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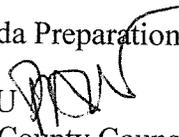
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**  
**County Claims Board Recommendation**  
**Kimberly Escamilla, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 528 656**

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-reference matter. Also attached is the Case Summary to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Kimberly Escamilla, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior County Case No. BC 528 656 in the amount of \$598,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Health Services' budget.

This medical malpractice lawsuit concerns allegations that Harbor-UCLA Medical Center staff failed to manage a patient's condition which contributed to his death.

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Kimberly Escamilla, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	BC 528656
COURT	Los Angeles County Superior Court
DATE FILED	November 25, 2013
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Health Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 598,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	John P. Blumberg, Esq. Blumberg Law Corporation
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Narbeh Bagdasarian, Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On June 30, 2012, Fredy Escamilla, a 30 year-old male, was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital, a non-County facility, with severe chest pain. He was later transferred to Harbor-UCLA Medical Center ("HUMC") for management of an aneurysm.</p> <p>Mr. Escamilla's medical condition deteriorated, and on July 3, 2012, he died at HUMC.</p> <p>Mr. Escamilla's surviving family brought a wrongful death action against the County of Los Angeles alleging that the HUMC staff failed to manage Mr. Escamilla's condition which contributed to his death.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 180,939
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 116,816