



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

Date: August 29, 2014
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to:

Subject: *Alicia Joneja v. Officer Heather Sterzinger, Sundiata Bronson and City of Minneapolis*
Court File No.: 13-cv-1403

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the settlement of this case by payment of \$50,000 payable to Alicia Joneja and /her attorney, Andrew Irlbeck, from Fund/Org. 6900 150 1500 145400 and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

Previous Directives:

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Approved by:

[Signature]
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): \$50,000.00 from Fund/Org. 6900 150 1500 145400
- Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact:

Neighborhood Notification
City Goal(s): A City that works.

Background/Supporting Information

Plaintiff Alicia Joneja was taken into custody on June 23, 2012, for disorderly conduct. Joneja alleges excessive force was used upon her. Defendants deny the allegations. After negotiations, a global proposed settlement was reached in the amount of \$50,000. The settlement amount has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney Litigation Committee. Police Administration has also approved the settlement. Therefore, staff recommends approval of the settlement.