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### HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

RE: Andre Ratcliff v City of Detroit, et al.  
Case No: 19-13458 (USDC)  
File No: L19-00893 (MLA)

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 **One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents (\$195,000.00)** is in the best interest of the City of Detroit.

We, therefore, request authorization to settle this matter in the amount of **One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents (\$195,000.00)** and that Your Honorable Body direct the Finance Director to issue a draft in that amount payable to Andre Ratcliff and his attorney, Christopher Trainor & Associates, to be delivered upon receipt of properly executed Releases and Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No.19-13458 (USDC), approved by the Law Department.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael L. Auten  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

**APPROVED:**  
CHARLES N. RAIMI  
Interim Corporation Counsel

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 **One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents (\$195,000.00)**; 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 Andre Ratcliff and his attorney, Cohen, Lerner, & Ravinovitz in the amount of **One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand and <sup>NO</sup>/Cents (\$195,000.00)** in full payment for any and all claims which Andre Ratcliff may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained on or about August 9, 2018, and otherwise set forth in Case No.19-13458 (USDC), that said amount be paid upon receipt of properly executed Releases, Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 19-13458 (USDC) and, where deemed necessary by the Law Department a properly executed Medicare/CMS Final Demand Letter.

**APPROVED:**  
CHARLES N. RAIMI  
Interim Corporation Counsel

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

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