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TO:

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Executive Officer Board of Supervisors

Attention: Agenda Prepara

FROM:

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RE:

Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda

County Claims Board Recommendation

<u>Jose Hernandez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u> Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC588831

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced matter.

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

RHG:ds

Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled <u>Jose Hernandez</u>, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 588831 in the amount of \$2,000,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

This lawsuit concerns allegations of negligence, assault and battery by Sheriff Deputies when Plaintiff was accidently shot in the leg while they responded to an altercation with a neighbor; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$2,000,000.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME

Jose Hernandez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et

al.

CASE NUMBER

BC 588831

COURT

Los Angeles Superior Court

DATE FILED

August 5, 2015

COUNTY DEPARTMENT

Sheriff's Department

PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT

2,000,000

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

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NATURE OF CASE

This is a recommendation to settle for \$2,000,000 a lawsuit filed by Jose Hernandez, individually and as Guardian Ad Litem for his minor son, Edwin H., against the County, Sheriff's Department ("LASD"), and four Sheriff's Deputies, alleging negligence, and assault and battery after Mr. Hernandez was accidentally shot in the leg by the Sheriff's Deputies.

Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$2,000,000 is

recommended.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE

\$ 77,275

PAID COSTS, TO DATE

\$ 14.880