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

Re: Proposed Settlement Regarding Claim of Qian L. Collins

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution and fiscal impact statement authorizing payment of the claim of Qian L. Collins in the amount of \$27,500.00. Please introduce the resolution and refer it to the Committee on Judiciary and Legislation for both a closed and open session. We offer the following background and recommendation.

Mr. Collins claims that on two occasions in July 2011 he was improperly stopped by former Milwaukee Police Officer Michael Vagnini and improperly searched by Officer Vagnini's partner. Mr. Collins' claim was not included in the group settlement of such claims recently approved in File No. 151339 due to his not having retained counsel at an earlier time, although the circumstances of his claim were asserted in his testimony in 2012 in a John Doe proceeding concerning criminal allegations pertaining to illegal strip searches and body cavity searches by certain officers. Mr. Collins has not filed suit; however, the claims he could assert are within the applicable limitation period. The City Attorney recommends this settlement as in the best interests of the City at this time.

Very truly yours,

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