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TO: CELIA ZAVALA
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Board of Supervisors

Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: ELIZABETH D. MILLER
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund
Claims Board Recommendation
Claim of Estate Pedro Lopez et al.
CRM No. 22-4391747*001

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board's recommendation in the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary and the Summary Corrective Action Plan for the case.

It is requested that this recommendation, the Case Summary, and the Summary Corrective Action Plan be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

**Settlement for Matter Entitled Claim of Estate Pedro Lopez et al.
CRM No. 22-4391747*001.**

Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled **Claim of Estate Pedro Lopez et al.** CRM No. 22-4391747*001 in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department Contract Cities Trust Fund's budget.

This lawsuit concerns allegations of a federal civil rights violations and wrongful death by Sheriff's Deputies.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Claim of Estate of Pedro Lopez, et al.
CASE NUMBER	None
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 5,000,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$5,000,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a wrongful death and federal civil rights lawsuit filed by decedent Pedro Lopez' wife, Maria Luisa Villanueva Lopez, and daughter Maria Lopez. At the time of the incident, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department ("LASD") deputies were pursuing an armed and dangerous carjacking suspect, he ran into the yard of the Lopez home and engaged in an exchange of gunfire with Los Angeles Sheriff's Department ("LASD") Deputies. Mr. Lopez was fatally struck during this exchange.</p> <p>Given the 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 \$5,000,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 10,441
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 16,691