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HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL  
Oakland, California

**Subject: Susan Sanchez, as successor in interest to Kenneth Sanchez, deceased  
v. City of Oakland, a public entity; Does 1 through 50, inclusive  
Case No. 23CV038366  
City Attorney File No. 35641  
(Department of Transportation – 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 One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$130,000.00).

This case arises from a motorcycle accident on June 30, 2022, at the intersection of West Grand Avenue and Poplar Street where Plaintiff Kenneth Sanchez alleges they encountered a pothole. Sanchez claimed physical injuries, economic damages, and pain and suffering. Kenneth Sanchez subsequently passed away due to unrelated causes, and Susan Sanchez was substituted in as plaintiff.

The Council has determined that settlement in the amount of \$130,000.00, without admitting liability and to avoid further litigation, is in the best interest of the City.

The Council authorized settlement of this case in Closed Session on May 8, 2025 (moved by Councilmember Rebecca Kaplan and seconded by Councilmember Carroll Fife – 5 Ayes, 3 Excused – Council President Kevin Jenkins (serving as Mayor pursuant to Charter Section 303), Councilmembers Ken Houston and Janani Ramachandran.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Assigned Attorney:  
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