



County of Los Angeles

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TO: EDWARD YEN  
Executive Officer  
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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  
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 NUMBER 24CMCV00666

COURT Los Angeles Superior Court

DATE FILED May 3, 2024

PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT \$400,000

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF **TIMOTHY A. SCOTT**  
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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.
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PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE \$138,620

PAID COSTS, TO DATE \$17,759