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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 89469 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 Rachele 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, Rachele Louise Stephens, et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG18929921 against the City of Oakland and Rachele 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, Rachele 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, **NOV 1 2022**

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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NOES -
ABSENT -
ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:



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