



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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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'AMB', is placed next to the name Adrienne M. Byers.

RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda
County Claims Board Recommendation
Estate of Amanda Bews, et al. v. County of Los Angeles,
et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-cv-09775 and
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24CMCV00666**



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 Estate of Amanda Bews, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., United States District Court Case No. 2:23-cv-09775 and Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24CMCV00666, in the amount of \$400,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Health Services, Department of Medical Examiner, and Sheriff's Department's budgets.

These federal and state wrongful death lawsuits stem from the death of an inmate and allege negligence and failure to summon medical care.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Estate of Amanda Bews, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	24CMCV00666
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	May 3, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner Los Angeles County Department of Correctional Health Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$400,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	TIMOTHY A. SCOTT McKenzie Scott PC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	CAROLINE S. CRADDOCK Senior Deputy County Counsel Health Services Division
NATURE OF CASE	Plaintiffs allege that Amanda Bews died in custody as a result of alleged failure to prevent and treat alcohol withdrawal. Due to the uncertainties and the risks of litigation, the proposed settlement is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$138,620
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$17,759