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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
Estate of Roger Morales, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.; United States District Court Case No. 2:24-cv-10144

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

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Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Estate of Roger Morales, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., United States District Court Case No. 2:24-cv-10144, in the amount of $300,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Health Services' budget.

This lawsuit arises from the in-custody death of Decedent at Los Angeles General Medical Center.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME		Estate of Roger Morales, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER		2:24-cv-10144
COURT		United States District Court
DATE FILED		November 27, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT		Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Los Angeles Department of Correctional Health Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	$	300,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF		CHRISTIAN CONTRERAS Law Offices of Christian Contreras. PLC HUMBERTO GUIZAR Law Offices of Humberto Guizar, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY		CAROLINE S. CRADDOCK Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE		Plaintiffs allege failure to summon and provide adequate medical care for Roger Morales who died in custody at the Los Angeles General Medical Center on October 26, 2023. Due to the risks and uncertainties of trial, a full and final settlement is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	$	118,438
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	$	15,812