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

Re: Proposed Settlement in *Flint v. City of Milwaukee, et al.*  
Case No. 14-C-333

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution. We ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Legislation with the following recommendation.

The above-noted lawsuit brought by Ms. Flint after the search of her commercial property and residence and her ensuing arrest on May 12, 2010. Police executed a search warrant at the property following a sexual assault allegation that also produced evidence that endangered species and numerous dangerous creatures were being kept at the property.

Flint claimed that her federal due process rights were violated when police shot and killed two of her Tibetan mastiffs in the course of executing the search and detained her improperly on felony charges that should have been categorized as misdemeanors and would have entailed a shorter period of initial detention. Flint sued the city, various officers involved in the search and her arrest, and the county and a deputy sheriff involved in processing her on the felony charges.

Following pretrial proceedings and discovery in the suit, the parties all filed motions for summary judgment. The federal district court granted summary judgment to the county defendants, summary judgment to certain of the city officers, but denied summary judgment on a number of Flint's claims against them. On behalf of the individual officers, we filed an interlocutory appeal to the Seventh Circuit.



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The appellate court ordered the parties to participate in mediation of this matter. Flint has agreed to accept \$52,500 in full settlement of all of her remaining claims. Because settlement in this matter is deemed expeditious, we recommend payment of the proposed settlement amount, and have enclosed an appropriate resolution for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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