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TO: JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA
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FROM: TIMOTHY J. KRAL 
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda
County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund
Claims Board Recommendation
Jacy Houseton, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-06887**



Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board's recommendation in the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary for the case.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachment

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

**Settlement for Matter Entitled Jacy Houseton, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-06887**

Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board's recommendation:
Authorized Settlement of the matter entitled Jacy Houseton, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-06887 in the amount of \$3,000,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department Contract Cities Trust Fund's budget.

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal and state civil rights violations, use of excessive force, false arrest, Monell liability, assault and battery, negligence, violation of Bane Act.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jacy Houseton, et al. vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:23-CV-06887
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	August 22, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ \$3,000,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	CAREE HARPER, ESQ. Law Offices of Caree Harper
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	JOSEPH A. LANGTON Principal Deputy County Counsel ANGELA M. POWELL Jones Mayer
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$3,000,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, this federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Jacy Houseton and Damon Barnes (collectively Plaintiffs) alleging excessive force in Plaintiffs' detention and arrest. Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. The full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$3,000,000 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 204,869
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 7,202