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HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
Oakland, California

Subject: Arjuna Twombly v. City of Oakland, and DOES 1 through 50
Case No. 24CV060264
City Attorney File No. 36093
(Department of Transportation – Dangerous Condition)

President Jenkins 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 lawsuit for the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$40,000.00).

Plaintiff Arjuna Twombly alleges that on the evening of October 22, 2022, while riding a bicycle in the bicycle lane on Adeline Street at West Grand Ave., Twombly rode into a downed traffic-signal light that had fallen into the lane, causing Twombly to fall off of the bicycle and fracture the left elbow. Twombly alleges that the downed traffic-signal light was a dangerous condition of public property for which the City is liable. Plaintiff seeks money damages for medical expenses and pain and suffering.

The City Council authorized settlement of this case in Closed Session on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 (moved by Councilmember Ken Houston and seconded by Councilmember Zac Unger - 6 Ayes, 2 Absent – Councilmembers Noel Gallo and Janani Ramachandran).

Respectfully submitted,


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