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

Re: *Al-Mujaahid v. Bandt et al.*
Case No. 12-C-0484

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed is a proposed resolution and fiscal note authorizing payment of a settlement amount regarding the above-referenced matter. We request that the enclosed documents also be referred to the appropriate committee for review.

Mr. Al-Mujaahid brought suit regarding events which stemmed from a traffic stop, which occurred on or about March 21, 2011. He claims that he was injured as a result, and that he sustained \$28,000 in medical bills. He also claims that he was unlawfully detained after his traffic stop, and that his car was unlawfully searched. Finally, plaintiff claims punitive damages, compensatory damages, and \$20,000 in attorneys fees and costs.

Because of the unpredictability of trial, and the City's risk for exposure to not only compensatory damages, but also to punitive damages and attorney's fees, a modest settlement amount was negotiated during mediation. That amount was \$47,500.00. We

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recommend that this matter be settled for that amount. Consistent with our recommendation, we have enclosed an appropriate resolution for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

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