

MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that the Council ADOPT the following recommendations in order to effect settlement in the case entitled Juan Manuel Argomaniz v. City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV14662. (This matter arises from the June 30, 2021, incident in which the Los Angeles Police Department Bomb Squad detonated explosive material.), **SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:**

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney's Office to expend up to **\$150,000** in settlement of the above-entitled matter.
2. AUTHORIZE the Controller's Office to transfer **\$150,000** 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, payable as follows:
 - a. **\$7,500** to Kayla Morales
[to be deposited in a blocked account pursuant to Court order.]
 - b. **\$7,500** to Alex Morales
[to be deposited in a blocked account pursuant to Court order.]
 - c. **\$7,500** to Maria Argomaniz
[as a conservator of Melissa Argomaniz pursuant to Court order.]
 - d. **\$7,500** to Law Office of Kevin B. Sawkins
[attorney's fees on the minors'/disabled adult claims.]
 - e. **\$120,000** to Law Office of Kevin B. Sawkins Attorney Client Trust Account
[settlement proceeds for clients Juan Argomaniz, Maria Argomaniz, Maritza Argomaniz, and Ricardo Morales.]
4. 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.

This matter was recommended for approval by the Budget and Finance Committee (Yaroslavsky – Blumenfield – Hutt – McOsker – Hernandez: "Yes") at a Special meeting held on December 9, 2025, in Closed Session as permitted by Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

PRESENTED BY _____
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SECONDED BY _____
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Councilmember, 3rd District

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