

RESOLUTION NO. 3026

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
APPROVING OF THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT
OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST MCKESSON, CARDINAL HEALTH,
AMERISOURCEBERGEN, JANSSEN, AND THEIR RELATED CORPORATE
ENTITIES, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND/OR THE CITY'S
OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO
EFFECTUATE THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts Alexandria by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by Alexandria's various departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria has been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the resident of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria has filed suit against McKesson, Cardinal Health, AmerisourceBergen, and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, along with certain of their related corporate entities for their role in the distribution, manufacture, and sale of the pharmaceutical opioid products that have fueled the opioid epidemic that has harmed Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, The City's suit seeks recovery of the public funds previously expended and to be expended in the future to abate the consequences and harms of the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, settlement proposals have been negotiated that will cause McKesson, Cardinal Health, AmerisourceBergen, and Janssen to pay up to \$26 billion nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against them; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria's outside opioid litigation counsel has recommended that the City participate in the settlements in order to recover its share of the funds that the settlement would provide; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlements and concurs with the recommendation of outside counsel;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alexandria City Council approves of the City's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against McKesson, Cardinal Health, AmerisourceBergen, Janssen, and their related corporate entities, and directs the City Attorney and/or the City's outside counsel to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the City's participation in the settlements, including the required release of claims against settling entities.

Adopted: October 26, 2021



Gloria A. Sitton, CMC, City Clerk



JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR