

CITY OF OAKLAND



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HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
Oakland, California

Subject: Tom O’Neill, Mabel Paige v. City of Oakland, a municipal corporation, Nakiah M. Ward, Does 1 to 50
Alameda County Superior Court Case Nos. 23CV035142, 23CV035146
City Attorney File Nos. 35480, 35480-1
(Department of Transportation – Dangerous Condition of Public Property)

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 One Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$100,000.00).

This case arises out of an accident on March 30, 2022, at the intersection of High Street and Watling Street, where a vehicle struck Plaintiffs Tom O’Neill and Mabel Paige, two 57-year-old OUSD employees, as they walked across High Street in a marked crosswalk. O’Neill suffered two broken legs, a fractured kneecap, and a broken pelvis. Paige suffered a broken knee, a broken shoulder, and the loss of several teeth. OUSD filed a complaint in intervention in the case asserting a right to reimbursement for expenses it previously paid in the form of workers’ compensation benefits.

The Council has determined that settlement in the amount of \$100,000.00, without admitting liability and to avoid further litigation, is in the best interest of the City.

The City Council authorized settlement of this case in Closed Session on Thursday, March 5, 2026 (moved by Councilmember Ken Houston and seconded by Councilmember Rowena Brown – 7 Ayes, 1 Excused – Councilmember Noel Gallo).

Respectfully submitted,

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

RYAN RICHARDSON
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