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**HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL**

RE: Hill, Lavone v City of Detroit, Walter Bates, Frasier Adams, et al.  
Case No: 25-10280  
File No: L25-00076

We have reviewed the above-captioned lawsuit, the facts and particulars of which are set forth in a confidential memorandum that is attached. From this review, it is our considered opinion that a settlement in the amount of **Four Million and No/100 Dollars (\$4,000,000)** is in the best interest of the City of Detroit.

We, therefore, request authorization to settle this matter in the amount of **Four Million and No/100 Dollars (\$4,000,000)** and that you direct the Finance Director to issue a draft in that amount payable to **Lavone Hill and his attorneys, Akeel & Valentine, PLC**, to be delivered upon receipt of properly executed Releases and Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 25-10280, approved by the Law Department.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jerry L. Ashford

**Jerry L. Ashford**  
Chief of Litigation

**APPROVED:**

**CONRAD MALLETT**  
Corporation Counsel

BY: /s/ James D. Nosedo  
**James D. Nosedo**  
Deputy Corporation Counsel

Attachments

**PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION**

**R E S O L U T I O N**

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

**RESOLVED**, that settlement of the above matter be and is hereby authorized in the amount of **Four Million and No/100 Dollars (\$4,000,000)**; 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 **Lavone Hill and his attorney, Akeel & Valentine, PLC**, in the amount of **Four Million and No/100 Dollars (\$4,000,000)** in full payment for any and all claims which Lavone Hill may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained on or about September 8, 2001, and otherwise set forth in Case No. 25-10280, that said amount be paid upon receipt of properly executed Releases, Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 25-10280 and, where deemed necessary by the Law Department.

**APPROVED:**

CONRAD MALLETT  
Corporation Counsel

BY: /s/Jerry L. Ashford  
**Jerry L. Ashford**  
Chief of Litigation

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

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