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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: STEVEN H. ESTABROOK 
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Claims Board Recommendation
Samuel Caldwell, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:18-CV-06906

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 Samuel Caldwell, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., United States District Court Case No. 2:18-CV-06906 in the amount of \$250,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget and the Department of Health Services' budget.

This lawsuit alleges deliberate indifference to the medical needs on an inmate while in the custody of the Sheriff's Department and also while he was a patient at one of the facilities operated by the Department of Health Services.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Samuel Caldwell, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:18-6906 PSG (MRWx)
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	7/6/2018
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Department of Health Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 250,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Marc Geragos Geragos & Geragos
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Caroline S. Craddock Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On September 23, 2017, Octavious Caldwell ("Mr. Caldwell") was arrested. Mr. Caldwell was diabetic and given insulin. On September 27, 2017, Mr. Caldwell suffered a seizure and died.</p> <p>Mr. Caldwell's parents, Samuel Caldwell and Tameca Spriggs, filed a lawsuit against the County of Los Angeles alleging deliberate indifference and failure to treat, monitor, and manage their son's diabetic attack.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 4,750
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 4,006