

CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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January 15, 2008

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to sign Property Damage Release from Viking Insurance Company (Viking) and accept prorated share of damage claim. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

On February 21, 2007, a traffic signal controller cabinet was struck and damaged by an insured of Viking. The cabinet was repaired per work order and a claim submitted by the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$2,602.70. Viking subsequently offered to the City a prorated settlement amount of \$2,081.30, or \$521.40 less than the amount claimed.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Lori A. Conway on December 17, 2007, and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on December 18, 2007.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on January 15, 2008, to allow this matter to be settled.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive \$521.40 less than the cost incurred to repair the damage and it would not be cost effective to attempt to recover the remainder. The property damage check of \$2,081.30 will be deposited in the General Fund (GP100) in the Department of Public Works (PW).

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL P. CONWAY

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

MAW:mw:

P\CL\Viking Insurance Settlement

APPROVED:

Sentry Insurance 2405 Front Street NE Salem, OR 97301-0724

503 585-5313 800 547-7830 503 371-4470 Fax

P.O. Box 7138 Salem, OR 97303-0026

November 7, 2007



City of Long Beach Bureau of Traffic & Transportation 333 W. Ocean Blvd. Long Beach, CA. 90803

RE:

Insured

Zairos Garcia Tapia

Claimant

Operations Division 42a121155-K8

Our Claim No. : Date of Loss

02/21/07

Company

Dear Ms. Stiles:

VIKING INSURANCE COMPANY OF WISCONSIN

We have received all the property damage for this claim. As we discussed, the total amount of property damage incurred in the loss exceeds our policy limits of \$10,000.

Our policy limit has been pro-rated as indicated below:

	DEMAND	PRO-RATED SHARE
David Pinhero	\$9902.48	\$7918.70
City of Long Beach	\$2602.70	\$2081.30
Total:		\$10,000

Please sign and return the enclosed releases.

Once we have received all of the releases, we will issue the property damage checks. Thank you for your assistance in resolving these claims.

Sincerely,

VIKING INSURANCE COMPANY OF WISCONSIN

Klim Filest Karen Chesnut

Claim Representative

Enclosure

CLAIM NUMBER: 42A121155-K8

PROPERTY DAMAGE RELEASE (California)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That the Undersigned, being of lawful age, for sole consideration of Two Thousand, eighty-one 30/100 Dollars (\$2081.30) to be paid to City of Long Beach do/does hereby and for my/our/its heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns release, acquit and forever discharge Viking Insurance Company of Wisconsin and Zairos Garcia Tapia and its agents, affiliates, subsidiaries, parent companies, successors, employees, officers, directors and assigns, from any and all claims, actions, causes of action, demands, rights, damages, costs, loss of service, expenses and compensation whatsoever, which the undersigned now has/have or which may hereafter accrue on account of or in any way growing out of any and all known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen property damage and the consequences thereof resulting or to result from the occurrence on or about the 21st day of February, 2007, at or near City of Long Beach, California.

It is understood and agreed that this settlement is the compromise of a doubtful and disputed claim, and that the payment made is not to be construed as an admission of liability on the part of the party or parties hereby released, and that said releases deny liability therefore and intend merely to avoid litigation and buy their peace.

The undersigned further declare(s) and represent(s) that no promise, inducements or agreement not herein expressed has been made to the undersigned, and that this Release contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and that the terms of this Release are contractual and not a mere recital.

FOR YOUR PROTECTION THE CALIFORNIA INSURANCE CODE, SECTION 556.1 REQUIRES THE FOLLOWING TO APPEAR ON THIS FORM.

- (a) It is unlawful to
- 1) Knowingly present to or cause to be presented any false or fraudulent claim for the payment of a loss under a contract of insurance.
- (2) Knowingly file multiple claims for the same loss or injury with more than on insurer with an intent to defraud the insurer.
- (3) Knowingly prepare, make or subscribe any writing, with intent to present or use the same, or to allow it to be presented or used in support of any such claim.
- (b) Every person who violates any provisions of this section is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison, for two, three, or four years, or by fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or by both.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, probation shall not be granted to, nor shall the execution or imposition of a sentence be suspended for, any adult person convicted of a violation of this section who has been previously convicted of violations of this section as an adult under charges separately brought and tried two or more times. The existence of any fact which would make a person ineligible for probation under this subdivision shall be alleged in the information or indictment, and either admitted by the defendant in open court or found to be true by the jury trying the issue of guilt or by the court where guilt is established by pleas of guilty or nolo contendere or by trial by the court sitting without a jury. Except where the existence of such fact was not admitted or found to be true or the court finds that a prior conviction was invalid, the court shall not strike or dismiss any prior convictions alleged in the information or indictment. This subdivision does not prohibit the adjournment of criminal proceedings pursuant to Division 3 (commencing with Section 3000) or Division 6 (commencing with Section 6000) of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS IT.

I/WE HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE THAT THIS IS A FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THIS MATTER AND SHALL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE OUTCOME OF ANY CHALLENGES TO PROPOSITION 213. I/WE FURTHER STATE THAT I/WE ACT ON MY/OUR OWN FREE WILL.

Signed this day of	, 20		
	Beach Representative		
Signed, sealed and delivered this	day of	, 20	
	CAUTION: READ BE	FORE SIGNING BELO	W
Witness	_	[NAME]	LS



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From: RITA STILES

TRAFFIC SIGNAL SECTION 1601 SAN FRANCISCO AVE. LONG BEACH, CA. 90813

PHONE: (562) 570-2768

FAX: (562) 570-2729

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From: City of Long Beach

Bureau of Traffic & Transportation

Operations Division

To: Juan Sanche Date: 5-31-07 Pages:

Company/Agency: Sentry Insurance

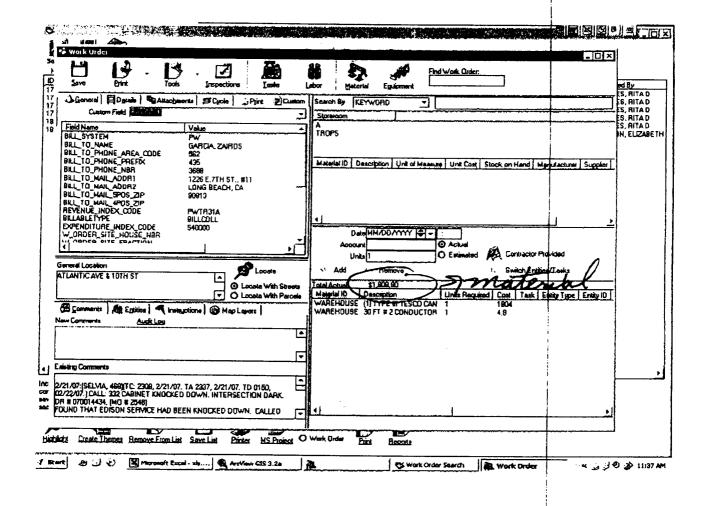
If there any questions or problems with this transmittal, please call me at the above number.

Comments:

\$793.90 Service
\$793.90 Materials
\$1808.80 Materials
\$2602.70

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