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(Through Office of the Mayor)

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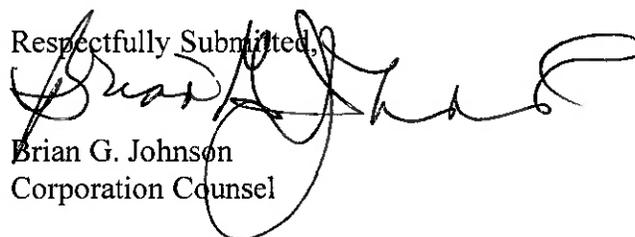
Re: **Settlement of Claim for Property Damage –
HUNT, DERRICK v. City of Mount Vernon
Settlement Amount: \$1,000.00**

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Section 152 of the City Charter, the undersigned respectfully requests the approval of this Honorable Board to settle the above-captioned matter against the City of Mount Vernon for the total sum of \$1,000.00.

This office has evaluated the facts and circumstances of this matter and believes that it is in the best interest of the City to settle for the above amount.

If your Honorable Body agrees, a Resolution approving the settlement of this claim should be adopted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian G. Johnson
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Cc: Mayor
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July 9, 2024

To: Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard
Office of the Mayor

From: Brian G. Johnson
Corporation Counsel

Re: **HUNT, DERRICK v. City of Mount Vernon**
Date of Loss: November 21, 2023
Notice of Claim filed: January 18, 2024
Amount of Claim: \$4,000.00
Settlement Amount: \$1,000.00

Nature of Claim: Property damage to claimant's black Hooded Puffer Jacket PRADA.

Reasons for Settlement: On November 21, 2023, Department of Public Works Maintenance Foreman Avinesh Persuad was repairing the door latch on the rear exit door in City Hall when he stepped away momentarily to retrieve a tool. Immediately thereafter, the claimant was exiting City Hall to the rear parking lot when his jacket got caught in the door latch and his jacket was ripped apart with Down Feathers flying throughout the hallway. This event was witnessed by City Hall staff.

Claimant insists that he purchased the jacket with \$4,000.00 cash in February of 2023 at the Prada store in New York City located at 724 5th Avenue. Claimant produced bank statements showing cash withdrawals at that time. For whatever its worth, the claimant produced bank statements indicating a considerable amount of funds in his account.

A female friend of the claimant appeared in the Law Department stating that she was with him when he purchased the jacket and would appear as his witness.

This office requested that claimant provide us with a statement from a Prada representative validating the authenticity of the jacket and cost. Claimant alleges going back to the Prada store and was informed that without a cash receipt they could not confirm whether the jacket was purchased at their store nor assist him in any further way. The claimant states that they insisted he leave the store because feathers were flying all around.

This office contacted Prada and we were informed that without a cash receipt they could not confirm purchase nor authenticity of the jacket.

We requested and the claimant provided us with a statement from a seamstress who could only confirm that the jacket was beyond repair.

The style of Prada Jacket the claimant was wearing retails for \$3,950.00.

Given all the facts and circumstances surrounding this matter we made an offer of \$1,000.00 and the claimant accepted.

We believe it to be in the best interests of the City to settle this matter for the total sum of \$1,000.00 and respectfully request your Honorable approval.

cc: Mayor
Comptroller
Board of Estimate & Contract