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HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
Oakland, California

President De La Fuente and Members of the City Council:

Subject: Sharon Stewart v. City of Oakland.
Superior Court Case No. 841695-7
Our Case File No. 20994 (Oakland Police Department)

Pursuant to Section 401 of the Charter, the City Attorney recommends settlement of the above-entitled matter arising out of the sexual relationship between plaintiff and a police officer, from 1998 through 1992. Plaintiff claims that the relationship was coerced.

Due to the costs of defense and risk of an adverse jury verdict, settlement is recommended in the amount of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00), payable to the Law Offices of Sandra Springs, on behalf of plaintiff, and the Law Offices of James Chanin, her attorneys of record.

The matter was heard in closed session on December 21, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John A. Russo".

JOHN A. RUSSO
City Attorney

Attorney Assigned:
Rachel Wagner

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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CASE OF SHARON STEWART V. CITY OF OAKLAND, NORTHERN DISTRICT COURT NO. 03 5800 (CRB), OUR FILE NO. 23245, A POLICE CONDUCT CASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,000.00 (POLICE DEPARTMENT). MS. STEWART ALLEGES THAT A SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HER AND A POLICE OFFICER WAS COERCED FROM NOVEMBER 1998 THROUGH DECEMBER 2002.

WHEREAS, Ms. Sharon Stewart alleges that from November 1998 through December 27, 2002, she was coerced into a nonconsensual sexual relationship with an Oakland Police Officer, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Attorney is authorized and directed to compromise and settle the case of Sharon Stewart v. City of Oakland, City Attorney's File No. 23245, for a sum not to exceed a total of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$175,000.00), to be made payable to the Law Offices of Sandra Springs, on behalf of Ms. Stewart, and the Law Offices of James Chanin, her attorneys of record; 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 One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$175,000.00) be made payable to the Law Offices of Sandra Springs, on behalf of Ms. Stewart, and the Law Offices of James Chanin, her attorneys of record .

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____
CEDA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California