



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
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:lzs

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
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	FRANK PEREZ Perez & Perez, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	CAROLINE S. CRADDOCK Senior Deputy County Counsel
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