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City pays paralyzed teen \$3.3 million

FREMONT — In the largest out-of-court settlement in the city's history, \$3.3 million has been awarded to a teenager who was paralyzed in a 1984 traffic accident.

The settlement was approved by the City Council Tuesday night.

R. Louis Van Blois, the Oakland attorney who represents Robert Galanida, 17, said his client will receive \$1 million in cash and the balance is to be paid out in payments throughout the rest of Galanida's life.

Galanida of Fremont was paralyzed from the neck down when he was thrown out of a pickup July 31, 1984.

The pickup truck was rear-ended by another vehicle when it was at a stop light on Grimmer Road waiting to make a left turn on Carol Avenue.

The suit alleged the city was negligent in the accident because it knew as early as two years prior that the intersection was in need of a left turn lane, but failed to install one until after the accident.