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HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

**RE: MARCUS ALSTON, ANTJUAN HARDY, ANTONIEO HARDY AND LESTER
JONES V COD, ET AL.
CASE NO: 21-11944
FILE NO: L21-00755**

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 **THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND and No/100 Dollars (\$350,000)** is in the best interest of the City of Detroit.

We, therefore, request authorization to settle this matter in the amount of **THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND and No/100 Dollars (\$350,000)** and that you direct the Finance Director to issue a draft in that amount payable to **MARCUS ALSTON, ANTJUAN HARDY, ANTONIEO HARDY and LESTER JONES and THEIR attorneys, LAW OFFICES OF J.L. HAWKINS, PLLC, AND KELLER & AVADENKA, PC** to be delivered upon receipt of properly executed Releases and Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 21-11944, approved by the Law Department.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Alfred A. Ashu

Alfred A. Ashu
Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVED:

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

Attachments

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 **THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND and No/100 Dollars (\$350,000)**; 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 **MARCUS ALSTON, ANTJUAN HARDY, ANTONIEO HARDY and LESTER JONES and THEIR attorneys, LAW OFFICES OF J.L. HAWKINS, PLLC, AND KELLER & AVADENKA, PC** in the amount of **THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND and No/100 Dollars (\$350,000)** in full payment for any and all claims which **MARCUS ALSTON, ANTJUAN HARDY, ANTONIEO HARDY and LESTER JONES** may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained on or about **August 1, 2021**, and otherwise set forth in Case No. 21-11944, that said amount be paid upon receipt of properly executed Releases, Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 21-11944 and, where deemed necessary by the Law Department a properly executed Medicare/CMS Final Demand Letter.

APPROVED:
CONRAD MALLET
Corporation Counsel

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

Approved by City Council: _____

Approved by the Mayor: _____