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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: STEVEN H. ESTABROOK *SHE*  
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**  
**County Claims Board Recommendation**  
**Claim of Melissa Williams**

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 Claim of Melissa Williams in the amount of \$1,650,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

This claim concerns allegations of sexual assault by a Sheriff's Deputy.

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Claim of Melissa Williams
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 1,650,000
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 \$1,650,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a claim filed by Melissa Williams, alleging that she was sexually assaulted by a Sheriff's Deputy while she was 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	\$ 38,126
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 4,277