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Common Council  
City of West Allis

RE: City Attorney's Report of Claim – **Richard Riojas**

Dear Council Members:

The enclosed claim has been referred to this office in accordance with Section 3.05(8) of the Revised Municipal Code. I have examined the facts of the claim and the applicable law. I recommend that the claim be placed on file.

This claim is for property damage to the claimant's vehicle that occurred on September 25, 2017, when a City employee driving a squad car backed into the claimant's vehicle while it was traveling on South 67<sup>th</sup> Place in the City of West Allis. Mr. Riojas suffered damage to his front grille and bumper. The total cost of the repair was estimated at \$1,024.74 and \$1,599.00.

My investigation into this matter revealed that the accident did occur as stated by the claimant. The claimant's repair costs seemed appropriate and were less than the vehicle's worth, according to Kelley Blue Book. Pursuant to settlement guidelines, the City Attorney's Office paid the claimant \$1,024.74 and obtained a Release of all Claims signed by the claimant on January 23, 2018. Therefore, this matter should be placed on file.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenna Merten  
Deputy City Attorney