

## City of Minneapolis Request for Committee Action

**To:** Ways & Means  
**Date:** 5/23/2016  
**Referral:** N/A  
**From:** City Attorney's Office  
**Lead Staff:** Andrea Naef, Assistant City Attorney  
**Presented by:** Susan L. Segal, City Attorney  
**File Type:** Action  
**Subcategory:** Settlement

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**Subject:**

Settlement of litigation entitled Catrice Lynch v. City of Minneapolis

**Description:**

Approving the settlement of Catrice Lynch v. City of Minneapolis by payment of \$10,000 to Catrice Lynch and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in an amount to be awarded by the Court to her attorneys, and authorizing the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

**Previous Actions:**

N/A

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**Ward/Address:**

Ward 5

**Background/Analysis:**

This lawsuit arises out of an incident that occurred on September 26, 2014, when police officers responded to a call at Plaintiff's residence. Plaintiff then brought suit alleging claims of unlawful search and seizure, excessive force, First Amendment claims, and related claims.

At a Court-ordered settlement conference, a proposed settlement of the lawsuit was negotiated in the amount of \$10,000.00 payable to the Plaintiff, and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in an amount to be awarded by the Court. We believe that this settlement is in the best interests of the City and recommend its approval. The Police Department also supports this proposed settlement.

**Financial Review:**

**No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.**