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HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL Oakland, California

Subject:

City of Oakland v. Monsanto Company, Solutia Inc., Pharmacia

Corporation and DOES 1-100 USDC Case No. 15-CV-05152-EJD City Attorney File No. X04184

(Public Works Department – Public Nuisance)

President Kaplan 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 ratifying compromise and settlement of the above-entitled lawsuit by payment to the City of the sum of Seven Million Two Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$7,222,424.00).

The former Monsanto Company manufactured a class of industrial chemicals called polychlorinated biphenyls ("PCBs") between the 1930s and 1977. The City of Oakland asserted various claims against defendant for alleged PCB-related environmental impairments to water bodies. The City alleged that PCBs are present at sites and public properties, including in stormwater, stormwater systems, water bodies, sediment, natural resources, fish and wildlife. The City sought compensatory damages, injunctive and equitable relief.

The Council ratified settlement of this case in Closed Session on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 (moved by Councilmember Loren Taylor and seconded by Councilmember Sheng Thao -7 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Kalb).

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA J. PARKER

City Attorney

Assigned Attorney: Maria Bee Outside Counsel – Baron and Budd