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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 (CBO)**

On May 17, 2022, Your Honorable Body adopted a resolution to settle and make payment in the above captioned lawsuit. The settlement proceeds have not yet been paid to Andre Ratcliff and his attorney, Christopher Trainor & Associates, because a review found that the Resolution listed the wrong law firm. Specifically, the Resolution listed Cohen, Lerner & Ravinovitz as the law firm instead of Christopher Trainor & Associates.

We, therefore, recommend that the Resolution be **rescinded** and request that a new resolution be adopted authorizing settlement in the amount of **ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$195,000.00)** payable to **ANDRE RATCLIFF and his attorney, CHRISTOPHER TRAINOR & ASSOCIATES**, with Case Number **19-13458**.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Crystal B. Olmstead*

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**APPROVED:**  
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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 the resolution adopted on May 17, 2022, which authorized settlement the matter of in matter of Andre Ratcliff v City of Detroit, et al. Case No: 19-13458 (USDC) in the amount of **ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$195,000.00)** be **RESCINDED**; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that a new resolution be adopted authorizing settlement in the matter of Andre Ratcliff v City of Detroit, et al.19-13458 (USDC) and be it further,

**RESOLVED**, that 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, CHRISTOPHER TRAINOR & ASSOCIATES**, in the amount of **ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$195,000.00)** to 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:**  
Conrad Mallett  
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Approved by City Council: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved by the Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_