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HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL – CONSENT CALENDAR Oakland, California

**Subject: Lawrence Williams v. City of Oakland
Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG07351261
City Attorney File No. 26035 (PWA)**

President De La Fuente and Members of the City Council:

Pursuant to §401 of the Charter, the City Attorney has prepared a resolution and requests your approval of same, authorizing compromise and settlement of the above-entitled action in the total sum of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000), payable to plaintiff Lawrence Williams and Bruce T.H. Burke, Esq., his attorney.

The lawsuit claims personal injury due to a dangerous condition, arising from a street sign falling onto Mr. Williams at 2219 24th Avenue in Oakland. The settlement is recommended as a compromise of this matter and to avoid a potentially adverse jury verdict.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Russo".


JOHN A. RUSSO
City Attorney

Attorney Assigned:
Rachel Wagner
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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE
CITY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE
CASE OF LAWRENCE WILLIAMS V. CITY OF
OAKLAND, ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
CASE NO. RG07351261 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,000.00
(Public Works Agency)**

WHEREAS: Mr. Williams claims a dangerous condition of public property caused a street sign to fall and injure him on April 29, 2007,

WHEREAS: Settlement is recommended as a compromise of this matter and to avoid a potentially adverse jury verdict.

RESOLVED: That the City Attorney is authorized and directed to compromise and settle the case of Lawrence Williams v. City of Oakland, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG07351261, City Attorney's File No. 26035, for a sum not to exceed a total amount of Nine Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$9,000.00), payable by the City of Oakland.

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

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the sum of Nine Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$9,000.00), be paid to Lawrence Williams and Bruce T.H. Burke, his attorney.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID and
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

Attest: _____

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California

Date of Attestation: _____