CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDU



TO:

Mayor and City Council

FROM:

Michael D. Bernard, City Attorney

SUBJECT:

Settlement in Daniel Olvera et al. v. City of San Antonio, Cause No. 2003-CI-02341

DATE:

December 15, 2005

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This Ordinance authorizes a settlement with Elisa Valderrama, Plaintiff, in the lawsuit styled *Daniel Olvera et al. v. City of San Antonio*, Cause No. 2003-CI-02341 in the amount of \$60,000.00. Staff recommends approval of this Ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On October 4, 2001, a police officer drove his car into the pathway of another vehicle containing four passengers while turning left at an intersection. The front passenger side of a police car was struck by the oncoming vehicle, causing injury to all four Plaintiffs. Plaintiff Elisa Valderrama suffered a serious injury to her knee as a result of this accident and agreed to settle in the amount of \$60,000.00. This will be discussed in executive session on December 15, 2005 prior to Council consideration.

POLICY ANALYSIS

Settlement of the remaining three Plaintiffs' claims in the amount of \$5,000.00, \$9,000.00 and \$15,000.00 will be done administratively since they each do not exceed \$50,000.00.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, \$60,000.00 will be paid to Elisa Valderrama and her attorney from the City's Liability Self Insurance Fund.

COORDINATION

This item was coordinated with the Finance Department and Office of Management and Budget.

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