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

Re: *Claims of Michelle A. Brown (formerly MacDonald)  
and Earl M. Cosey, Jr.*

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed is a resolution recommending settlement of the above-referenced matter. We ask that the resolution be referred to the appropriate committee for review.

This case stems from events which occurred in February, 2005. The plaintiffs were purportedly harassed and unlawfully detained by former Officer Ala Awadallah, who was convicted of federal criminal civil rights violations regarding the same events. We have conducted significant discovery and other work regarding this matter, and we also mediated the case before a United States Magistrate Judge. Pursuant to the mediation process, we recommend settlement of all claims, along with all related attorneys fees and costs, for the total amount of \$75,000.00. As noted above, we have enclosed an appropriate resolution, along with a fiscal note, for your reference.

Very truly yours,

  
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