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HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
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Subject: **Marleen L. Sacks and Alameda County Taxpayers' Association v. City of Oakland, Oakland Police Commission, John Alden, Ed Reiskin, Libby Shaaf and DOES 1-5**
Case No. RG20078708
City Attorney File No. X05206
(Public Records and Challenge to Police Commission Contracts – Police Commission)

President Pro Tempore Gallo and Members of the City Council:

Pursuant to Section 401 of the Charter, the City Attorney has prepared and requests your approval of a resolution authorizing compromise and settlement of the above-entitled lawsuit for the monetary sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents ($250.000.00) payable to Plaintiffs/Petitioners Marleen L. Sacks and Alameda County Taxpayers' Association in a manner specified by Plaintiffs' counsel.

In addition to the monetary settlement to reimburse Plaintiffs' attorneys' fees and costs, the settlement of the lawsuit includes the following terms:

- The City shall conduct training annually for all department liaisons to review the obligations under the PRA (Public Records Act) and Sunshine ACT;
- The City shall provide written training materials and post those training materials on the City's website;
- The training materials shall be presented to Petitioners for review within 60 days of the final execution of the settlement agreement;
- The training materials shall include/reference the new administrative directive (AI 106) and shall include instructions on searching for responsive documents and instructions for closing PRA requests;
- The parties have compromised and made modifications to Administrative Instruction 106 as referenced in the settlement agreement

The City determined settlement as described above, without admitting liability and to avoid further litigation, is in the best interest of the City.

The City Council authorized settlement of this case in Closed Session on Thursday, January 23, 2025 (moved by Councilmember Janani Ramachandran and seconded by Councilmember Zac Unger - 5 Ayes, 1 Abstention – Councilmember Ken Houston, 2 Absent – Councilmember Carroll Fife and Council President Kevin Jenkins (serving as Mayor pursuant to Charter Section 303).

Respectfully submitted,

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