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February 16, 2010

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to authorize City Attorney to pay the sum of \$20,000.00 in full settlement of lawsuit entitled *McDaniel Coley v. City of Long Beach, et al.* (consolidated w/*USAA Casualty Insurance Company v City of Long Beach, et al.*), Case Number NC051971.

## DISCUSSION

This lawsuit arises out of a Long Beach Police Officer, in the course and scope of his employment, running a red light and striking plaintiff's vehicle. The force of the impact resulted in the total loss of plaintiff's Honda Pilot SUV.

Plaintiff's original demand was \$184,000.00. Through mediation the parties were able to reach a tentative settlement agreement of \$20,000.00, subject to City Council approval.

The Economic Development and Finance Committee approved the proposed settlement on February 1, 2010.

#### SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT E. SHANNON, City Attorney

By

ARRY M. Meyers, Deputy

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#### RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to authorize City Attorney to pay the sum of \$12,000.00 in full settlement of lawsuit entitled USAA Casualty Insurance Company v. City of Long Beach, et al..

# **DISCUSSION**

This lawsuit arises out of a Long Beach Police Officer running a red light and striking a vehicle driven by an insured of USAA Casualty Insurance Company. The plaintiff was seeking reimbursement for property damage and medical payments in the amount of \$19, 239.78.

During mediation the parties were able to reach a tentative settlement agreement of \$12,000.00, subject to City Council approval.

The Economic Development and Finance Committee approved the proposed settlement on February 1, 2010.

### SUGGESTED ACTION: .

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

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