


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CASE OF TEKESTE GHEBRESLASIE V. CITY OF OAKLAND, RACHELLE LOUISE STEPHENS AND DOES 1-20, INCLUSIVE, ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. RG18929921, CITY ATTORNEY'S FILE NO. 32645, IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$500,000.00) (HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY – CAR ACCIDENT/PERSONAL INJURY)

WHEREAS, Plaintiff alleges that City employee Rachelle Stephens rear ended Plaintiff's car which resulted in (1) a permanent spinal injury that causes ongoing neck and back pain and (2) a traumatic brain injury that resulted in cognitive deficits; and

WHEREAS, medical professionals continue to treat Plaintiff for back pain, neck pain, and post-concussion syndrome with headaches and fatigue; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff alleges these injuries and symptoms prevent Plaintiff from working fulltime which results in lost wages; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff filed *Tekeste Ghebreslasie v. City of Oakland, Rachelle Louise Stephens, et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG18929921 against the City of Oakland and Rachelle Stephens alleging negligence and claiming damages for injuries allegedly sustained in the accident; and

WHEREAS, without admitting fault or wrongdoing, the City has determined to compromise Plaintiff's claim for the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and no Cents (\$500,000.00); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Attorney is authorized and directed to compromise and settle the case of *Tekeste Ghebreslasie v. City of Oakland, Rachelle Louise Stephens, et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG18929921, City Attorney's File No. 32645 for the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and no Cents (\$500,000.00); and be it

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

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –
ABSENT –
ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California