



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**#19-1076**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** November 5, 2019

**TITLE:** Motion Authorizing Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim in the  
Matter of Jorge Benitez-Merlo v. City of Fort Lauderdale, Case No. 16-  
017173DAL - \$300,000 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the settlement of the workers' compensation claim in the matter of Jorge Benitez-Merlo v. City of Fort Lauderdale, Case No. 16-017173DAL in the amount of \$300,000.

**Background**

Jorge Benitez-Merlo, a retired Fort Lauderdale Police Department employee, filed a workers' compensation claim for injuries that occurred on May 21, 2003, while in the course and scope of employment with the City.

Through negotiations, a settlement was reached in the amount of \$300,000 subject to the approval of the City Commission.

**Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$300,000.

<i>Funds available as of October 14, 2019</i>			
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
543-INS020101-5125	Self-Insurance Claims – Workers Comp	Non-Operating Expenses /Work Comp Claims	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>			<b>\$300,000</b>

### **Strategic Connections**

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8: Build a leading government organization that manages all resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective: Maintain financial integrity through sound budgeting practices, prudent fiscal management, cost effective operations, and long-term planning

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are United.

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