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

> Proposed Settlement in Jeanine Tracy, et al. v. City of Milwaukee, et al. LA KEISHA W. BUTLER Re:

Case No. 14-C-0578

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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 following recommendation.

The above-noted lawsuit was brought by Jeanine Tracy and she joined the Wisconsin Department of Health Services as an involuntary plaintiff because of certain health care expenses paid by the state. Ms. Tracy was stopped and ultimately arrested by police, including former Police Officer Richard Schoen, on September 22, 2011. Subsequent to her arrest, Ms. Tracy was conveyed to a district station. Ms. Tracy claims that Officer Schoen used excessive force upon her both at the scene of the initial stop and at the district station. Officer Schoen was subsequently discharged from the department.

Following pretrial proceedings and discovery in the suit, the parties participated in mediation of this matter. Subsequent to the mediation, the plaintiffs have agreed to accept \$100,000 in full settlement of all claims. Because settlement in this matter is deemed expeditious, we recommend payment of the proposed settlement amount, and have enclosed an appropriate resolution for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

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