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May 17, 2005

HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

Oakland, California

Subject: <u>Margaret Morris v.City of Oakland, et al.</u>

Alameda County Superior Court No. 835121-6 Our File No. 21903 - Public Works Agency

Dear President De La Fuente and Members of the City Council:

Pursuant to Section 401 of the Charter, the City Attorney has prepared and recommends settlement of the above-entitled matter arising from a landslide for a total sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00), to be made payable to Margaret Morris and Larry Lulofs, Esq., her attorney.

Plaintiff alleges that her property was damaged by a landslide on February 14, 2000, necessitating slope stabilization repairs. Due to the risk of an adverse jury verdict, settlement is recommended in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00), to be made payable to Margaret Morris and Larry Lulofs, Esq., her attorney. This was not a closed session matter.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. RUSSO City Attorney

Attorney Assigned: Maria Bee

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO C.M.S. OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CASE OF MARGARET MORRIS v. CITY OF OAKLAND, ET AL., ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 835121-6, OUR FILE NO. 21903, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00. THIS CASE INVOLVES CLAIMS OF A LANDSLIDE. (PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY)
RESOLVED: That the City Attorney is authorized and directed to compromise and settle the case of Margaret Morris v. City of Oakland, et al., Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 835121-6, City Attorney's File No. 21903, for a sum not to exceed a total of Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) payable by the City of Oakland to Margaret Morris and Larry Lulofs, Esq., her attorney.
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 Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) be paid to Margaret Morris and Larry Lulofs, Esq., her attorney.
IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,, 2005
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE
NOES-
ABSENT-
ABSTENTION-
ATTEST: LATONDA SIMMONS Interim City Clerk and Interim Clerk of the Council of the City of Oakland, California

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