



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
Valeria Guaman, a minor, et al. v. The Los Angeles County
Sheriff's Department, et al.; Los Angeles Superior Court
Case No. 21STCV36635



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 Valeria Guaman, a minor, et al. v. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV36635, in the amount of \$690,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiffs sustained in a traffic collision involving a Sheriff's Department deputy.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Valeria Guaman, a Minor by Norma Alicia Ruiz-Pelayo, et al. vs. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21STCV36635
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	October 5, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ \$690,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	CHRISTOPHER B. DOLAN, ESQ ALLISON STONE, ESQ. Dolan Law Firm, PC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	LATASHA N. CORRY, ESQ. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	On September 20, 2020, Plaintiffs were driving on Santa Fe Avenue in the City of Los Angeles. At the same time, Deputy Thomas was driving a patrol vehicle authorized Code 3. Deputy Thomas lost control of his vehicle resulting in a rear-end accident. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 109,593
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 80,452