

RESOLUTION NO. 24-1951

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE DISTRIBUTORS WASHINGTON SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORM RELATED TO THE NATIONWIDE OPIOID LITIGATION

WHEREAS, multiple states, counties, and cities throughout the nation have brought lawsuits over the last few years against various entities within the pharmaceutical supply chain that manufacture, distribute, and dispense prescription opioids (the “Opioid Distributors”); and

WHEREAS, Washington cities and counties with populations over 10,000 can join this settlement, and if a sufficient number join, they will receive funds that must be spent on efforts to combat the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, a local government can either spend the money itself or elect to pool its money with other local governments on a regional basis; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds can only be used for approved purposes, such as treatment for opioid use disorder (“OUD”), support for people in treatment and recovery, providing connections to care for people who have—or are at risk of developing—OUD, addressing the needs of persons with OUD in the criminal justice system, training, and research; and

WHEREAS, in order for the settlement to be finalized, Washington local governments that filed suit against these opioid distributors need to sign the Participation Form releasing their claims and then dismiss them with prejudice, and ninety percent (90%) of Washington local governments with a population of over 10,000 that did not file a lawsuit against the Opioid Distributors (such as the City of Lake Forest Park) need to sign the Participation Form releasing their potential claims; and

WHEREAS, all eligible cities and counties with populations over 10,000 joined by signing the first Participation Form, but if not enough join this settlement, the settlement is void and neither the State nor Washington cities or counties will get any settlement money; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it is in the best interest of the City to execute the Participation Form to ensure the settlement receives sufficient participation by local governments and to help combat the opioid epidemic in this State;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park, as follows:

Section 1. AUTHORIZATION. The City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park authorizes the Mayor to sign the Settlement Participation Form, included herewith as Attachment 1.

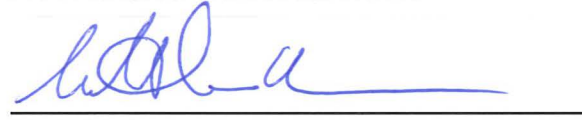
Section 2. CORRECTIONS. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto

PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE of the members of the Lake Forest Park City Council this 25th day of April, 2024.

APPROVED:


Thomas French
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


Matt McLean
City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: April 19, 2024
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: April 25, 2024
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EXHIBIT A to Resolution 24-1951

EXHIBIT B

Settlement Participation Form

Governmental Entity:	State:
Authorized Official:	
Address 1:	
Address 2:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	
Email:	

The governmental entity identified above (“Governmental Entity”), in order to obtain and in consideration for the benefits provided to the Governmental Entity pursuant to the Janssen Washington State-Wide Opioid Settlement Agreement dated January 22, 2024 (“Janssen Settlement”), and acting through the undersigned authorized official, hereby elects to participate in the Janssen Settlement, release all Released Claims against all Released Entities, and agrees as follows.

1. The Governmental Entity is aware of and has reviewed the Janssen Settlement, understands that all terms in this Election and Release have the meanings defined therein, and agrees that by this Election, the Governmental Entity elects to participate in the Janssen Settlement and become a Participating Subdivision as provided therein.
2. The Governmental Entity shall, within 30 days of the filing of the Consent Judgment, secure the dismissal with prejudice of any Released Claims that it has filed.
3. The Governmental Entity agrees to the terms of the Janssen Settlement pertaining to Subdivisions as defined therein.
4. By agreeing to the terms of the Janssen Settlement and becoming a Releasor, the Governmental Entity is entitled to the benefits provided therein, including, if applicable, monetary payments beginning after the Effective Date.
5. The Governmental Entity agrees to use any monies it receives through the Janssen Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein.
6. The Governmental Entity submits to the jurisdiction of the court where the Consent Judgment is filed for purposes limited to that court’s role as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent provided in, the Janssen Settlement.
7. The Governmental Entity, as a Participating Subdivision, hereby becomes a Releasor for all purposes in the Janssen Settlement, including but not limited to all provisions of Section IV (Release), and along with all departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in their official capacity

elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and any other entity identified in the definition of Releasor, provides for a release to the fullest extent of its authority. As a Releasor, the Governmental Entity hereby absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entity in any forum whatsoever. The releases provided for in the Janssen Settlement are intended by the Parties to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entities the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of the Governmental Entity to release claims. The Janssen Settlement shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim.

8. In connection with the releases provided for in the Janssen Settlement, each Governmental Entity expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

General Release; extent. A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

A Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but each Governmental Entity hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases and discharges, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the Governmental Entities' decision to participate in the Janssen Settlement.

9. This Settlement Participation Form shall be deemed effective as of the Effective Date of the Janssen Settlement.
10. Nothing herein is intended to modify in any way the terms of the Janssen Settlement, to which Governmental Entity hereby agrees. To the extent this Election and Release is interpreted differently from the Janssen Settlement in any respect, the Janssen Settlement controls.

I have all necessary power and authorization to execute this Election and Release on behalf of the Governmental Entity.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____