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TO: CELIA ZAVALA
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: ADRIENNE M. BYERS
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Claims Board Recommendation
Auston May and Ashton May v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC 627973

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.

AMB:vc

Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Austen May and Ashton May v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC 627973 in the amount of \$500,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Children and Family Services' budget.

This lawsuit concerns allegations of abuse of minor children while in foster care.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Auston and Ashton May v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC627973
COURT	Los Angeles County Superior Court
DATE FILED	July 22, 2016
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Children and Family Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 500,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Pamela Dansby-Darden
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Katherine Bowser
NATURE OF CASE	Plaintiffs allege that DCFS employees failed to uncover and protect them from physical and emotional abuse by their former foster mother. Due to the high risk and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. The full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$500,000 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 45,544
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 10,710