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

Re:

Resolution Authorizing Settlement of the Lawsuit Entitled

Nelly Hernandez et al. v. City of Milwaukee et al.

Case No. 23-CV-3779

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution to approve a settlement for \$300,000.00 to settle the claims raised by Nelly Hernandez and Manuel Munoz in the lawsuit Nelly Hernandez et al. v. City of Milwaukee et al., Milwaukee County Circuit Court Case No. 23-CV-3779, as well as a fiscal impact statement.

Plaintiffs allege that, on or about August 3, 2020, plaintiff Nelly Hernandez was traveling southbound on Highway 175 near Canal Street in the City of Milwaukee, and that, at the same time and place, defendant Paul Tremaine was operating a City of Milwaukee truck when the two vehicles collided via Mr. Tremaine hitting the rear end of Ms. Hernandez's vehicle. Based on current Wisconsin law, challenging liability in circumstances surrounding a rear end collision is extremely difficult. Plaintiffs allege injuries and damages as a result of this accident. Special damages in this case currently total more than \$300,000.00.

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This matter was previously heard and approved of in closed session by the Judiciary and Legislative Committee. We ask that the resolution be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation, with the recommendation that it be approved by the entirety of the Council.

Very truly yours,

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