



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

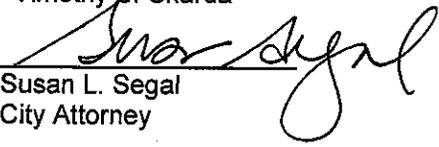
Date: April 17, 2012
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to:

Subject: *Juan Domingo Medina Gonzalez v. City of Minneapolis*
Hennepin County District Court

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the settlement of this case by payment of \$10,000.00 payable to Juan Domingo Medina Gonzalez and Elaraj and Associates, his attorneys, 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. 6900 1500100 145400
 Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact

City Goal(s): A safe place to call home

Background/Supporting Information

This case involves a personal injury suffered by Juan Domingo Medina Gonzalez on July 13, 2009, when he was bitten by a Minneapolis Police canine. Mr. Gonzalez had served a lawsuit alleging negligence. He is a 66 year old resident of Minneapolis.

On July 13, 2009, officers responded to a suspected burglary at a residence with a window propped open and the side door open. A canine unit was assisting the search. The canine was searching the upper floors when the dog heard yelling from the basement. The canine ran to the basement and bit Mr. Gonzalez on the hand. Mr. Gonzalez was a resident of the home who was sleeping in his basement bedroom when he was awakened during the search.

The proposed settlement has been reviewed and approved by the Minneapolis Police Department and the City Attorney Litigation Committee. We believe that the proposed settlement is in the best interests of the City of Minneapolis and recommend approval by this Committee and the City Council.