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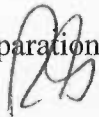
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Attention: Agenda Preparation 

FROM: ROGER H. GRANBO
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Claims Board Recommendation
Virginia Contreras Gamboa, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 567 440

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 Virginia Contreras Gamboa, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 567 440 in the amount of \$495,000 and assumption of a Medi-Cal lien in the approximate amount of \$20,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Health Service's budget.

This wrongful death and medical malpractice lawsuit alleges that LAC+USC Medical Center contributed to the death of plaintiffs' newborn and alleged injuries suffered by plaintiffs.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Virginia Contreras Gamboa, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC 567440
COURT	Los Angeles County Superior Court
DATE FILED	December 22, 2014
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Health Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ \$495,000 and assumption of a Medi-Cal lien in the approximate amount of \$20,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Matthew B. Nezhad, Esq. Law Office of Matthew B. Nezhad
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Narbeh Bagdasarian Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>In early morning hours of January 1, 2014, Virginia Contreras Gamboa, a pregnant female, presented to LAC+USC Medical Center and began active labor. Her labor and delivery process became complicated. Later that night, Ms. Gamboa underwent a cesarean section and gave birth to a female infant who died about an hour after birth.</p> <p>Ms. Gamboa and her husband filed a wrongful death action against the County of Los Angeles for the loss of their newborn infant. Ms. Gamboa also filed a medical malpractice action for the injuries that she suffered during the cesarean section, and her husband filed an action for loss of consortium.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 360