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

RE: Resolution Authorizing Settlement in the lawsuit entitled
Regina Barken v. Michael Sarenac, et al.
Case No.: 22-CV-783

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution to approve a settlement for \$385,000.00 to settle the claims raised by Regina Barken in the lawsuit *Regina Barken v. Michael Sarenac, et al.*, U.S. District Court Case No. 22-CV-783, as well as a fiscal impact statement.

Plaintiff has alleged Fourth Amendment violations involving Ms. Barken's arrest and detention on the night/morning of June 4-5, 2020. The parties have extensively litigated this matter in the Eastern District of Wisconsin up to and through the dispositive motions phase. The proposed resolution is within the parameters of settlement authority previously authorized.

Based on the status of these claims, it is the City Attorney's recommendation that the proposed settlement is in the City's best interest. In exchange for the settlement, Ms. Barken will execute a settlement agreement and general release of all claims arising out of her lawsuit.

We request that this matter be assigned for a hearing in an open session before the Judiciary and Legislative Committee in order to act.

Very truly yours,

A blue ink signature of Evan C. Goyke, written in a cursive style.

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/s/ Naomi E. Sanders

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Enclosures

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