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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: ROGER H. GRANBO *RGH*  
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**  
**County Claims Board Recommendation**  
**Advokids, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 150163**

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.

RHG:vc

Attachments

## Board Agenda

### MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Advokids, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 150163 in the amount of \$500,868 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Children and Family Services' budget.

This lawsuit seeks a court order commanding the Department of Children and Family Services to provide foster parents with notice and the opportunity to be heard and submit evidence at proceedings involving children in their care.

## **CASE SUMMARY**

### **INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION**

CASE NAME	Advokids, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BS150163
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	August 6, 2014
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Children and Family Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 500,868
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Hadsell Stormer Keeny Richardson & Renick LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Thomas Guterrez, Esq. Collins Collins Muir + Stewart  Thomas Fagan, Principal Deputy County Counsel, Social Services Division
NATURE OF CASE	Petitioners and Plaintiffs Advokids, a non-profit organization, and foster parents, Heather Whelan, Patrick J. Guske and Carrie Chung, seek a court order commanding the Department of Children and Family Services to provide foster parents with notice and the opportunity to be heard and submit evidence at all proceedings involving children in their care. They allege the department routinely fails to provide foster parents with the requisite notices of court hearings.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 194,824
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 10,636