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June 2, 2015

## HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL Oakland, California

## Subject: <u>Elizabeth Paloma Gonzalez v. City of Oakland</u> Alameda Superior Court Case No. RG13677698 City Attorney File No. 29273 (Oakland Public Works –Trip and Fall)

President McElhaney 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 claim for the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars and no Cents (\$8,500.00), payable to Elizabeth Paloma Gonzalez and Barry D. Ammon, her attorney of record.

This action arises out of a trip and fall that occurred on July 9, 2012. Plaintiff tripped and fell on a City sidewalk at the curb of 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue and International Boulevard. She sprained her ankle and suffered a hairline fracture of her ankle, requiring medical treatment.

This City Council authorized settlement of this case in Closed Session on Tuesday, June 2, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA J. PARKER City Attorney

Attorney assigned: Tracy Chriss



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Approved as to Form and Legality

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No.

C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CASE OF ELIZABETH PALOMA GONZALEZ V. CITY OF OAKLAND, ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. RG13677698, CITY ATTORNEY'S FILE NO. 29273, IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$8,500.00) (OAKLAND PUBLIC WORKS – TRIP AND FALL)

**WHEREAS,** Elizabeth Paloma Gonzalez claims to have suffered personal injuries when she tripped and fell on a City sidewalk at the curb near 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue and International Boulevard in the City of Oakland on July 9, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gonzalez filed Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG13677698 against the City of Oakland on May 1, 2013 alleging dangerous condition of public property; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has determined that settlement in the amount of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$8,500.00), 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 compromise and settle the case of <u>Elizabeth Paloma Gonzalez v. City of Oakland</u>, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG13677698, City Attorney's File No. 29273, for the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$8,500.00); and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Attorney is further authorized and directed to take whatever steps necessary to effect said settlement; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$8,500.00) be made payable to Elizabeth Paloma Gonzalez and Barry D. Ammon, her attorney of record.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT ---

**ABSTENTION -**

ATTEST:

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