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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: STEVEN H. ESTABROOK
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "SHE", is written over the name "STEVEN H. ESTABROOK".

RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Claims Board Recommendation
Jennifer Ann Matthews, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.,
United States District Court Case No. 2:17-CV-7908

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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Attachment

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Jennifer Ann Matthews, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., United States District Court Case No. 2:17-CV-7908 in the amount of \$2,250,000 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 civil rights violations and sexual assault by a Sheriff's Deputy.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jennifer Ann Matthews, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:17-CV-07908
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	October 5, 2017
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 2,250,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Justin E. Sterling, Esq. Erin Darling, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent Rolon Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$2,250,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Jennifer Ann Matthews and Thea Lampert alleging that they were sexually assaulted by a Sheriff's Deputy when they were incarcerated at the Century Regional Detention Facility.</p> <p>Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 133,973
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 3,824