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District of New Jersey, Newark Vicinage
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Newark, New Jersey 07102

**RE: Union City Police Officer Terence M. Gordon v. The City of Union City
Civil Action No.: 09-3679 (JLL)
Our File No.: 20085-01120 JP**

Dear Magistrate Cecchi:

Pursuant to the Court's Order, please view this correspondence as a status update with regard to the proposed settlement of this matter.

As Your Honor is aware, the parties have agreed to a settlement in principle. However, given the nature of the litigation and the terms of the settlement, we must obtain the approval of the New Jersey Civil Service Commission ("Commission"). Our request for approval from the Commission was made many months ago. Initially, the approval was held up due to the fact that the Commission did not have an adequate number of members to vote on the approval. Thereafter, I have been informed that there is an enormous backlog within the Commission, and that they have just not reached this matter, despite our request to expedite the approval.

I have been advised that although the matter has not been heard, it should be scheduled for presentment before the Commission within the next 60 to 90 days.

I have again requested of the Commission that this matter be expedited, but I have been informed that the backlog due to the previous problems with the Commission is currently problematic. I trust that this is responsive to Your Honor's inquiry. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

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By September 15, 2011, the parties shall advise the undersigned as to the status of the settlement of this matter.

SO ORDERED

s/Claire C. Cecchi
Claire C. Cecchi, U.S. D.J.

Date: July 19, 2011