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# HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

RE: State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company v. City of Long Beach; Erick Darren Johnson - 07C00395

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation to authorize City Attorney to pay sum of \$9,750.00 in full settlement of lawsuit entitled <u>State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company v.</u> <u>City of Long Beach; Erick Darren Johnson</u>.

## **DISCUSSION**

On May 23, 2006, State Farm's insured Priscilla Summers, and City's Public Works -- Traffic and Transportation vehicle driven by Erick Darren Johnson collided at the intersection of Carson and Bellflower in the City of Long Beach. As a result of the incident, Plaintiff's vehicle sustained major damages and after salvage was written off. After extensive discussion, a tentative settlement of \$9,750 was reached.

The Economic Development and Finance Committee approved the proposed settlement on January 15, 2008.

#### SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

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# RE: Settlement of Lawsuit Entitled Britney Whitfield, a minor and Varione Johnson, a minor v. City of Long Beach, Case No. NC09469

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation to authorize City Attorney to pay sum of \$14,000.00 in full settlement of lawsuit entitled *Britney Whitfield, a minor and Varione Johnson, a minor v. City of Long Beach,* Case No. NC09469.

#### **DISCUSSION**

On January 11, 2006, plaintiffs, two minors, ages 11 and 7, were struck by a third party vehicle while crossing northbound on Termino Avenue at Anaheim Street in Long Beach. The accident occurred just prior to the time that the city-employed crossing guard was scheduled to patrol the intersection. Plaintiffs' medical specials total approximately \$112,000.00. Following settlement discussions with Plaintiffs' counsel, Plaintiffs agreed to accept \$8,500 for Britney Whitfield and \$5,500 for Varione Johnson, for a total settlement of \$14,000. This settlement was approved by the Economic Development and Finance Committee on December 18, 2007.

#### SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

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