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February 23, 2007

To the Honorable Common Council  
of the City of Milwaukee  
Room 205 - City Hall

Re: Communication from Attorney Laurie Eggert, Eggert & Cermele  
for legal fees for Police Officer Jose Lopez III  
C.I. Claim File No. 04-S-98; EC No. 2010 (03-66)

Dear Council Members:


Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie A. Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Jose Lopez III. The claim is in the amount of \$622.33, including \$6.33 in disbursements for 5.60 hours of service billed at the rate of \$110.00 per hour. We ask that this matter be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation.

We have reviewed this claim and advise that in our opinion, the time spent was reasonable. Legal representation was occasioned by the filing of a citizen's complaint against the officer with the Fire and Police Commission. The complaint was dismissed by the Commission.

As we have advised you under similar circumstances in the past, the Common Council has discretion to reject this claim or to pay it in whole or in part. Wis. Stat. § 895.35, *Bablitch and Bablitch v. Lincoln County*, 82 Wis. 2d 574 (1978).

Very truly yours,

  
GRANT F. LANGLEY  
City Attorney

  
JAN A. SMOKOWICZ  
Assistant City Attorney

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March 23, 2004

Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt  
Milwaukee City Clerk  
800 City Hall  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

**RE: Citizen Complaint of Mr. Vladimir Mateo-Ramirez  
Against PO Jose Lopez III  
Complaint No.: 03-66  
Date of Incident: September 9, 2003  
EC No.: 2010**

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

The above-named police officer has retained us to represent him in connection with the above-referenced matter.

Consistent with its policy, the City Attorney's Office has refused to represent him, and as he was performing the duties of his office at the time of the events giving rise to the incident, the claim is hereby made on his behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved an arrest for traffic citations. The Fire and Police Commission dismissed the complaint. Attached is a copy of the dismissal notice and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Sincerely,

EGGERT & CERMELE, S.C.

*Laurie A. Eggert*  
Laurie A. Eggert  
Attorney at Law

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BOARD OF  
FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS : CITY OF MILWAUKEE : COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

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In Re:  
THE CHARGES OF VLADIMIR MATEO-RAMIREZ  
AGAINST JOSE LOPEZ III

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

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To Officer Jose Lopez:

It is hereby ordered that the Complaint of Vladimir Mateo-Ramirez, Complaint No. 03-66, filed with the Board on September 25, 2003, is dismissed because the Complaint has been successfully conciliated, by the

MILWAUKEE BOARD OF  
FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

ERIC MANDEL JOHNSON,  
CHAIRMAN

BY:



DAVID L. HEARD  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATED AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, MARCH 10, 2004.

✓c: Attorney Laurie Eggert

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Against PO Jose Lopez III  
FPC No: 03-66  
Date of Incident: September 9, 2003  
Location of Incident: 15th and Becher  
Professional services

	<u>Hours</u>
12/1/2003 Open file; conference with client; CCAP regarding incident and complainant; memo to file; correspondence to MPD Open Records; correspondence to FPC.	1.20
12/6/2003 Review of correspondence from FPC.	0.10
1/14/2004 Telephone call to FPC; review of file; memo to file.	0.30
1/27/2004 Telephone call from FPC; CCAP update regarding citations; memo to file; correspondence to complainant.	0.40
1/30/2004 Review of correspondence from FPC; correspondence to client.	0.20
2/3/2004 Review of file; telephone call to FPC; check on commitment and arrest warrant regarding complainant.	0.70
2/4/2004 Telephone call to and from FPC; memo to file.	0.20
2/6/2004 Review of file.	0.10
2/9/2004 Preparation for and appearance at conciliation; conference with client; memo to file; travel.	1.70

	<u>Hours</u>	
3/5/2004 Telephone call from FPC; memo to file.	0.10	
3/11/2004 Review documents from MPD Open Records; review of correspondence from FPC; telephone call to MPD Open Records; correspondence to client; close file.	0.60	
		<u>Amount</u>
For professional services rendered	5.60	\$616.00
Additional charges:		
2/9/2004 Parking		2.00
3/11/2004 MPD Open Records request		4.33
Total costs		<u>\$6.33</u>
Total amount of this bill		<u>\$622.33</u>
Balance due		<u><u>\$622.33</u></u>

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

APRIL 12, 2004

TO: P.O. JOSE LOPEZ III  
DISTRICT: TWO

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of  
Attorney

Attorney Laurie Eggert has made a claim with the City, indicating the attached was provided with legal services arising out of one of the following situations:

- 1) An incident occurring on SEPTEMBER 9, 2003
- 2) A citizen's complaint made by VLADIMIR MATEO-RAMIREZ
- 3) A police shooting incident occurring on N/A

Is this information correct?

YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

Did you receive legal representation  
in this matter?

YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print your name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Jose A Lopez III*  
Jose A. Lopez III

Upon completion, please return this memorandum to the Internal Affairs Division at the Police Academy (Room 325) as soon as possible.

*St. Settingsgaard*  
KJS  
Steven M. Settingsgaard  
INSPECTOR OF POLICE  
Internal Affairs Division

SMS:kjs