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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 23, 2018

TO: Mayor Chris Alahouzos
Vice Mayor David Banther
Commissioner Rea Sieber
Commissioner Susan Miccio-Kikta
Commissioner Jacob Karr

FROM: Thomas J. Trask, Esquire. 

THROUGH: Jay Daigneault, City Attorney 

RE: Code Enforcement Lien
1907 Lexington Place, Tarpon Springs
DCEB Case No. 16-80000193 (SunTrust Mortgage, Inc.)

The purpose of this memorandum is to obtain your authorization to accept a \$37,000.00 settlement offer from Atty. Jacob Mitrani on behalf of the owner, SunTrust Mortgage, Inc., in exchange for the Release of the Code Enforcement Board Lien at 1907 Lexington Place.

BACKGROUND

In August 2016 the Code Enforcement Board found the subject property in violation. A fine of \$100.00 per day was assessed, beginning on September 20, 2016. An Affidavit of Compliance was executed on February 20, 2018 stating that the property came into compliance on that day. SunTrust's counsel initially contacted me on May 22, 2018 regarding the assessed fines. Negotiations followed and a settlement offer has been made in the amount of \$37,000.00 in exchange for a Release of the Code Enforcement Board lien. The total due the City as of May 15, 2018 was \$46,579.06.

RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the facts of this case and to avoid incurring additional attorney's fees, it is my recommendation that the City Commission accept this Settlement offer of \$37,000.00 in exchange for a Release of the CEB lien against the property at 1907 Lexington Place.

Respectfully submitted.

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cc: Mark LeCouris, City Manager
Irene S. Jacobs, City Clerk
Steve Gassen, Code Enforcement Dept.
Jay Daigneault, Esq.