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Statement Regarding Settlement of Lawsuits Brought by City Employees

Beverly Hills, CA – The City of Beverly Hills today announced the settlement of lawsuits brought by two current employees and one former employee of the Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD).

“The City of Beverly Hills is committed to maintaining a respectful work environment free from harassment, retaliation and discrimination,” said City Attorney Laurence S. Wiener. “We have managed to reach agreements without the cost and distraction of trials so that the Beverly Hills Police Department can focus on its primary responsibility, keeping our community safe.”

At the July 16, 2019 meeting of the Beverly Hills City Council, both the Beverly Hills Police Officers’ Association and Beverly Hills Police Management Association told the community that the Department is moving forward, morale is good, and there is not a state of crisis.

Under the terms of the settlements, plaintiff Anne Marie Lunsman will receive a payment of \$195,000; plaintiff Tania Schwartz will receive a payment of \$285,000; and plaintiff Scott Dibble will receive a payment of \$105,000.

The attorney representing the plaintiffs, Bradley Gage, will receive fees amounting to \$390,000.

The City supports the needed change that Chief Spagnoli has brought to the Police Department including the addition of officers, enhancements in training, an increase in diversity, greater public outreach, contemporary policing programs and a reduction in crime.

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