



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: March 29, 2016

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: City Attorney's Office

SUBJECT: Appropriation Of Funds For Payment Of Attorney's Fees And Damages Related To *Debra Corral, Trustee Vs. City Of Santa Barbara*

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council increase appropriations in the General Fund, Community Development Department, in the amount of \$509,468.43 to cover the cost of the settlement and attorney's fees and costs to the plaintiff, Debra Corral, to be funded from General Fund reserves.

DISCUSSION:

On June 1, 2015, Superior Court Judge James Herman rendered his decision finding the City liable under inverse condemnation in the matter of *Debra Corral, Trustee v. City of Santa Barbara* (SBSC Case No. 1466439). The issue of damages, and related attorney's fees and costs, was subsequently determined by and between the City and plaintiff by way of stipulation and court order, for a total amount of \$509,468.43. Staff requests appropriation of General Fund reserves in the amount of \$509,468.43 to the Community Development Department for payment to the plaintiff.

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