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

Re:

White v. City of Milwaukee, et al.

Case No. 17-CV-1259

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. White claimed that he was subjected to an unlawful search by a police officer, and that other officers observed the unlawful search, but failed to intervene to stop it.

Given the risks associated with trial, the parties engaged in settlement discussions. Mr. White has agreed to settle the entire case for a total of \$24,000, which includes attorney fees and costs.

Because of the unpredictability of a trial, and the City's risk for exposure to not only compensatory damages, but also to punitive damages and additional attorney fees and costs, 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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