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TO: EDWARD YEN
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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
Carlos Towns, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-cv-01635



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 Carlos Towns, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., United States District Court Case No. 2:23-cv-01635, in the amount of \$5,250,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

This civil rights lawsuit seeks compensation for the alleged wrongful death of Decedent after he was shot by Sheriff's Department deputies.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	<u>Carlos Towns, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u>
CASE NUMBER	2:23-cv-01635
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	March 7, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 5,250,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Caree Harper
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$5,250,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by decedent Charles Towns' two children ("Plaintiffs"), after he was fatally shot by Los Angeles Sheriff's Department ("LASD") Deputies.</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 \$5,250,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 83,619
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 6,512