



SUBJECT TO THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL

COUNCIL FILE NO. 25-0853

COUNCIL DISTRICT _____

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

RE: CASE ENTITLED: Stephen Paper, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24VECV03899

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT SEPTEMBER 29, 2025
(10 Day Charter requirement as per Charter Section 341)

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APPROVED

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*DISAPPROVED

*Transmit objections in writing
pursuant to Charter Section 341

DATE OF MAYOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL 9/16/25

MAYOR

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MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that the Council ADOPT the following recommendations in order to effect settlement in the case entitled Stephen Paper, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24VECV03899. (This matter arises from an automobile accident occurring when a Los Angeles Police Department cruiser hit the Papers' vehicle at an intersection, causing significant injuries), **SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:**

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney's Office to expend up to **\$18,000,000, to be paid out over three years**, in settlement of the above-entitled matter.
2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer **\$8,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2025-26** from the Liability Claims Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009798, Miscellaneous Liability Payouts, to Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009792, Police Liability Payouts.
3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to draw a demand from Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009792, Police Liability Payouts, as follows: Panish Shea Ravipudi LLP, Client Trust Account, in the amount of **\$8,000,000**. Breakdown as follows:
 - a. \$8,000,000 to Panish Shea Ravipudi LLP; Stephen Paper and Richard Paper.
4. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer **\$7,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2026-27, by July 31, 2026**, from the Liability Claims Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009798, Miscellaneous Liability Payouts, to Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009792, Police Liability Payouts.
5. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to draw a demand from Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009792, Police Liability Payouts, as follows: Panish Shea Ravipudi LLP, Client Trust Account, in the amount of **\$7,000,000**. Breakdown as follows:
 - a. \$7,000,000 to Panish Shea Ravipudi LLP; Stephen Paper and Richard Paper.
6. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer **\$3,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2027-28, by July 31, 2027**, from the Liability Claims Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009798, Miscellaneous Liability Payouts, to Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009792, Police Liability Payouts.
7. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to draw a demand from Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009792, Police Liability Payouts, as follows: Panish Shea Ravipudi LLP, Client Trust Account, in the amount of **\$3,000,000**. Breakdown as follows:
 - a. \$3,000,000 to Panish Shea Ravipudi LLP; Stephen Paper and Richard Paper.
8. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to make necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

9. REQUEST the City Attorney to draft a letter of apology on behalf of the Los Angeles Police Department, as requested by the Plaintiffs as part of the settlement.

This Motion was adopted by the City Council at its regular meeting held on September 16, 2025, in Closed Session as permitted by Government Code Section 54956.9(1), by the following vote:

(Yes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Jurado, Lee, Padilla, Raman, Soto-Martinez, Yaroslavsky – 10; No: McOsker, Nazarian, Park – 3; Absent: Price, Rodriguez – 2)

The Budget and Finance Committee waived consideration of this matter.

PRESENTED BY _____
MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Councilmember, 8th District

SECONDED BY _____
EUNISSES HERNANDEZ
Councilmember, 1st District

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