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September 12, 2019

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

Re: Settlement of the lawsuit entitled *Deron Love v. Rodolfo Gomez Jr.*, Case
Number 14-CV-8608

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed substitute Resolution. We ask that the resolution be referred to the appropriate committee for review with the following recommendation.

Mr. Love has brought the above-noted lawsuit for the violation of his civil rights, claiming in particular that he was deprived of his right to be free from the use of unreasonable force. The incident giving rise to the civil rights claim occurred after Mr. Love had been arrested and prosecuted for reckless homicide for the death of his infant child. During the course of the investigation of the child's death, Mr. Love was interrogated by then-Detective Gomez.

The interrogation was recorded on video and audio. The recording of this interrogation shows Gomez striking Love several times while one of Love's hands was handcuffed to the wall of the interrogation room. During the pendency of this lawsuit, Mr. Gomez was discharged from the police department for his conduct and he subsequently entered a plea in federal court to a criminal charge of violating Mr. Love's civil rights.

Mediation in this lawsuit resulted in a proposal to resolve Mr. Love's claims in the amount of \$100,000. Because settlement of this matter is deemed expeditious to the City of Milwaukee, we recommend payment of this proposed settlement amount, and the



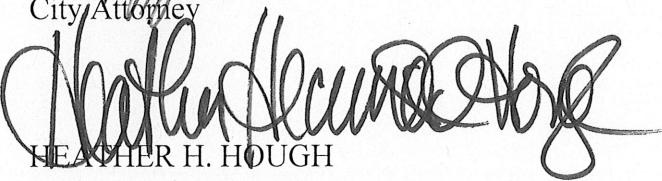
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enclosed proposed substitute resolution reflects this recommendation and is provided for
your convenience.

Very truly yours,



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