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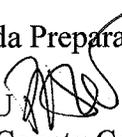
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: PATRICK A. WU 
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Claims Board Recommendation
Teodora Pleitez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 548 853

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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Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Teodora Pleitez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 548 853, in the amount of \$275,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Health Services' budget.

This medical malpractice lawsuit alleges that Olive View-UCLA Medical Center staff were negligent in performing a medical procedure, which caused injuries to Plaintiff.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Teodora Pleitez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	BC 548853
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court - Central District
DATE FILED	June 13, 2014
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Health Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ \$275,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Marcus Petoyan, Esq. Gianni * Petoyan
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Narbeh Bagdasarian Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On April 30, 2014, Teodora Pleitez, a 59-year-old female, presented to Olive View-UCLA Medical Center ("OVMC") to undergo a gynecological procedure. The plan was to use a special solution to assist in identifying abnormal tissue. Due to an inadvertent error, a different solution was used which caused burns to Ms. Pleitez.</p> <p>Teodora Pleitez filed a medical malpractice action against the County of Los Angeles alleging the OVMC staff was negligent in performing the gynecological procedure. Ms. Pleitez's husband, also brought an action for loss of consortium against the County of Los Angeles.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 14,798
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 4,557