



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
The Estate of Destiny Ortega, et al. v. County of Los
Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22CMCV00447**



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.

AMB:ljz

Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled The Estate of Destiny Ortega, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22CMCV00447, in the amount of \$750,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

This wrongful death lawsuit seeks compensation for the death of an inmate in the custody of the Sheriff's Department.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME Estate of Destiny Ortega, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

CASE NUMBER 22CMCV00447

COURT Los Angeles Superior Court

DATE FILED October 25, 2022

COUNTY DEPARTMENT **Sheriff's Department**

PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT \$ 750,000

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NATURE OF CASE On December 29, 2021, Plaintiffs allege that decedent died at the hands of her cellmate as a result of inappropriately housing decedent in the same jail cell with her alleged attacker. Due to the uncertainties and the risks of litigation, the proposed settlement is recommended.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE \$ 185,542

PAID COSTS, TO DATE \$ 41,992