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FROM: RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.  
Chief Deputy County Counsel

RE: **Response to Public Records Act Request  
From the Los Angeles Daily News**

This is to provide you with a copy of our response to a Public Records Act request from the Los Angeles Daily News seeking the amounts spent by the County in litigation related expenses for the last five fiscal years.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact me, Senior Assistant County Counsel John Krattli at (213) 974-1838, or Principal Deputy County Counsel Roger H. Granbo at (213) 974-1930.

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Enclosure

c: David E. Janssen  
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Troy Anderson  
Los Angeles Daily News  
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Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 W. Temple Street, Room 479-J  
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**Re: Your Request for Information Regarding Litigation Expenses**

Dear Mr. Anderson:

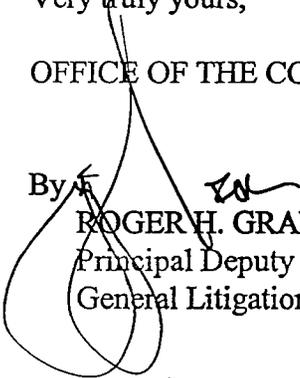
You have requested the total amounts spent by the County in litigation related expenses for the last 5 fiscal years. The amounts are as follows:

	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004
Judgments/ Settlements	\$44,289,619	\$58,343,405	\$62,723,319	\$57,442,032	\$26,326,925
Fees and costs	\$45,023,044	\$42,213,781	\$44,815,630	\$51,086,941	\$37,800,450

It should also be noted that in fiscal year 2003-2004, the County recovered \$32,260,934 in lawsuits in which it was the plaintiff.

Very truly yours,

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By   
ROGER H. GRANBO  
Principal Deputy County Counsel  
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