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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to authorize City Attorney to pay sum of \$1,450,000 in full settlement of lawsuit entitled *Woods, et al. v. City of Long Beach, et al.*, U.S. Court of Appeals 9th Circuit Case No.16-56545; U.S. District Court Case No.: 2:14-cv-08374-VAP-SP.

DISCUSSION:

Plaintiffs brought an action alleging that Long Beach Police officers used unreasonable force against their son, which resulted in the son's death. A federal jury found the officers liable, and the Court of Appeals affirmed the result.

Following extensive negotiations, plaintiffs agreed to accept \$1,450,000.00 - inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs - as a full, global settlement of this case. The City Attorney presented the proposed settlement to the Economic Development and Finance Committee on July 24, 2018, and the settlement was approved on that date.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney

By:

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