



County of Los Angeles

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TO: EDWARD YEN
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: LILIANA CAMPOS
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda
County Claims Board Recommendation
April Herrera v. Los Angeles County, et al.
United States District Court, Case No. 2:24-CV-01959**



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 April Herrera v. Los Angeles County, et al., United States District Court, Case No. 2:24-CV-01959, in the amount of \$375,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

This federal lawsuit alleges Plaintiff sustained physical and emotional injuries by a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputy.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	April Herrera v. Los Angeles County, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:24-CV-01959
COURT	United States District Court – Central
DATE FILED	March 11, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles County Sherriif's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 375,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	CHRISTIAN CONTRERAS, ESQ. Law Offices Of Christian Contreras
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	JOSEPH LANGTON Principal Deputy County Counsel Justice and Safety Division THOMAS C. HURRELL Hurrell Cantrall LLP
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$375,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by April Herrera (Plaintiff) alleging her civil rights were violated when Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD) Deputy Adam Villalobos used his authority to sexually groom her causing her to sustain physical and emotional injuries. 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 \$375,000 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 117,023
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 6,337