

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: 5/21/12
Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Claim #AL664 – Charles v City of Albany

FROM: Nicole Almaguer, City Clerk
Aaron Walker, Human Resources Manager

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Reject the claim and authorize the City Clerk to send out the appropriate rejection letter to Toby Charles.

BACKGROUND

The claim was filed by Toby Charles. The claim is alleging City liability for property loss of a shoulder bag and its contents. The City conducted an investigation and determined the following series of events. The shoulder bag was held at the Albany Police Department (APD) for safekeeping. On December 15, 2011, APD sent a notice to Ms. Charles via US Mail advising her to pick up the bag within 60 days or else it would be disposed of. There was no response from Ms. Charles within 70 days, so APD discarded the shoulder bag and its contents on February 24, 2012. Ms. Charles filed a claim following that date. Upon investigation and review, it is recommended that the claim be rejected.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Possibility of a lawsuit.