

CITY OF CARSON

Legislation Text

Report to Mayor and City Council

Tuesday, March 17, 2020 Consent

SUBJECT:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE MATTER OF MARIA DE LOURDES PEREZ V. CITY OF CARSON, ET AL. (LASC CASE NUMBER 19STCV05819) (CITY COUNCIL)

I. <u>SUMMARY</u>

This report concerns settlement of the litigation in the matter of Maria De Lourdes Perez v. City of Carson, et al. (LASC Case Number 19STCV05819). The plaintiff alleged various knee and ankle injuries resulting from a trip and fall on a raised tree stump in the parkway adjacent to the sidewalk located at 2625 E. Carson Street. The matter was settled on January 24, 2020. The fiscal impact to the City is \$35,000. Staff recommends that the City Council approve the settlement and authorize the City Manager to execute the settlement agreement, and any related documents, to resolve the litigation.

II. <u>RECOMMENDATION</u>

TAKE the following actions:

1. Approve the settlements.

2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the settlement agreements, and any related documents, to resolve the litigation.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

Plaintiff Maria De Lourdes Perez ("Plaintiff") alleges that on April 11, 2018, she tripped and fell on a tree stump that was hidden in a thick patch of grass while walking on the parkway adjacent to the sidewalk located at 2625 E. Carson Street.

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V. FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact to the City is \$35,000.

VI. <u>EXHIBITS</u>

1. Settlement Agreement Between MARIA DE LOURDES PEREZ ("Plaintiff") and Defendant CITY OF CARSON ("Defendant").

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