

Attachment B
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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VICTORVILLE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF VICTORVILLE (“CITY”) TO AGREE TO CERTAIN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE MANUFACTURE AND DISTRIBUTION OF VARIOUS OPIOIDS, AND AUTHORIZE ENTRY INTO THE STATE-SUBDIVISION AGREEMENTS WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

WHEREAS, the United States is facing an ongoing public health crisis of opioid abuse, addiction, overdose, and death, forcing the State of California and California counties and cities to spend billions of dollars each year to address the direct consequences of this crisis; and,

WHEREAS, there was pending in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, a multidistrict litigation pursued by numerous public entity plaintiffs against the manufacturers and distributors of various opioids based on the allegation that the defendants’ unlawful conduct caused the opioid epidemic; and,

WHEREAS, in connection with the litigation, certain Settlement Agreements have been reached between the plaintiffs in the litigation and several of the defendants (collectively, the “Settling Defendants”); and,

WHEREAS, as part of the settlement with the Settling Defendants, local subdivisions, including certain cities, that are not plaintiffs in the litigation may participate in the settlement in exchange for a release of the Settling Defendants; and,

WHEREAS, the Settlement Agreements provide, among other things, for the payment of a certain sum to settling government entities in California, including to the State of California and Participating Subdivisions upon occurrence of certain events as defined in the Settlement Agreements (“California Opioid Funds”); and,

WHEREAS, under the Settlement Agreements, certain local subdivisions that did not file a lawsuit against the Settlement Defendants may qualify to participate in the settlement and obtain funds from the Abatement Account Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to participate in the settlement and become a CA Participating Subdivision; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Resolution to authorize the City to enter into the Settlement Agreements by executing the signature page to those agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: the City Council hereby approves and authorizes City Manager, Keith C. Metzler to execute the Settlement Agreements, direct the use of the proceeds received according to the terms of the Settlement Agreements and all exhibits thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all actions heretofore taken by the City Council and other appropriate public officers and agents of the City with respect to the matters contemplated under this Resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Adopted by the Victorville City Council this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Keith C. Metzler
City Manager

ATTEST:

Jennifer Thompson
City Clerk