BOARD OF LEGISLATORS COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Your Committee is in receipt of a proposed Act, which if enacted by your Board, would authorize the settlement of the lawsuit of <u>Lisa A. Robinson v. County of Westchester, et al</u>, Westchester County Supreme Court Index No. 56667/2020, in the amount of \$125,000.00 inclusive of attorney's fees.

This matter is pending in the Westchester County Supreme Court. The matter tentatively settled on May 11, 2022 pending this Board's approval of a settlement in the amount of \$125,000.00, inclusive of attorney's fees.

This matter arises out of a Liberty Lines Bus accident which occurred on August 29, 2018. Plaintiff was a passenger and was standing in front of and facing the back door while holding on to a railing with her left hand. The bus was traveling southbound on South Broadway in Yonkers. The accident happened when a car appeared to run the stop sign at the on-ramp to South Broadway from the Henry Hudson Parkway, and entered South Broadway at an angle from the right. The codefendant's car was struck by the bus on the driver's side door. Codefendant appeared to have been attempting to make a left turn in front of the bus

Plaintiff was transported from the scene of the bus accident to St. Joseph's Hospital in Yonkers. She complained of pain in her left leg, knee and hip, and pain in her left shoulder. As a result of the bus accident, on January 31, 2019, plaintiff had arthroscopic surgery at Surgicore of Manhattan to repair a partial rotator cuff tear in her left shoulder.

The settlement takes into consideration the uncertainty of litigation and the potential costs of trial, subsequent proceedings and potential appeal. Both outside counsel and our insurer's adjuster recommend this settlement. The County's insurance policy will cover \$25,000 of the \$125,000 settlement, and the County will pay its \$100,000. deductible.

Your Committee has carefully considered the subject matter, the settlement proposal, the attached Act and recommends authorizing the County Attorney or his designee to settle the lawsuit entitled Lisa A. Robinson v. County of Westchester, et al, Westchester County Supreme Court Index No. 56667/2020, in the amount of \$125,000.00 inclusive of attorney's fees.

An affirmative vote of a majority of the Board is required to pass this legislation.

Dated: White Plains, New York

June 6, 2022

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Budget & Appropriations

COMMITTEE ON:

Law & Major Contracts

Dated: June 6, 2022 White Plains, New York

The following members attended the meeting remotely pursuant to Chapter 1 of New York State Laws of 2022, and approved this item out of Committee with an affirmative vote. Their electronic signature was authorized and is below.

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COMMITTEES ON

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ACT NO. -2022

AN ACT authorizing the County Attorney to settle the lawsuit of <u>Lisa A. Robinson v. County of Westchester</u>, et al, in Westchester County Supreme Court, Index No. 56667/2020, in the amount of \$125,000.00, inclusive of attorney's fees

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. The County Attorney is authorized to settle the lawsuit of <u>Lisa A. Robinson v. County of</u> <u>Westchester, et al</u>, in Westchester County Supreme Court, Index No. 56667/2020, in the amount of \$125,000.00 inclusive of attorney's fees. The County will pay \$100,000.00 of this settlement as required by the deductible applicable to its insurance policy.

Section 2. The County Attorney or his designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute and deliver all documents and take such actions as the County Attorney deems necessary or desirable to accomplish the purpose of this Act.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: Lisa Robinson v	. County, et al.		MPACT PROJECTED)
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SECTION A - FUND				
X GENERAL FUND	IRPORT FUND	SPECIAL DIS	TRICTS FUND	
SECTION B - EXPENSES AND REVENUES				
Total Current Year Expense	\$ 100,000			
Total Current Year Revenue	\$			
Source of Funds (check one): X C	urrent Appropriations	Transfer of E	Existing Appropriati	ons
Additional Appropriations		Other (expla	iin)	
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Anticipated Savings to County and/or Current Year: Next Four Years:	Impact on Department		. <u></u>	
Prepared by: Dianne Vanadia Title: Sr. Budget Analy Department: Budget		120 21.	Sudget Director	- Az
Date: May 18, 2022		Date: _	SIS	02