

Montgomery City Council  
**AGENDA REPORT**

<b>Meeting Date:</b> December 10, 2024	<b>Budgeted Amount:</b> N/A
<b>Department:</b> Administration	<b>Prepared By:</b> Ruby Beaven

**Subject**

Consideration and possible action on a resolution of the City Council of the City of Montgomery, Texas, authorizing the participation of the City of Montgomery, Texas, in the Kroger Texas Settlement Agreement; and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to participate in the settlement.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution to authorize the participation of the City of Montgomery, Texas, in the Kroger Texas Settlement Agreement; and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to participate in the settlement.

**Discussion**

The City of Montgomery, Texas adopted Resolution 2023-04 approving the allocation of any and all opioid settlement funds within the State of Texas resulting from the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council and Settlement Allocation Term Sheet.

The City of Montgomery must submit the Subdivision Participation Form for the Kroger Settlement no later than December 29, 2024 to participate.

**WHY YOU SHOULD PARTICIPATE**

Texas and the Litigating Political Subdivisions in Texas support this settlement.

Subdivision participation is strongly encouraged, for the following reasons:

- First, the amounts to be paid under the Settlement, while insufficient to abate the epidemic fully, will contribute to allowing Texas and its local governments to commence with meaningful change designed to curb opioid addiction, overdose, and death, following on the Distributors and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen settlements from 2021, the Teva and Endo settlements from 2022, the Mallinckrodt bankruptcy settlement in 2023, and the Allergan, CVS, Walmart, and Walgreens settlements from 2023;
- Second, time is of the essence. The opioid epidemic continues to devastate communities around the country, and it is critical that the funds begin to flow to allow governments to address the epidemic in their communities as soon as possible; and
- Third, you know first-hand the effects of the opioid epidemic on your community. Funds from this settlement will be used to commence abatement of the crisis and provide relief to your citizens while litigation and settlement discussions proceed against numerous other defendants in the opioid industry.

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<b>Approved By</b>		
City Secretary & Director of Administrative Services	Ruby Beaven	Date: 12/03/2024
City Administrator		Date: