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To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Milwaukee Room 205 – City Hall PATRICIA A. FRICKER HEIDI WICK SPOERL **GREGG C. HAGOPIAN KATHRYN Z. BLOCK** THOMAS D. MILLER JEREMY R. MCKENZIE PETER J. BLOCK JENNY YUAN ALLISON N. FLANAGAN **HEATHER H. HOUGH** ANDREA J. FOWLER PATRICK J. MCCLAIN **ELLENY B. CHRISTOPOULOS** HANNAH R. JAHN JULIE P. WILSON **GREGORY P. KRUSE** JAMES M. CARROLL **MEIGHAN M. ANGER ALEXANDER R. CARSON** ALEX T. MUELLER ALEXANDER COSSI LISA A. GILMORE NICHOLAS R. SINRAM TAVISS K. SMITH **KATHERINE A. HEADLEY** ANTHONY JACKSON Assistant City Attorneys

Re: Resolution for payment of attorney's fees in *Gomez v. City of Milwaukee, Case No.* 18-CV-3767, and *Gomez v. Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, Case No.* 15-CV-6824

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 below recommendation.

The Common Council recently approved settlement of the above referenced matters in File No. 210983. Subsequently, Mr. Gomez's counsel, Mr. Jon Cermele of Cermele & Matthews, S.C., filed a motion for the payment of reasonable attorney's fees incurred in the same matters. After briefing and argument, the court granted the motion and ordered payment to Cermele & Matthews in the amount of \$9,862.50 by the City of Milwaukee.

The City Attorney recommends that the Common Council approve the payment of \$9,862.50 to Cermle & Matthews, S.C., for the reasons set forth above, and have enclosed an appropriate resolution for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure