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October 2, 2012

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
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RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to authorize the City Attorney to pay the sum of \$ 20,000 in full settlement of the lawsuit entitled *Maria Croucier v City of Long Beach*, Case No.: NC055323

DISCUSSION

On April 20, 2010, Maria Croucier tripped and fell on a City sidewalk near 3848 Gaviota Ave. Plaintiff alleged that late afternoon shadows concealed the uneven portion of the sidewalk.

Croucier sustained a torn Achilles tendon that required a surgical repair, which did not heal properly. She underwent several weeks of wound debridement. Her total medical specials are in the \$140,000 range and she makes a lost earnings claim of approximately \$10,000.

Following settlement discussions, all parties have agreed to settle this matter with the City paying \$ 20,000. The proposed settlement was presented to the Economic Development and Finance Committee on September 4, 2012, and was approved on that date.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT E. SHANNON, City Attorney

By   
Monte H. Machit, Principal Deputy

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