

MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that the Council ADOPT the following recommendations in order to effect settlement in the case entitled James Willis v. City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC717167. (This matter arises from a complaint of retaliation in violation of Labor Code 1102.5 against the City of Los Angeles.), **SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:**

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney’s Office and the Los Angeles Police Department to expend up to **\$1,200,000.00** in settlement of the above-entitled matter.
2. AUTHORIZE the Controller’s Office to transfer \$1,080,000.00 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 demands from the Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009792, Police Liability Payouts, made payable as follows:
 - a. \$508,231.96 to Law Offices of Gregory W. Smith, LLP Client Trust Account and James Willis.
 - b. \$571,768.04 to MetLife Assignment Company, Inc.
4. AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Police Department to draw a demand from Fund No. 100/70, Account No. 001012, Sworn Salaries, payable to James Willis for back wages in the amount of \$120,000.00, subject to all applicable taxes, deductions, and withholdings.
5. 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 (Krekorian – Blumenfield – Rodriguez: “Yes”) at its special meeting held on June 6, 2022, in Closed Session as permitted by Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

PRESENTED BY _____

PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY _____

BOB BLUMENFIELD

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