 moved by Councilmember Rebecca Kaplan and seconded by Councilmember Noel Gallo - 7 Ayes, 1 No – Councilmember Desley Brooks.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barbara J. Parker'.  
BARBARA J. PARKER  
City Attorney

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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CASE OF RONALD ROSS V. CITY OF OAKLAND, ET AL., UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CASE NO. 14-800-MEJ, CITY ATTORNEY'S FILE NO. X04015, IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$300,000.00) (OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT/WRONGFUL CONVICTION)**

**WHEREAS**, Plaintiff Ronald Ross alleges that he was wrongfully convicted of attempted murder in 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, Plaintiff Ronald Ross's conviction was vacated in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, On February 21, 2014, Ronald Ross filed a complaint in federal court for damages against the City for misconduct and civil rights violations; and

**WHEREAS**, without admitting fault or wrongdoing, the City has determined to compromise and settle Plaintiff Ronald Ross's claims against it for the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$300,000.00); now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Attorney is authorized and directed to compromise and settle the case of Ronald Ross v. City of Oakland, et al., United States District Court Case No. 14-800-MEJ, City Attorney's File No. X04015, for a sum not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$300,000.00) payable by the City of Oakland; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Attorney is further authorized and directed to take whatever steps necessary to effect said settlement; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$300,000.00) be made payable to Ronald Ross.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California