

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** March 5, 2018  
**To:** The City Manager  
**From:** Angela I. Carmon, City Attorney

**Council Action Requested:**

Adoption of a Resolution Selecting the Law Firm for Opioid Litigation

**Strategic Focus Area:** Safe and Secure Community  
**Strategic Objective:** Improve Public Safety Service Quality  
**Strategic Plan Action Item:** No  
**Key Work Item:** No



**Summary of Information:**

The opioid crisis has been declared a public nuisance that must be abated by all available means including the filing of a civil action. The attached resolutions allows the Mayor and Winston-Salem City Council to designate the law firms to represent the City of Winston-Salem in such action.

Resolution No. 1 appoints the law firms of Janet Ward Black and Weitz & Luxenberg to file said action and represent the City of Winston-Salem.

Resolution No. 2 appoints Garry Whitaker & McHugh Fuller Law Group with a consortium of about 6 other law firms to file said action and represent the City of Winston-Salem.

The Mayor and Winston-Salem City Council should move for approval of one of the attached resolutions.

**Committee Action:**

<b>Committee</b>	_____	<b>Action</b>	_____
<b>For</b>	_____	<b>Against</b>	_____
<b>Remarks:</b>	_____		