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HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

Oakland, California

Subject:

Omar Alvarez, AA, a minor, by and through his Guardian

ad Litem, Omar Alvarez, Ruben Ramirez, Sr. and Lillian

Castro v. City of Oakland

United States District Court Case No. C04-5053 CW

Our File No. 24139 - Office of Police Services

Excessive Force – False Arrest

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

Pursuant to Section 401 of the Charter, the City Attorney has prepared a resolution and recommends settlement of the above-entitled matter arising from an incident on November 30, 2004, in which plaintiffs Omar Alvarez and Ruben Ramirez were arrested by OPD officers at the Oakland Coliseum.

Due to the risk of an adverse jury verdict under the circumstances, settlement is recommended in the amount of Fifty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$52,500.00), to be made payable to Omar Alvarez, AA, a minor, by and through his guardian ad litem, Omar Alvarez, Ruben Ramirez, Sr., Lillian Castro and John L. Burris Esq., their attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

/JOHN A. RUSSO City Attorney

Attorney Assigned: Peter Hallifax

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO C.M.S.
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CASE OF OMAR ALVAREZ ET. AL. v. CITY OF OAKLAND, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CASE NO. C04-5053 CW, OUR FILE NO. 24139 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,500. THIS CASE INVOLVES AN ALLEGED USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE AND FALSE ARREST AT THE OAKLAND COLISEUM. (POLICE SERVICES AGENCY)
RESOLVED: That the City Attorney is authorized and directed to compromise and settle the case of <u>Omar Alvarez et al. v. City of Oakland</u> , United States District Court Case No. C04-5053, City Attorney's File No. 24139, for a sum not to exceed a total amount of Fifty-two Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$52,500) payable to Omar Alvarez, AA, a minor by and through Omar Alvarez, his guardian ad litem, Ruben Ramirez, Sr., and Lillian Castro, and John L. Burris, Esq., their attorney.
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 Fifty-two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$52,500) be paid to Omar Alvarez, AA, a minor by and through Omar Alvarez, his guardian ad litem, Ruben Ramirez, Sr., and Lillian Castro, and John L. Burris, Esq., their 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