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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
Elias Morejon, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 609654

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 matters entitled Elias Morejon, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 609654 in the amount of \$690,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department and the Department of Mental Health's budget.

This wrongful death lawsuit alleges that Anthony Morejon died while in the custody of the Sheriff's Department and while receiving care provided by Sheriff's Department medical providers and the Department of Mental Health.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Elias Morejon, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC 609654
COURT	Los Angeles County Superior Court
DATE FILED	February 9, 2016
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Mental Health Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 690,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Richard M. Foster, Esq. Law Offices of Johnson and Moore
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Narbeh Bagdasarian, Esq. Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On January 12, 2015, Anthony Morejon ("Mr. Morejon"), a 25-year-old male, was arrested and brought to Los Angeles Sheriff's Department ("LASD") Inmate Reception Center ("IRC"). Various providers examined Mr. Morejon and began implementing different treatment options.</p> <p>At approximately 8:00 p.m. on January 13, 2015, Mr. Morejon was found unresponsive in his cell. Despite resuscitation measures, Mr. Morejon died on the same day.</p> <p>Mr. Morejon's surviving family brought a wrongful death action against the County of Los Angeles.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 122,918
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 24,096