



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the City Attorney's Office**

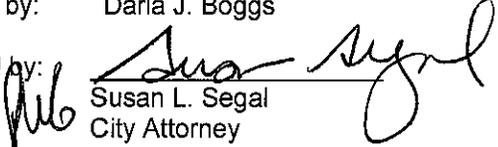
Date: September 21, 2011
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to:

Subject: *Bonita Ruiz v. City of Minneapolis*

Recommendation: That the City Council approves the settlement of this claim by payment of \$4,500.00 payable to Bonita Ruiz and her counsel Jenna C. Ruth of Beltz & Ruth, P.A., from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145400 and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

Previous Directives:

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Approved by: 
Susan L. Segal
City Attorney

Presenter in Committee: Susan L. Segal, City Attorney

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
 Action requires an appropriation increase to the _____ Capital Budget or _____ Operating Budget.
 Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
 Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
 Business Plan: _____ Action is within the plan. _____ Action requires a change to plan.
 Other financial impact (Explain): Fund/Org 06900—1500100-145400
 Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact

City Goal(s): Build Community

Background/Supporting Information

On October 6, 2010, at about 10:38 a.m., Minneapolis Police Sergeant Robert Krebs, while on duty, was driving an unmarked squad car. He stopped in the left lane at a red light at the intersection of Portland Avenue South and Franklin Avenue East. Once the light turned green he began to make a left turn and struck a pedestrian, Bonita Ruiz, who was in the cross walk, crossing with a green light.

Ruiz sustained a contusion to her left knee as a result of the accident and was transported to Hennepin County Medical Center where she was treated and released. Ruiz experienced pain in her left knee and ankle and went through some physical therapy following the accident. She has special damages of approximately \$4,390.00.

Given the facts of this incident, we believe it is in the best interests of the City to resolve this lawsuit. After negotiation, contingent upon your approval, we have reached a proposed settlement of \$4,500.00 for complete satisfaction of all claims in this matter. The appropriate department has been consulted and agrees with this settlement.