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The Honorable Board of Supervisors

**Dear Supervisors:** 

## SETTLEMENT OF BREACH OF LEASE LAWSUIT (SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

## SUBJECT

Recommendation to settle a breach of lease lawsuit arising from the County's lease of property at 11539 Hawthorne Boulevard, Hawthorne.

## **RECOMMENDATION TO YOUR BOARD**

- Authorize settlement of the matter entitled, Imperial 1. Hawthorne Limited Partnership v. County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV06318, in the amount of \$750,000.
- 2. Instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw the necessary warrants to implement this settlement from the Department of Children and Family Services' (DCFS) budget.

# PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This is a breach of lease lawsuit arising from the County's lease of property at 11539 Hawthorne Boulevard, Hawthorne.

A proposed settlement has been reached. Your Board's authorization is now required to complete the proposed settlement, which would result in payment of \$750,000 to plaintiff. This proposed settlement is recommended due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation. Resolution at this time would avoid further litigation costs.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

To date, the County has incurred approximately \$120,629 in attorneys' fees.

### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The parties engaged in settlement negotiations and reached the proposed settlement. We recommend settling this case for \$750,000. Settlement is subject to your Board's approval.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

None.

### CONCLUSION

County Counsel recommends your Board approve settlement of this matter. The Chief Executive Office and DCFS concur with County Counsel's recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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