

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CONTINUING DEFENSE OF JON BURGE & ASSOCIATES

WHEREAS, The undeniable atrocities of former Chicago Police Commander Jon Burge and his associates, substantiated by a report of the Special Prosecutor, have generated a debt of an estimated \$10 million in legal fees accumulated defending both the city and the accused officers involved; and

WHEREAS, The multiple private legal firms engaged their defense are continuing to generate billable hours even though independent legal experts have proffered the opinion that the city's case is untenable; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago's insurance carrier will not cover any defense attorney's fees eventually leaving this mounting and unnecessary debt for the taxpayers of the city to pay; and

WHEREAS, It is in the City of Chicago's best interest to limit its exposure and ultimate liability by settling all the cases stemming from the wrongdoing of Burge and his cohorts. Each day that passes adds to the cost of this indefensible case and encourages the plaintiffs to increase their cash demands; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Ed H. Smith and the Honorable Howard Brookins, Jr. have informed this august body of this serious breach of fiduciary responsibility to the taxpaying public, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the undersigned members of the City of Chicago City Council, assembled here this 19th Day of July, 2007 AD, do hereby exhort the City of Chicago's Corporation Counsel to cease and desist the continuing accumulation of attorney's fees in defense of Jon Burge and other officers who participated with him in these heinous and indefensible acts and instruct the legal counsel representing the city in this matter to fashion a settlement with all *Burge, et al* plaintiffs. Furthermore, we appeal to our colleagues on the Finance Committee to deny any more payments for outside legal counsel regarding defense of the Burge matter and swiftly approve a settlement in all outstanding cases that will end this shameful chapter in this city's history.

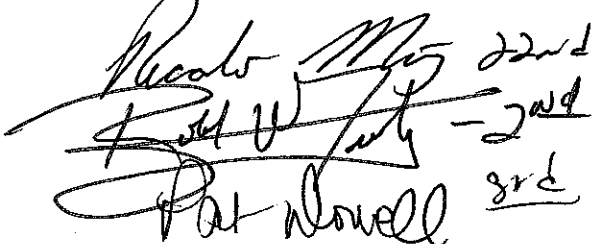
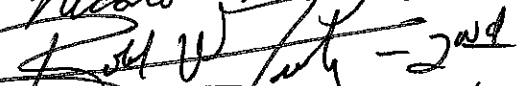

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Corporation Counsel Mara Georges.

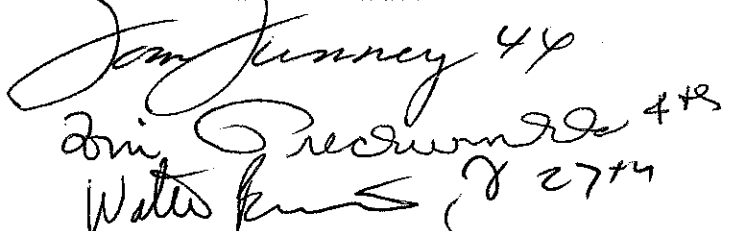

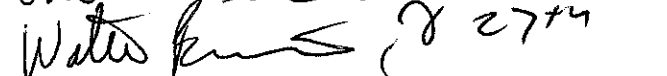


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