



County of Los Angeles

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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
Demetra Johnson, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCP04664**



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 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 Demetra Johnson, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCP04664, in the amount of \$500,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

This petition for writ of mandate against the Sheriff's Department involves the resolution of a California Public Records Act request.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Demetra Johnson, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	19STCP04664
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	October 29, 2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 500,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Oliver L. Brown, Munger, Tolles & Olson
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Roderick E. Sasis, Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle the attorneys' fees and costs relating to a motion seeking enforcement of the court's judgment in a California Public Records Act lawsuit filed by the ACLU Foundation of Southern California, on behalf of itself and three individuals, Demetra Johnson, Zachary Wade, and Vinly Eng, against the County of Los Angeles for \$500,000.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 353,756
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 32,362