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The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Los Angeles County Development Authority
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Dear Commissioners:

SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION ARISING OUT OF A PERSONAL INJURY MATTER (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Recommendation to settle a lawsuit filed against the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) arising out of a resident personal injury at LACDA's Orchard Arms Senior Apartments (Orchard Arms).

RECOMMENDATION TO YOUR BOARD

1. Approve settlement in the amount of $227,500 in *Juan Jose Dario Lopez v. Los Angeles County Development Authority,* Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 24CHCV00691.

2. Instruct LACDA to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from LACDA's budget.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATION

This is a personal injury lawsuit filed by Juan Jose Dario Lopez, a resident of Orchard Arms.

A proposed settlement with plaintiff has been reached. Your Board's authorization is now required to complete the proposed settlement, which would result in payment of $227,500 to plaintiff. The proposed settlement is recommended due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, and resolution at this time would avoid further litigation costs.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

LACDA is represented in this litigation by Collins+Collins LLP. To date, LACDA has incurred approximately $107,923 in attorneys' fees and $11,528 in costs.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The parties participated in a full-day mediation on July 20, 2026, after which the mediator recommended, and both parties accepted, a proposed settlement of $227,500. Settlement is subject to your Board's approval.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

None.

CONCLUSION

County Counsel recommends your Board approve the settlement. LACDA concurs with County Counsel's recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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