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HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL  
Oakland, California

**Subject: Natalie Williams v. City of Oakland, Oakland Police Department, Salvador Gonzalez, and Does 1-100 inclusive  
Case No. 23CV043994  
City Attorney File No. 35192  
(Oakland Police Department – Vehicle Collision)**

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 sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$60,000.00), payable to Natalie Williams and attorneys at The Law Collective, APLC.

This action arises from an auto accident on September 16, 2021, at the intersection of 98<sup>th</sup> Avenue and MacArthur Boulevard, in which on-duty Oakland Police Department Officer Salvador Gonzalez rear-ended Plaintiff Natalie Williams' ("Williams") vehicle at low speed while it was stopped at a red-light. Williams claims injuries including a concussion, neck and shoulder injuries, and emotional distress. Williams seeks recovery for medical bills, vehicle repair expenses and pain and suffering from the accident.

The Council has determined that settlement in the amount of \$60,000.00, 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, March 20, 2025 (moved by Councilmember Ken Houston and seconded by Councilmember Rowena Brown - 6 Ayes, 2 Absent – Councilmember Janani Ramachandran and Council President Kevin Jenkins (serving as Mayor pursuant to Charter Section 303)).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Assigned Attorney:  
Courtney O'Brien