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May 21, 2013

HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL Oakland, California

> Subject: <u>Vernesta Johnson, et al., v. City of Oakland</u> United States District Court Case No. C12-01725 City Attorney File No. 28811 (OPD – Civil rights/Wrongful death)

President Kernighan 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 action for the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00), payable to plaintiffs Vernesta Johnson and Rubina Munaf, as the Guardian Ad Litem of S.M., and their attorney of record, Law Offices of John L. Burris.

This action arises out of a September 25, 2011incident in which Arthur Raleigh was fatally shot during a foot chase and physical confrontation with an Oakland Police Officer. Settlement of this matter is recommended to avoid the risk of a more adverse jury verdict. This matter was heard in closed session on May 7, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA PARKER City Attorney

Attorney assigned: William E. Simmons

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RESOLUTION NO. _____C.M.S.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CASE OF VERNESTA JOHNSON, ET AL. v. CITY OF OAKLAND, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CASE NO. C12-01725 LB, CITY ATTORNEY'S FILE NO. 28811, IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$50,000.00) (OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT-CIVIL RIGHTS/WRONGFUL DEATH)

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2011 Plaintiff's decedent was fatally shot in a confrontation with an Oakland Police Officer, and

WHEREAS, the Plaintiffs filed the above entitled lawsuit seeking damages for said injuries, and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has determined that settlement in this amount, without an admission of liability, is in the best interest of the City; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the City Attorney is authorized and directed to settle the matter of <u>Vernesta Johnson, et al. v. City of Oakland, et.al.</u>, United States District Court Case No. C12-01725, City Attorney File No. 28811, for the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) payable to plaintiffs Vernesta Johnson and Rubina Munaf, as the Guardian Ad Litem of S.M., and their attorney of record, Law Offices of John L. Burris.

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Attomey is further authorized and directed to take whatever steps as may be necessary to effect said settlement; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) be made payable to plaintiffs Vernesta Johnson and Rubina Munaf, as the Guardian Ad Litem of S.M., and their attorney of record, Law Offices of John L. Burris.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,	, 20
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:	
AYES -	
NOES -	
ABSENT -	
ABSTENTION -	TTEST

LATONDA SIMMONS City Clerk and Clerk of the Council