



CITY OF BALDWIN PARK PRESS STATEMENT

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STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF BALDWIN PARK REGARDING TODAY'S LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT FOR FORMER POLICE CHIEF

BALDWIN PARK (March 26, 2019) –The City of Baldwin Park was greatly disappointed to learn that the Los Angeles Superior Court and its jury awarded former Baldwin Park Police Chief Lili Hadsell seven million dollars at today's court ruling. Baldwin Park will utilize its insurance pool money to pay the settlement and has already paid the \$300,000 dollar deductible as specified by the pool program.

"The City complied with every aspect of the case including relinquishing the defense to the attorneys representing the insurance pool program." said City Manager Shannon Yauchzee. "We truly feel that Ms. Hadsell's dismissal was not due to gender discrimination."

The City of Baldwin Park takes pride in its hiring of diverse qualified candidates, which include the employment of various women in key leadership roles including Chief of Police, Finance Director and Director of Human Resources.

Mayor Manuel Lozano who did not vote for the dismissal of Ms. Hadsell, stated the following: "I stand by the hiring of Ms. Lili Hadsell and I was very enthusiastic about having Ms. Hadsell lead our police force. Current Mayor Pro-Tem Monica Garcia and I were the dissenting votes on her removal. At the time I was perplexed why Councilwoman Cruz Baca, Councilwoman Susan Rubio and Councilmember Ricardo Pacheco voted in favor of her release. As Mayor, I have been committed to implementing fair hiring practices and the advancement of women at city hall."

Mayor Pro-Tem Monica Garcia, who echoed the same sentiments, had this to say: “I adamantly opposed the dismissal of Chief Lili Hadsell. I have built my career on empowering women in the workplace and I am proud to have voted to fill many of our executive positions with highly qualified women during my tenure.”

In light of some of the allegations in court, the City of Baldwin Park and its current City Council continue to be vehemently opposed to any form of sexism and is highly sensitive to gender discrimination. The City of Baldwin Park is committed to work diligently with its citizenry to ensure transparency and move the city forward in the right direction.

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