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Attention: Agenda Preparation

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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Claims Board Recommendation
Alfonso Cerda, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 511 598

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced 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 Alfonso Cerda, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 511 598 in the amount of \$1,300,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

This lawsuit seeks compensation for the minor children and parents for their father and son's alleged wrongful death caused by a Sheriff's Deputy.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Alfonso Cerda, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC511598
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	July 8, 2013
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 1,300,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Arnoldo Casillas, Esq. Gregory W. Moreno and Associates
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Jonathan McCaverty Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$1,300,000 , inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights and wrongful death lawsuit filed by decedent's children and parents, arising out of an incident on October 8, 2012, whereby a Sheriff's Department vehicle struck and killed Mr. Cerda. The Plaintiffs sued the County of Los Angeles and a Sheriff's Deputy.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Therefore, a full and final settlement in the amount of \$1,300,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 157,572
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 33,323