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By ECF To:

The Honorable Alvin K. Hellerstein  
United States District Court Judge  
United States District Court for the  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Re: Mercedes v. City of New York, et al., 17 Civ. 7368 (AKH)

Dear Judge Hellerstein:

I am counsel for Plaintiff in the above-captioned action. I write – jointly with opposing counsel, Steve Stavridis, Esq. – to respectfully request that the telephone conference presently scheduled for this Friday, March 15, 2024 at 10 a.m. be adjourned *sine die*, and that the Court issue an order of reference for a settlement conference before Magistrate Judge Parker.

Defendants today made a settlement offer in response to Plaintiff's demand, and counsel for the parties have communicated and agree that a settlement conference before Magistrate Judge Parker may be useful. If it pleases the Court the parties will write the Court a status letter concerning trial scheduling if a settlement cannot be reached with Magistrate Judge Parker's assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Granted. An order of reference to a magistrate judge will be filed on ECF.

/S/

SO ORDERED.

Jeffrey A. Rothman  
Counsel for Plaintiff

Dated: 3/11/24  
New York, New York

/s/ Alvin K. Hellerstein  
Alvin K. Hellerstein  
United States District Judge

/S/

Steve Stavridis  
Counsel for Defendants