

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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TO:

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Executive Officer Board of Supervisors

Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM:

JOHN F. KRATTLI/

Senior Assistant County Counsel

RE:

**Audit of Time Warner Cable Franchise Areas** 

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 Supervisor's agenda.

JFK:rfm

Attachments

### Board Agenda

#### MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled <u>Audit of Time Warner Cable Franchise Areas</u>, whereby the County will receive payment in the amount of \$140,000.

This matter concerns cable franchise payments owed to the County by Time Warner.

# **CASE SUMMARY**

### **INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION**

CASE NAME

**Audit of Time Warner Cable** 

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Franchise Areas

**CASE NUMBER** 

N/A

COURT

N/A

DATE FILED

N/A

COUNTY DEPARTMENT

Chief Executive Office

PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT

Accept \$140,000 settlement offer

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

Joseph Van Eaton, Esq.

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Best & Krieger)

**COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY** 

Lawrence Green

NATURE OF CASE

This is a proposed settlement of a County audit of four franchise agreements held by Time Warner for the operation of cable television systems within portions of the unincorporated County. The audit showed a total of \$257,429 owed to the County for 2004 through 2007, inclusive, consisting of \$61,410 in underpaid franchise fees, plus late fees, interest, and audit reimbursement fees.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE

\$ 15,279.78 (outside counsel)

PAID COSTS, TO DATE

\$ \$2,410.47 (outside counsel)