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

RE:

C.I. File No. 1032-2022-1554

Communications from Attorney Ricardo Estrada on behalf of STERLING JACKSON

Dear Council Members:

Attorney Ricardo Estrada of Sperling Law Offices, LLC, on behalf of his client Sterling Jackson, alleges that Mr. Jackson sustained bodily injuries, as a result of a motor vehicle crash that involved the Milwaukee Police Department on October 4, 2022, at the intersection of W. Villard Avenue and N. Teutonia Avenue.

Attorney Estrada has submitted a damage claim on behalf of his client in the amount of \$83,304.99, for soft tissue injuries including past medical expenses, pain and suffering. Our investigation reveals that on October 4, 2022, Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) was responding to an emergency with lights and siren activated. The flow of traffic at the intersection of northbound N. Teutonia Avenue was moderate to heavy and a non-contact vehicle was in a stopped position in the left lane of southbound travel on N. Teutonia Avenue, while the middle and right lanes of N. Teutonia Avenue had heavy through traffic. Mr. Sterling Jackson, was traveling north on N. Teutonia Avenue and at a high rate of speed when the impact occurred.

MPD was traveling westbound on W. Villard Avenue and approached the intersection when it yielded to multiple vehicles that were traveling northbound on N. Teutonia Avenue, until the intersection was clear. A non-contact vehicle in the right hand lane of travel of northbound N. Teutonia Avenue stopped, in order to yield to MPD while traveling on emergency with its lights and siren activated.

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It is our view that the primary negligence in this collision rests with the claimant driver, Sterling Jackson who was traveling at a high rate of speed. Because Milwaukee Police Department was operating under the privileges set forth in Wis. Stat. § 346.03, the City cannot be held liable and we recommend that the claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

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