



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

Date: February 4, 2015
To: Council Member John Quincy, Chair of Ways and Means
Referral to:

Subject: *Dontae Thomas v. City of Minneapolis*
Court File No.: 12-cv-02272 JRT-BRT

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the settlement of a lawsuit by Dontae Thomas, by payment of \$25,000 to Dontae Thomas and \$115,000.00 to his attorneys GASKINS BENNETT BIRRELL SCHUPP, LLP, 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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Approved by:


Susan L. Segal
City Attorney

Presenter in Committee: Susan L. Segal, City Attorney

Financial Impact

Other financial impact (Explain): Payment from Fund/Org 06900-1500100-145400

Community Impact

Other

Supporting Information

This lawsuit arises out of an incident that occurred at Patrick Henry High School on January 12, 2010. Plaintiff Dontae Thomas, a student at the school, was called into an office to speak with Officer Victor Mills and Officer Tyrone Barze. A physical altercation occurred in the office. Plaintiff brought suit against the Officers and the City, alleging claims of excessive force and unreasonable seizure.

After negotiations with Plaintiff's attorneys, we have negotiated a tentative settlement of the lawsuit in the amount of \$140,000, of which \$25,000 will be payable to Dontae Thomas and \$115,000.00 will be payable to his attorneys. We believe that this settlement is in the best interests of the City and recommend its approval.