



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

Date: June 8, 2009  
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Subject: Santos Arroyo-Ramirez v. City of Minneapolis

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the settlement of this case by payment of \$15,000.00, payable to Santos Arroyo-Ramirez and his attorneys, Robichaud & Anderson, from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145400 and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

**Previous Directives:** None.

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City Attorney

Presenter in Committee: Susan L. Segal, City Attorney

**Financial Impact**

- No financial impact
- 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: \$15,000.00 from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145400
- Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

**Community Impact:** Other

### **Background/Supporting Information:**

This matter and subsequent claim arise out of a motor vehicle accident that occurred on February 23, 2007. At that time and place, Santos Arroyo-Ramirez was a passenger in a vehicle westbound on 4<sup>th</sup> Street S.E. At that time and place, Officer Scott Christopher Millenacker was driving Minneapolis Police Squad 211 northbound on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue S.E. According to responding Minneapolis Police officer Robert Glasrud's Accident Report, Officer Millenacker failed to come to a complete stop at the applicable stop sign for traffic on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue S.E. Officer Glasrud also noted "Failure To Yield Right Of Way" on the part of the City employee as the sole cause of the t-bone intersection collision between the involved vehicles.

As a result of the crash, twenty-five year-old Santos Arroyo-Ramirez sustained chronic neck, left shoulder and back injuries and in excess of \$19,291.38, in treatment expenses. He now encounters great difficulty standing for extended periods and repetitive arm movements. These are tasks regularly required of him as a bakery worker. He also is now unable to participate in social and recreational activities that he enjoyed previously.

Following extensive negotiations we have reached a tentative settlement of Mr. Arroyo-Ramirez's bodily injury claim against the City in the amount of \$15,000.00. This proposed settlement has been discussed with the Police Department and they are in agreement with the terms. We believe that the settlement is in the best interests of the City and recommend approval by this Committee.

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