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June 22, 2004

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS City of Long Beach California

Re:

Hammond v. City of Long Beach, et al.

U.S.D.C. Case No.: CV 01-06091

Authority Requested to Settle Above Action for \$ 242,500.00

This case arises out of allegations that Long Beach police officers used excessive force during arrest of the plaintiff. After extensive negotiations in conference with a Federal District Court judge, and with concurrence of this office, a settlement in the amount of \$242,500.00 was entered into, subject to City Council approval.

The proposed settlement was presented to the Economic Development and Finance Committee on June 1, 2004, and was approved on that date. We therefore ask authority to pay the sum of \$242,500.00 in full settlement of this lawsuit against the City of Long Beach.

Sincerely,

ROBERT E. SHANNON, City Attorney

BARRY M. MEYERS, Deputy

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