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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM:

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RE:

Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda County Claims Board Recommendation

Armando Novshadyan, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al. United States District Court Case No. CV 14-00814 JAK

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 <u>Armando Novshadyan</u>, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., United States District Court Case No. CV 14-00814 JAK in the amount of \$275,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

This lawsuit alleges civil rights violations and deliberate indifference to safety needs for the death of an inmate at Twin Towers Correctional Facility.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME

Armando Novshadyan v. County of Los Angeles, et

CASE NUMBER

CV 14-00814 JAK

COURT

United States District Court

DATE FILED

February 3, 2014

COUNTY DEPARTMENT

Sheriff's Department

PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT

275,000

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

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NATURE OF CASE

This is a recommendation to settle for \$275,000, the lawsuit filed by decedent, Albert Novshadyan's parents, Armando Novshadyan and Marina Dilanchy, against the County and Sheriff Department personnel alleging federal civil rights

violations and deliberate indifference to safety needs. Defendants deny the allegations.

Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$275,000 is

recommended.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE

101,874

PAID COSTS, TO DATE

3,223