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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: STEVEN H. ESTABROOK *SHC*
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Claims Board Recommendation
Janet Moyer, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 16-CV-09420

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, which is 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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Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matters entitled Janet Moyer, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., United States District Court Case No. 16-CV-09420 in the amount of \$485,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department and the Department of Health Services' budget.

This lawsuit alleges federal civil rights violations, wrongful death, and negligence arising out of the death of a mentally ill inmate while in the custody of the Sheriff's Department.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Janet Moyer, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	16-CV-09420
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	December 21, 2016
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Department of Health Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 485,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Neil K .Gehlawat Chain, Cohen & Stiles Thomas C. Seabaugh Law Office of Thomas Seabaugh
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Narbeh Bagdasarian Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On April 28, 2016, Douglas Brown-Palamara was arrested and brought under Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's custody. On April 29, 2016, he was seen by a mental health clinician and placed in Moderate Observation Housing. On May 3, 2016, he was evaluated by another mental health clinician where he denied any suicidal thoughts. On May 8, 2016, Mr. Palamara committed suicide.</p> <p>Mr. Palamara's family filed a federal lawsuit against the County of Los Angeles and several County employees alleging that they failed to provide the necessary care to Mr. Brown-Palamara.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 66,259
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 2,445