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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 90915 C.M.S.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CASE OF SAMUEL MELTON V. CITY OF OAKLAND, KALEO ALBINO, DARREN ALLISON, AND DOES 1-5, U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA CASE NO. 3:24-CV-07783-JCS, CITY ATTORNEY FILE NO. 37117, IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$80,000.00) (OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT – PROPERTY CONFISCATION)**

**WHEREAS**, Plaintiff Samuel R. Melton (“Melton”) alleges that on January 3, 2024, the Oakland Police Department (“OPD”) hauled and disposed of Melton’s boat without notice and due process; and

**WHEREAS**, Melton’s boat was anchored in the Oakland Estuary for a lengthy period of time, and appeared to be inoperable and/or abandoned. OPD provided a notice for abatement and subsequently hauled and destroyed the boat; and

**WHEREAS**, Melton claims the boat was operable and not abandoned, and that the notice to abate that OPD provided was confusing and not compliant with governing law; and

**WHEREAS**, Melton claims as damages the value of the boat, personal effects, emotional distress, and attorneys’ fees and costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has considered all the evidence, litigation costs, and litigation risks in the case and determined to pay \$80,000.00 to settle Melton’s claims, without admitting any wrongdoing or liability; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** that the City Attorney is authorized and directed to compromise and settle *Samuel Melton v. City of Oakland, et al.*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California Case No. 3:24-CV-07783-JCS, City Attorney File No. 37117, for the sum of \$80,000.00; and be it

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

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

OCT 21 2025

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, ~~FIFE~~, ~~GALLO~~, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND  
PRESIDENT JENKINS - 6

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

2 Excused - Fife, Gallo

ATTEST:



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