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

Re:

Sallis, et al. v. City of Milwaukee, et al.

Case No. 13-CV-470

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 be referred to the appropriate committee for review.

Mr. Sallis brought suit regarding events which occurred on or about September 17, 2008. He claims that he was injured as a result, and that he sustained \$8,000 in medical bills. He claims that he was unlawfully detained by police officers and that they used excessive force against him during his detention. Plaintiff claims punitive damages, compensatory damages, and 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 \$12,000. We 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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