



County of Los Angeles

October 28, 2025

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PROPOSED ASSEMBLY BILL 218
SETTLEMENT WITH UP TO 414 PLAINTIFFS FOR UP TO \$828 MILLION;
AND RELATED APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
(ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This is to transmit the recommendation of the Los Angeles County Claims Board to approve a proposed settlement for up to \$828 million between the County of Los Angeles (County) and up to 414 plaintiffs who allege they were in the care of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) or Probation Department (Probation) and were victims of childhood sexual abuse. This item, without the confidential documents, will be placed on your Board's October 28, 2025, Public Hearing meeting agenda, under Miscellaneous Communications.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve a settlement with up to 414 Assembly Bill 218 (AB 218) plaintiffs (collectively, Group B) for up to \$828 million, to be paid over three fiscal years, as recommended by the Los Angeles County Claims Board.
2. Approve the attached Appropriation Adjustment (Attachment I) that transfers \$400 million from the Provisional Financing Uses (PFU) budget unit to the Judgment and Damages (J&D) budget unit needed to make the first payment of this AB 218 settlement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

County Counsel and the Los Angeles County Claims Board recommend settlement in these matters. The proposed settlement includes a case review and allocation process to ensure victims are fairly compensated for the alleged abuse.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total amount of this AB 218 settlement shall not exceed \$828 million. This settlement amount will be paid over three years as follows: \$400 million by December 1, 2025; up to \$400 million within 12 months of the first payment; and up to \$28 million within 12 months of the second payment.

Funding for the first installment of \$400 million is set aside in the PFU budget unit. Approval of the attached Appropriation Adjustment is needed to ensure sufficient funds are available in the J&D budget unit to make this initial payment.

The remaining two payments will be included in the appropriate budget unit during a subsequent budget phase in the respective fiscal years in which the payments are due.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In 2019, the Legislature approved AB 218 which amended the law and allowed for previously barred claims of childhood sexual abuse to be filed within a three-year window. Additionally, the amended law extended the statute of limitations to file childhood sexual abuse lawsuits for individuals under 40 years old or within five years of the date the plaintiff discovers or reasonably should have discovered that psychological injury or illness occurring after the age of majority was caused by the sexual abuse. This law took effect in 2020, the County has been served with over 12,000 childhood sex abuse plaintiffs.

This settlement with up to 414 plaintiffs will be paid over the period of three fiscal years, beginning in fiscal years 2025-2026.

The terms of the proposed settlement include fraud prevention measures. The Plaintiffs' attorneys have agreed to heightened scrutiny. If the County has a good faith belief that any Plaintiff's claims are fraudulent, the County will notify Plaintiff's counsel of the basis for this belief. Counsel will then meet and confer to determine whether a mutually-agreed resolution can be reached. If a mutually-agreed resolution cannot be reached, Plaintiff's counsel will notify the Allocator of the County's position and the basis for the County's position. The Allocator will then conduct a fraud-based review of that Plaintiff's claim. If the Allocator finds the claim is fraudulent, that Plaintiff will get nothing. If the Allocator finds the claim is valid, that Plaintiff will receive their pro-rata share of the settlement.

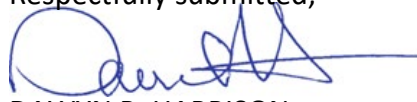
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The recommendation to approve the Appropriation Adjustment is needed to ensure funding is available to make the first payment of \$400 million.

CONCLUSION

The proposed settlement is recommended to avoid the risks and uncertainties of litigation of these matters. It is in the County's best interest to resolve these matters without further litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

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DAWYN R. HARRISON
County Counsel

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Attachment

c: Joseph M. Nicchitta
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Edward Yen
Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors

Brandon T. Nichols, Director
Department of Children and Family Services

Guillermo Viera Rosa, Chief Probation Officer
Probation Department

ATTACHMENT

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HER RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE

FY 2025-26
3 - VOTES

SOURCES		USES	
PFU-VARIOUS		JUDGMENTS AND DAMAGES	
A01-CB-2000-13749-13760		A01-JD-5500-13630	
SERVICES & SUPPLIES		OTHER CHARGES	
DECREASE APPROPRIATION	400,000,000	INCREASE APPROPRIATION	400,000,000
SOURCES TOTAL		USES TOTAL	
\$ 400,000,000		\$ 400,000,000	

JUSTIFICATION

Reflects a transfer of \$400,000,000 from the Provisional Financing Uses (PFU) budget unit to the Judgments and Damages budget unit for the year 1 payment of the second AB 218 major settlement agreement.

Yolanda Reyes

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

YOLANDA REYES, MANAGER, CEO

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---

☐ ACTION

☐ RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

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☐ APPROVED AS REQUESTED

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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