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July 11, 2017

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to authorize City Attorney to pay sum of \$930,500, in full settlement of lawsuit entitled Miguel Vazquez v. City of Long Beach, et al., and \$1,546,500, in full settlement of lawsuit entitled Miguel Contreras v. City of Long Beach, et al.

DISCUSSION:

On November 27, 2010, plaintiffs were arrested and force was used against them during the arrest. Plaintiffs later filed lawsuits alleging that their civil rights were violated.

After a jury trial and extensive post-trial negotiations, the parties reached a tentative settlement of both actions: (1) \$930,500 for the Vazquez matter, including attorney's fees and costs; and, (2) \$1,546,500 for the Contreras matter, including attorney's fees and costs.

The Economic Development and Finance Committee approved the proposed settlements on June 20, 2017.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney

By 

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