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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
Grace Community Church of The Valley, et al. v. Gavin
Newsom, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20BBCV00497
(consolidated with County of Los Angeles v. Grace Community
Church of The Valley, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court
Case No. 20STCV30695)

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 be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

AMB:jkb

Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Grace Community Church of The Valley, et al. v. Gavin Newsom, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20BBCV00497 (consolidated with County of Los Angeles v. Grace Community Church of The Valley, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV30695), in the amount of \$400,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Public Health's budget.

These consolidated lawsuits relate to the Health Officer Orders issued by the Department of Public Health.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Grace Community Church of the Valley, et al. v. Gavin Newsom, et al. LASC Case No. 20BBCV00497 (consol. with County of Los Angeles, et al. v. Grace Community Church of the Valley, et al. LASC Case No. 20STCV30695)
CASE NUMBER	20BBCV00497
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	August 13, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Health
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 400,000.00 (The State as co-defendant is paying an additional \$400,000)
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Charles S. LiMandri, Esq. LiMandri & Jonna, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Jason H. Tokoro, Esq. Miller Barondess, LLP
NATURE OF CASE	Grace Community Church of the Valley alleges State and United States constitutional violations related to COVID-19 infection control measures, including capacity limits on indoor services, the requirement to practice social distancing and masking, and the prohibition on chanting and singing. Grace Community Church of the Valley seeks a court order to prevent enforcement of "Coronavirus Pandemic" regulations.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ \$938,096
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ \$13,831