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**HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL**

RE: **Jill Babcock, Marguerite Maddox, and Ashley Jacobson v State of Michigan, County of Wayne, City of Detroit, and Detroit-Wayne Joint Bldg. Auth.**

**United States District Court No. 22-12951**

**File No. L22-02265 (JDN)**

We have reviewed the above-captioned lawsuit, the facts and particulars of which are set forth in a confidential memorandum that is being separately hand-delivered to each member of Your Honorable Body. From this review, it is our considered opinion that a settlement in the amount of **Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$75,000.00)** and the performance of non-monetary actions, is in the best interest of the City of Detroit.

We, therefore, request authorization to settle this matter in the amount of the **Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$75,000.00)** and the performance of certain non-monetary actions, in full payment and consideration for any and all claims which were or may have been brought against City of Detroit in Case No. 22-12951 filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, and that said amount be paid upon receipt of properly executed Settlement Agreement and Order of Dismissal in Case No. 22-12951 approved by the Law Department.

Respectfully,

James D. Noseda  
Deputy Corporation Counsel

Approved:

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Conrad L. Mallett  
Corporation Counsel

## RESOLUTION

BY COUNCIL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_:

**RESOLVED**, that settlement of the above matter be and is hereby authorized in the amount **Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$75,000.00), and the non-monetary actions described herein**, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Finance Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant upon the proper account in favor of: **The Estate of Jill Babcock , Marguerite Maddox, and Ashley Jacobson** and their attorneys, **Abdnour Weiker, LLP**, in the amount of **Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$75,000.00)** , in full payment for all claims which were or may have been brought against City of Detroit in Case No. 22-12951 filed in the United States District Court, and that said amount be paid upon receipt of properly executed Settlement Agreement and Order of Dismissal in Case No. 22-12951 approved by the Law Department, and the performance of the following actions: Within 12 Months of entry of the stipulated voluntary dismissal order in Case No. 22-12951, the City of Detroit shall:

**1. Training**

- Ensure that a communication is or has been provided to staff of the 36<sup>th</sup> District Court who interact with potential jury members reminding them that citizens with disabilities are permitted to participate on juries when called as potential jurors.

**2. Jefferson Avenue Curb Cut**

- If both the City's and the Plaintiffs' experts agree further remediation is needed to the Jefferson Avenue curb cut leading to the south facing entrance of Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, the City will make the required and agreed upon remediations to that curb cut.

**3. Madison Avenue Curb Cut**

- If both the City's and the Plaintiffs' experts agree the ADA requires a curb cut at the Madison Avenue drop off zone for the 36<sup>th</sup> District Court, the City will make the required remediation pursuant to the ADA's requirements.

**4. Rosa Parks Transit Center**

- Will have at least two (2) entrances to the Rosa Parks Transit Center open and accessible during operational hours -- the existing entrance to the Bus Embarkation Area on Park Place, and one other existing entrance facing either Cass Avenue or Times Square.

**5. City Council Meeting Room**

- Will position video monitors in the Detroit City Council Committee of Whole Room to be more visible to visitors attending meetings.
- Will designate a wheelchair accessible viewing space to accommodate individuals requiring the use of wheelchairs.
- Will provide closed captioning during City Council meetings for individuals with hearing impairments.
- Will ensure that a person is present to open the City Council meeting room door for disabled individuals that require assistance accessing the meeting room.
- Will provide visual/hearing assistance technology to disabled individuals attending City Council meetings.

**6. CRIO Office**

- The door to the Civil Rights Inclusion and Opportunity Department's (CRIO) entrance door will be made more accessible using an ADA compliant doorknob. The City will explore other options to make the CRIO office more accessible and implement those options deemed feasible considering the needs of the community and the costs of implementation.

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**7. Voting Locations**

- The City will provide handicap accessible voting machines at Marguerite Maddox's voting location and at the Detroit Department of Elections' Grand Boulevard voting location.

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**8. Skywalk**

- The City will cooperate with any policy changes implemented by Detroit Wayne Joint Building Authority (DWJBA) regarding the Skywalk entrance to the CAYMC. The City cannot guarantee that additional security screening will not be required for these individuals pursuant to the security policies and procedures of the DWJBA and its security contractor.

**9. Access Keycards to Accessible Toilet Rooms on 5, 7, 9, and 12**

- In addition to the DWJBA policy of making the keycards available to members of the public, City will make such keycards available to members of the public with disabilities attending public meetings in the CAYMC 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium and the Committee of The Whole Meeting Room.

**APPROVED:**

Conrad L. Mallett  
Corporation Counsel

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
James D. Noseda  
Deputy Corporation Counsel

Approved by City Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_