



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
Monique Alvarez, et al. v. Prologis, Inc., et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV38929**



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 the 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 Monique Alvarez, et al. v. Prologis, Inc., et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV38929, in the amount of \$6,000,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Public Works' budget.

This lawsuit alleges that Plaintiffs suffered personal injuries and property damage as a result of toxic chemicals and noxious odors from the Dominguez Channel.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Alvarez. Monique, et la. vs. Prologis, Inc., et al.
CASE NUMBER	21STCV38929
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	October 21, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles County Flood Control District
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 6,000,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Paul R. Kiesel KIESEL LAW LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Warren Wellen, Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This matter involves more than 60 related mass tort actions filed by more than 24,000 plaintiffs against a number of individuals, corporations, and certain government entities, including the County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (FCD). The claims against the County and FCD are for dangerous condition of public property and inverse condemnation. Plaintiffs allege property damage and personal injuries as a result of noxious odors from the Dominguez Channel (Channel), an estuary owned and operated by the FCD following a fire that occurred at an industrial warehouse in Carson that improperly stored massive amounts of "hand sanitizer" containing toxic chemicals outdoors. Plaintiffs allege that the toxic chemicals entered the storm drain system, and the Channel, where the toxic chemicals caused biological processes resulting in a weeks-long, massive, noxious odor event.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 6,100,532
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 1,175,528