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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE OFFER OF SETTLEMENT
(ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED – 3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Pursuant to Section 1473 of the Health and Safety Code, authorize acceptance of the compromise offers of settlement from the following individuals who were injured in a third party compensatory accident and who received medical care at a County facility:

Louie Barrera, in amount of \$7,901.16
Joel Estevez, in amount of \$39,607.35
Evelia Suarez, in amount of \$3,142.84
Yunhao Xu, in amount of \$7,815.65

JUSTIFICATION:

The best interest of the County would be served by the approval of this recommendation and the County Counsel concurs.

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PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The compromise offers of settlement are recommended because the patients, estates, or legally responsible relatives are unable to pay the charges.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:

This action is consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility in pursuing collection of charges owed for County services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The County will recover partial payment from a third party against debts, otherwise uncollectible due to the limited financial resources of the individuals who received the medical care.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK J. SALADINO
Treasurer and Tax Collector

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel

APPROVED
LLOYD W. PELLMAN
County Counsel

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DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

TRANSMITTAL NO. 44A
DATE: July 3, 2002

Amount of Aid	\$56,838.00	Account Number	10639259
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Barrera, Louie
Balance Due	56,838.00	Service Date	10/27/01 to 04/24/02
Compromise Amount Offered	7,901.16	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$48,936.84	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Barrera was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$56,838.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$25,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$8,333.33	\$ 5,100.00	20.40%
Attorney Cost	576.00	576.00	2.30%
Intercommunity ER Medical Group	458.00	458.00	1.83%
Whittier Community Hospital	544.40	544.40	2.18%
Ambulance	685.00	685.00	2.74%
Memrad Medical Group	39.00	39.00	0.15%
County of Los Angeles	56,838.00	7,901.16	31.61%
Net to Client	N/A	9,696.44	38.79%
Total	\$67,473.73	\$25,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Barrera attends school and lives with his mother. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

TRANSMITTAL NO. 44B
DATE: July 3, 2002

Amount of Aid	\$108,388.00	Account Number	10595700
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Estevez, Joel
Balance Due	108,388.00	Service Date	01/01/00 to 05/01/00
Compromise Amount Offered	39,607.35	Facility	Rancho Los Amigos M.C. LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$ 68,780.65	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Estevez was involved in a trip and fall accident. He was treated at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center and LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$108,388.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$125,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 40,217.35	32.18%
Attorney Cost	4,347.95	4,347.95	3.48%
Los Angeles City Fire Department	610.00	610.00	0.48%
County of Los Angeles	108,388.00	39,607.35	31.69%
Net to Client	N/A	40,217.35	32.17%
Total	\$163,345.95	\$125,000.0	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Estevez is unemployed and is supported by relatives and friends. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 44C
DATE: July 3, 2002

Amount of Aid	\$47,926.00	Account Number	10547370
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Suarez, Evelia
Balance Due	47,926.00	Service Date	11/22/00 to 03/14/01
Compromise Amount Offered	3,142.84	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$44,783.16	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Ms. Suarez was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. She was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$47,926.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$10,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	40.00%
Diko Apardian, D.C.	1,265.00	374.13	3.74%
Advanced Radiology MRI	4,400.00	1,301.30	13.01%
El Monte Hospital	1,034.15	305.80	3.06%
S.M. Rezaian, M.D.	1,958.00	579.00	5.79%
Wilmore Premier Health Group	405.00	119.80	1.20%
Ambulance	415.00	122.70	1.23%
Cal Western El Monte Hospital	143.00	42.30	0.42%
Advance Radiology	40.00	12.13	0.12%
County of Los Angeles	47,926.00	3,142.84	31.43%
Net to Client	N/A	0.00	0.00%
Total	\$61,586.15	\$10,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Ms. Suarez supports herself with a marginal income. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 44D
DATE: July 3, 2002

Amount of Aid	61,568.00	Account Number	10595243
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Xu, Yunhao
Balance Due	61,568.00	Service Date	04/26/00 to 09/17/00
Compromise Amount Offered	7,815.65	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$53,752.35	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Xu was involved in an automobile versus bicycle/pedestrian accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$61,568.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$25,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 7,815.65	\$ 7,815.65	31.26%
Attorney Cost	1,553.05	1,553.05	6.22%
County of Los Angeles	61,568.00	7,815.65	31.26%
Net to Client	N/A	7,815.65	31.26%
Total	\$70,936.70	\$25,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Xu supports himself and a family of two with a marginal income. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.