

# CITY OF OAKLAND



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HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL  
Oakland, California

**Subject: State Farm General Insurance Company v. City of Oakland**  
**Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 24CV071246**  
**City Attorney File No. 36146**  
**(Department of Public Works – Dangerous Condition)**

President Jenkins 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 Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00).

Plaintiff State Farm General Insurance Company claims that during a period of heavy rain and wind, a City-maintained tree fell on private property located at 1950 Mountain Boulevard, damaging an HVAC system, roof, and ceilings. State Farm's insured made a claim, which it paid. State Farm seeks to recover what it paid under a theory of dangerous condition of public property.

The City has determined that settlement in the amount of \$30,000.00, without admitting fault or liability and to avoid further litigation, is in the City's best interest.

The City Council authorized settlement of this case in Closed Session on Tuesday, January 20, 2025 (moved by Councilmember Ken Houston and seconded by Councilmember Noel Gallo - 7 Ayes, 1 Excused – Councilmember Carroll Fife).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ryan J. Richardson".

RYAN J. RICHARDSON  
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Assigned Attorney:  
Courtney O'Brien