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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION
(ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED)
(3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Recommendation to settle lawsuit filed against the Sheriff's Department (LASD), two LASD deputies, and an LASD sergeant arising out of a January 29, 2018 incident.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve settlement in the amount of $1,700,000 in Aaron Glazier v. County of Los Angeles, et al. U.S. District Court Case No. 2:20-cv-00924.

2. Instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the LASD Contract Cities Trust Fund budget.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Plaintiff Aaron Glazier claims he was unlawfully detained and arrested by LASD deputies during a January 29, 2018, incident in Bellflower. He sued the County, Deputy Harold Adams, Deputy Hector Sinay, and Sergeant Epp North, claiming 42 United States Code section 1983 violations including arrest without probable cause, fabrication of evidence, and malicious prosecution.

The case first went to trial in March 2025 and ended in a mistrial with seven out of the eight jurors voting in favor of the defense. The retrial occurred in March 2026, and resulted in a verdict against the County for $999,999, including $24,999 in punitive damages against Deputy Harold Adams. As the prevailing party, Plaintiff will be entitled to his attorney's fees, which he has claimed to the court are at least $930,000.

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A proposed settlement of $1,700,000 has been reached. Your Board's authorization is now required to complete the proposed settlement. Given the risks and uncertainties of further litigation and a potential fee award, the settlement is believed to be fair and reasonable.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The County is represented by the Collins + Collins, LLP, law firm. To date, fees and costs incurred for this case amount to approximately $326,078. Payment of such fees and costs will come from LASD's existing budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The parties have engaged in substantial settlement negotiations and reached the proposed settlement. Based on the agreement reached by the parties, we recommend settling the Glazier lawsuit for $1,700,000. The settlement agreement is subject to your Board's approval.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

None.

CONCLUSION

County Counsel recommends that your Board approve settlement of this matter and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement the settlement from the LASD budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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County Counsel

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c: Honorable Robert Luna, Sheriff
Joseph Nicchitta, Chief Executive Officer
Edward Yen, Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors