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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
Smith, Pauline v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:18-CV-04214

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 Smith, Pauline v. County of Los Angeles, et al., United States District Court Case No. 2:18-CV-04214 in the amount of \$325,000 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 federal civil rights violations and alleged sexual assault by a Sheriff's Deputy.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Pauline Smith v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:18-CV-04214
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	May 18, 2018
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 325,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	George Mgdesyian, Esq. Mgdesyian Law Firm
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$325,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a lawsuit filed by Pauline Smith 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 high risks 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 \$325,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 59,694
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 10,679