



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

**File Number:**

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**Agenda Item Number:** 36

**Agenda Date:** January 30, 2025

**In Control:** City Council A Session

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**DEPARTMENT:** Office of the City Attorney

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Andy Segovia

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Settlement of a Claim in the matter styled Graciela Elizabeth Sarabia Robles v. the City of San Antonio, in the amount of \$215,000.

**SUMMARY:**

This Ordinance authorizes a settlement of a state lawsuit styled Graciela Elizabeth Sarabia Robles v. the City of San Antonio, in the 131<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court, Texas, Cause No. 2023CI02459 for the amount of \$215,000 to 2023CI02459. This settlement will be funded from the Self Insured Liability Fund.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On July 13, 2022, SAPD Officer Luis Rodriguez-Leal was traveling westbound on Hwy 90 W when he collided with the rear of Plaintiff's vehicle. The injuries sustained by Plaintiff in the accident required substantial medical care and attention, including claimed continued pain and brain trauma.

The Parties have agreed to settle Graciela Elizabeth Sarabia Robles' claims for \$215,000, subject to City Council approval. The funds are available from the FY 2024 Liability Fund Adopted Budget.

Trail of this case will be set in 2025 if settlement does not receive approval.

**ISSUE:**

Settlements over \$100,000 require City Council approval.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

If this settlement agreement is not approved by the City Council, the case will proceed to trial. It is the best interest of the City to settle this matter to avoid the uncertainty and risks associated with litigation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If the settlement is approved, settlement will be made from the Self Insurance Fund payable a two separate payments 1) to Graciela Elizabeth Sarabia Robles and Hagood & King, LLC, in the amount of \$191,000.00, and 2) to University Health, Attn: Legal Accounts, P. O. Box 2274, San Antonio, Texas, 78298-2274, in the amount of \$24,000.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff Recommends approval of this ordinance.