



County of Los Angeles

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TO: EDWARD YEN  
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: LILIANA CAMPOS  
Litigation Cost Manager

RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda  
County Claims Board Recommendation  
Margarita Lopez v. Jenna Toki Nakagawa, M.D., et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court 23CMCV01768  
(6/9/26)**



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 Margarita Lopez v. Jenna Toki Nakagawa, M.D., et al., Los Angeles Superior Court 23CMCV01768, in the amount of \$317,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Health Services' budget.

This medical malpractice lawsuit alleges a doctor at Martin Luther King, Jr. Outpatient Center was negligent.

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

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| CASE NAME                   | Margarita Lopez v. Jenna Toki Nakagawa, M.D., et al.   |
| CASE NUMBER                 | 23CMCV01768  |
| COURT                       | Los Angeles Superior Court   |
| DATE FILED                  | November 2, 2023   |
| COUNTY DEPARTMENT           | Department of Health Services  |
| PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT  | \$ 317,000   |
| ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF      | JOHN E. TIEDT<br>Tiedt & Hurd, LLP   |
| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY     | NARBEH BAGDASARIAN<br>Principal Deputy County Counsel<br>Health Services Division  |
| NATURE OF CASE              | Plaintiff alleges medical malpractice by Martin Luther King Jr. Outpatient Center staff while undergoing a surgical procedure.<br><br>Considering the uncertainties of trial, the County decided to settle the case. |
| PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE | \$ 35,949  |
| PAID COSTS, TO DATE         | \$ 8,159   |