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HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
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**Subject: Darwin BondGraham and Ali Winston v. City of Oakland,
Oakland Police Department and Susan Manheimer
Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG20071657
City Attorney File No. X05171
(Police Department – Public Records Act)**

President Fortunato Bas 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 attorneys' fees and costs in the above-entitled case for the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand, Two Hundred Four Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$125,204.50), payable to The Meade Firm.

This action arises out of a suit alleging that the City of Oakland and Oakland Police Department violated the California Public Records Act, Government Code section 6250 et seq., and the Oakland Sunshine Ordinance sections 2.20.010 et seq., in failing to promptly produce Oakland Police Department records under the Public Records Act and Senate Bill 1421. The Court entered an Order, on April 2, 2021, and a Writ of Mandate, on April 13, 2021, granting the Petition and ordering the City and Police Department to produce all responsive records at two week-intervals within six months. The court did not address disputes over redactions of certain records, which disputes remain pending before the court.

A requestor who prevails in a Public Records Act suit is entitled to costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, Government Code section 6259(d).

The Council authorized settlement of this case in Closed Session on Thursday, April 29, 2021 (moved by Councilmember Gallo and seconded by Councilmember Kaplan - 7 Ayes, 1 Absent – Councilmember Kalb).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara J. Parker".

BARBARA J. PARKER
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