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Honorable City Council Council Chamber City Hall Sacramento, California 95814

RE: LATE CLAIM APPLICATION OF CORY RAMSON RAINWATER

Members in Session:

### SUMMARY

Cory Ramson Rainwater has applied for leave to present a late claim. We are of the opinion that the application falls within those circumstances under which relief must be granted.

#### BACKGROUND

Cory Ramson Rainwater has applied for leave to present a late claim. The claim seeks damages for the wrongful death of his father, allegedly resulting from the dangerous condition of certain public property.

Government Code §911.2 provides that a claim based upon personal injuries shall be presented within 100 days of the accrual of the cause of action. Applicant's cause of action accrued on October 28, 1979. The 100-day filing period expired on or about February 5, 1980. The application for leave to present a late claim was presented on October 20, 1980, more than eight months late.

In support of the application it is stated that applicant is a minor, born June 3, 1980.

#### ANALYSIS

A person seeking to file a late claim is entitled to relief if he shows both that (1) he was a minor during all of the 100-day filing period, and (2) the application was presented within a reasonable time not to exceed one year after accrual of the cause of action (Government Code §§9114(b), 911.6(b)(3). Any time during which the minor is mentally incapacitated is not counted for purposes of the one year limitation. (Government Code §9514(b))

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Applicant is entitled to relief under these standards, Williams vs. Mariposa County Unified School District (1978) 82 C.A. 3d 843, State vs. Superior Court (1978)88 C.A. 3d 475. A newborn child clearly is unable to provide for his own needs or manage his financial or business affairs. Applicant should be regarded as "mentally incapacitated" within the meaning of Government Code §911.4(b),cf. Probate Code §1460.Applicant may not be penalized for the delay in presenting his claim (from June 3, 1980, to October 20, 1980), which was beyond his control and is attributable solely to his mother and the attorney she consulted. (Williams vs. Mariposa County Unified School District, supra).

### RECOMMENDATION

For the foregoing reasons it is recommended that the application of Cary Ramson Rainwater for leave to present a late claim be granted, and the claim itself referred to the City's claim adjuster for evaluation and recommendation.

Very truly yours,

JAMES P. JACKSON City Attorney

STEPHEN B. NOCITA
Deputy City Attorney

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

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# (Proof of Service by Mail 1013a, 2015.5 C.C.P.)

I declare that I am over 18 years of age; and not a party to the within entitled action: I am employed at and my business address is: Suite 200, Court Plaza Bldg., 901 H Street, Sectionated, CA 95814. On this date I served the arisched document by blocking through the original thereof enciosed in a secul choose with postage fully proposed in the United States mail at Sacramento, CA 95/514 his record as shown below. I declare under patient of parany that the foregoing is true and correct.

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915 I STREET CITY HALL ROOM 308 SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814 TELEPHONE (916) 449-5426

November 13, 1980

Brookman and Hoffman Attorneys at Law 901 "H" Street, Suite 200 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: APPLICATION TO FILE A LATE CLAIM ON BEHALF OF CORY RAMSON RAINWATER; DATE OF ALLEGED INCIDENT: OCTOBER 28, 1979

Dear Mr. Brookman:

Notice is hereby given that the following application for leave to present a late claim was allowed on November 12, 1980. Upon allowance of the late filing the City Council thereupon referred said claim to the City's Claims Adjuster, Brown Brothers Adjusters, 1451 River Park Drive, Suite 251, Sacramento, CA 95818, telephone (916) 920-4392, for review and recommendation. You will be advised of the claim's disposition within 45 days.

Claim submitted by you on behalf of Cory Ramson Rainwater, in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for alleged wrongful death of the father of the minor claimant, and allegedly occurring on October 28, 1980.

Sincerely,

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Gity Attorney