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October 20, 2015

HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

Oakland, California

Re: **Ulla Steingruber v. City of Oakland, et al.**
Alameda County Superior Court No. RG14-746584
City Attorney File No. 30155
(Oakland Police Department – Motor Vehicle Accident)


President Gibson McElhaney 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 total sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$9,500.00) payable Ulla Steingruber.

This action arises out of the above-referenced action, in which Oakland Police Department Evidence Technician James McNeal failed to yield the right of way and struck Plaintiff Ulla Steingruber's vehicle as she proceeded through the intersection on a green light on May 1, 2014.

The Council authorized settlement of this case in Closed Session on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 (moved by Councilmember Desley Brooks and seconded by Councilmember Rebecca Kaplan – 7 Ayes, 1 Absent, Councilmember Gibson McElhaney).

Respectfully submitted,


for BARBARA J. PARKER
City Attorney

Attorney assigned:
Arlene M. Rosen

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Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CASE OF ULLA STEINGRUBER V. CITY OF OAKLAND, ET AL., ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. RG14-746584, CITY ATTORNEY'S FILE NO. 30155 IN THE AMOUNT OF NINE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$9,500.00) (OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT – MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT)

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2014, plaintiff Ulla Steingruber was driving eastbound on Foothill Boulevard at 106th Avenue when a City employee driving an Oakland Police Department vehicle in the opposite direction made a left turn and struck plaintiff's approaching vehicle, resulting in injury to plaintiff and damage to her vehicle; and

WHEREAS, a responding Oakland Police Department officer cited the City employee for failure to yield the right of way; and

WHEREAS, Ulla Steingruber filed Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG14-746584 against the City of Oakland, et al. seeking compensation for her damages; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Attorney is authorized and directed to compromise and settle the case of Ulla Steingruber v. City of Oakland, et al., Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG14-746584, City Attorney's File No. 30155, for the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$9,500.00), and be it

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

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$9,500.00) be paid to Ulla Steingruber.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California