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**HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL**

RE: Payne, Lakenya and Lakenya Payne as Next Friend of Christian Sumpter  
Case No: 21-006937-NF  
File No:L21-00517 PMC

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 **Forty Thousand Dollars and NO/Cents (\$40,000.00)** in favor of Lakenya Payne and in the amount of **Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and NO/Cents (\$7,500.00) in favor of Lakenya Payne as Next Friend of Christian Sumpter** is in the best interest of the City of Detroit.

We, therefore, request authorization to settle this matter in the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars and NO/Cents (\$40,000.00) in favor of Lakenya Payne and in the amount of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and NO/Cents (\$7,500.00) in favor of Lakenya Payne as Next Friend of Christian Sumpter and that Your Honorable Body direct the Finance Director to issue drafts in those amounts payable to Lakenya Payne and Lakenya Payne as Next Friend of Christian Sumpter and their attorney, Vahdat Weisman, PLC, to be delivered upon receipt of properly executed Releases and Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No.21-006937-NF, approved by the Law Department.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patrick M Cunningham  
Supervising Assistant Corporation Counsel

**APPROVED:**  
CONRAD MALLET  
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 **Forty Thousand Dollars and NO/Cents (\$40,000.00) in favor of Lakenya Payne and in the amount of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and NO/Cents (\$7,500.00) in favor of Lakenya Payne as Next Friend of Christian Sumpter**; 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 Lakenya Payne and her attorney, Vahdat Weisman, PLC, in the amount of **Forty Thousand Dollars and NO/Cents (\$40,000.00)** and in favor of Lakenya Payne as Next Friend of Christian Sumpter and her attorney, Vahdat Weisman, PLC, in the amount of **Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and NO/Cents (\$7,500.00)** in full payment for any and all claims which Lakenya Payne may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained on or about November 22, 2020, and otherwise set forth in Case No.21-006937-NF, that said amount be paid upon receipt of properly executed Releases, Stipulation and Order of Dismissal entered in Lawsuit No. 21-006937-NF 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: \_\_\_\_\_

