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## City Council Regular Meeting

**DEPARTMENT:** Legal

**FROM:** Matt Ribitzki, Sr. Deputy City Attorney/Legal Service Director

**MEETING:** August 4, 2025

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**SUBJECT:**

Consider and take possible action on a resolution approving the settlement participation form to participate in the settlement of the State of Texas opioid litigation through the Texas Attorney General's Office with Purdue Pharma and the Sackler Family and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents in connection with the same. (*Staff Contact: Matt Ribitzki, Sr. Deputy City Attorney/Legal Services Director*)

**SUMMARY:**

Texas, along with a broad coalition of states and subdivisions, has now reached final agreements with fifteen companies to resolve legal claims for their role in the opioid crisis. The newest agreement is with opioid manufacturer Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family.

The recent settlement with Purdue and the Sackler family brings Texas' combined share to \$3.3 billion, with Purdue and the Sacklers paying an estimated \$286 million to Texas.

The proposed Purdue/Sackler settlement is actually two settlements being implemented in connection with Purdue's bankruptcy proceedings. It consists of a settlement of Purdue's claims against the Sacklers (the "Estate Settlement") to be distributed pursuant to a chapter 11 plan, and a settlement of direct claims against the Sacklers held by States, local governments and other creditors (the "Direct Settlement"). Dollars will flow from both settlements.

Texas subdivisions will decide whether to participate in the Direct Settlement. The more subdivisions that participate, the more funds flow to that Texas and its subdivisions. Any subdivision that does not participate cannot directly share in any of the Direct Settlement funds. Please note that Texas OAG will be collecting Subdivision Participation Forms for the Purdue/Sackler Direct Settlement through Rubris Inc. Rubris is the Implementation Administrator for the Direct Settlement.

To be eligible to participate, the City must return the required subdivision participation form to the Attorney General by September 30, 2025.

**OPTIONS:**

- 1) Approve resolution approving settlement participation form
- 2) Deny resolution approving settlement participation form

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the resolution approving settlement participation form

**PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):**

None.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

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