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

RE: Resolution authorizing settlement of claims in the lawsuit entitled Fred N. and Leigh W. Tabak et al. v. City of Milwaukee

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a resolution recommending settlement of the above-referenced case, which we ask be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Legislation with the below recommendation.

In the above-referenced lawsuit, Fred and Leigh Tabak claimed the City excessively assessed their residential condominium for tax year 2020. In the pending lawsuit, the Tabaks seek a tax refund of approximately \$8,500 plus interest and costs. The Tabaks also have objected to the 2021 and 2022 assessment of their condominium. Those objections are pending before the Board of Review and future litigation on these objections is imminent.

After reviewing information submitted during the pendency of litigation, the Tabaks and the City Assessor have agreed to settle the Tabaks claims relative to their 2020, 2021, and 2022 assessments for \$13,337.63. Although the City must initially pay the \$13,337.63 in full, following chargebacks from other taxation districts, the City's final outstanding liability will be approximately \$4,000.

In consultation with the City Assessor, the City Attorney now recommends settlement of this matter for the proposed refund, inclusive of all interest and costs. In exchange for this settlement and payment, the Tabaks will stipulate to dismiss

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the case involving their 2020 assessment and to resolve their pending 2021 and 2022 objections.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure