



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

Date: January 27, 2011  
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee  
Referral to:

**Subject:** Ricardo Ortega Barranco v. City of Minneapolis  
Claim

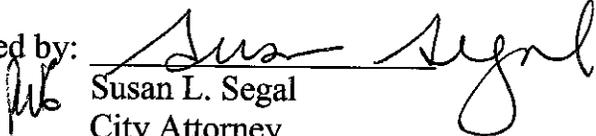
**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the settlement of this case by payment of \$4500.00 payable to Ricardo Ortega Barranco and his attorney, Sharifa Elaraj, Esq., from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145400 and authorize the City Attorney's office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate 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.

X Other financial impact (Explain): Payment 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:**

On August 6, 2008, Claimant was traveling westbound on East 35<sup>th</sup> Street. He entered the intersection at Stevens Avenue South with the benefit of a green light. Another automobile entered the same intersection traveling southbound on Stevens Avenue South. From that direction the semaphore controlling the intersection signaled yellow. Both cars entered the intersection and collided. Claimant's car was totaled. It was later determined that the traffic light facing south bound traffic on Stevens Avenue South malfunctioned.

Discussions with counsel have resulted in a tentative agreement to settle Claimant's property damage claim for \$4,500. This proposed settlement has been discussed with the Department of Public Works and they are in agreement with the terms. We believe that the settlement is in the best interests of the City and approval is recommended.

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