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December 16, 2003

HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

Oakland, California

President De La Fuente and Members of the City Council:

Subject: Gilbert Edwards, et al. v. City of Oakland, et al.

United States District Court Case No. C 01 3858 CRB

Our Matter No. 21394 (Police Services)

Pursuant to Section 401 of the Charter, the City Attorney recommends settlement of the above-entitled matter arising out of an incident on October 24, 2000 wherein it is alleged that officers of the Oakland Police Department used excessive force against the plaintiffs.

Due to the risk of an adverse jury verdict under the circumstances, settlement is recommended in the total amount of One-Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be paid by the City of Oakland. The proposed settlement is to be made payable to Gilbert Edwards and Benjamin Haywood and John Burris, Esq., their attorney.

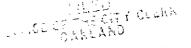
Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. RUSSO City Attorney

Attorney Assigned: James F. Hodgkins

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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 GILBERT EDWARDS, ET AL. v. CITY OF OAKLAND, ET AL., UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CASE NO. C01-3858 CRB, OUR FILE NO. 21394, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000.00 AS A RESULT OF EXCESS FORCE.

**RESOLVED:** That the City Attorney is authorized and directed to compromise and settle the case of Gilbert Edwards, et al. v. City of Oakland, et al., United States District Court Case No. C01 3858 CRB, City Attorney's File No. 21394, for a sum not to exceed a total of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$35,000.00) payable by the City of Oakland to Gilbert Edwards and Benjamin Haywood and John Burris, Esq., their attorney of record.

**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 Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$35,000.00) be paid to Gilbert Edwards and Benjamin Haywood and John Burris, Esq., their attorney of record.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,, 20	003
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:	
AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUA	AN, 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

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