



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

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### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board will hold its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at 11:00 a.m., in the City of Monterey Park, Posada Ballroom at Luminarias Restaurant, 3500 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California 91754.

### **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order.
2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Claims Board on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board.
3. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)
  - a. Bianca Hernandez, Esmeralda Sanchez v. Jorge Perez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and Does 1 through 20 inclusive.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 686495

This lawsuit concerns allegations of injuries and property damage received in an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Deanna Martinez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18STCV02466

This lawsuit concerns allegations of injuries and property damage received in an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- c. Barry R. Sheppard, et al. v. City of Westlake Village, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 686607

This lawsuit concerns allegations of dangerous conditions and property damage.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- 4. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

- a. Davis, Andy, et al. v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18AVC00202

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

- b. Lewin, Kevin v. Thorne, Jr., Albert Henry, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 697359

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

- c. Taylor, Stafford By Davies, Grace, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 18-CV-09259 AB (SSx)

This lawsuit concerns allegation of civil rights violations by Sheriff's Deputies.

- 5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
- 6. Approval of Minutes for the January 15, 2020, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

[See Supporting Document](#)

7. Items not on the posted agenda, to be referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a further meeting of the Board, or matters requiring immediate action because of emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting of the agenda.
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Bianca Hernandez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC686495
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	February 13, 2018
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 80,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Larry Rabineau, Esq. Law Offices of Larry Rabineau
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael J. Gordon, Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On January 2, 2014, Plaintiffs Bianca Hernandez and Esmeralda Sanchez were involved in a motor vehicle versus motor vehicle collision with an on-duty employee of the Sheriff's Department, while driving on Hawthorne Boulevard at its intersection with 145<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Lawndale. They allegedly sustained injuries to their heads, necks, and backs and shoulder, and received medical treatment as a result of injuries sustained in the collision.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$80,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 78,207
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 25,974

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Deanna Martinez v. County of Los Angeles, et. al.
CASE NUMBER	18STCV02466
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	October 26, 2018
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 45,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Richard Stout, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kevin J. Engelen, Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from a vehicle vs. vehicle collision that occurred on April 29, 2017, when a Deputy of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department entered an intersection against a red light and collided with the side of the Plaintiff's vehicle. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 28,899
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 1,252

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Barry Sheppard, et al. v. City of Westlake Village, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC686607
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	December 12, 2017
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 69,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Gerald Agnew AgnewBrusavich
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard K. Kudo Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	The case involves a solo bicycle incident in which plaintiff Barry Sheppard alleges that he was injured when his bicycle's rear tire slipped on wet paint marking the bicycle lane on Lindero Canyon Road in the City of Westlake Village. Plaintiff alleges there were no cones, signs, or workers warning of the wet paint. The County disputes the allegations. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 62,218
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 11,086

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND  
CLAIMS BOARD**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

January 15, 2020

**1. Call to Order**

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was called to order by Margaret Finlay at 11:12 a.m. The meeting was held in the City of Monterey Park, Luminarias Restaurant, Posada Ballroom, 3500 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California 91754.

Present at the meeting were **Claims Board Members:** Mark Waronek, Chair, South Division, Margaret Finlay, East Division; Mark Alexander, East Division; Curtis Morris, At-Large; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; **Alternate:** Bryan Cook, At-Large; John Moreno, South Division; Jose Gonzalez, Central Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; Lindsey Horvath, At-Large; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Steve Robles; County of Los Angeles; Bryan Aguilera, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Patrick Jordan, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jeff Carrasco, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Steve Gross, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Sergio Escobedo, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Maxine Kallenberger, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Greg McNight, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Kevin Chun, Lawndale; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Robert Lowe, Alliant Insurance Services; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance Services; Kristen DesCombes, Alliant Insurance Services; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Sylvia Hernandez, Claims Manager, Carl Warren & Company; **California JPIA:** Jonathan Shull, Chief Executive Officer; Jim Thyden, Insurance Programs Manager; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk; Lilian Salcedo, Office Assistant.

**2. Public Comment**

Members of the public were provided the opportunity to address the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board. No members of the public addressed the Board.

At 11:13 a.m., the Chair adjourned the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board into Closed Session.

**3. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

There are no settlement proposals for this meeting.

**4. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

There are no settlement proposals for this meeting.

**5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.**

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 11:13 a.m. No action was taken in Closed Session which required a public report pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1.

**6. Approval of the Minutes for December 11, 2019, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 7 - Mark Alexander, Margaret Finlay,  
Patrick Kearney, Curtis Morris, Ken Striplin,  
Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek,  
Jennifer Vasquez.

Absent - James Bozajian, Reva Feldman, Ernie Hernandez.

**7. Items Not on the Posted Agenda, to be Referred to Staff or Placed on the Agenda for Action at a Further Meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board, or Matters Requiring Immediate Action Because of Emergency Situation or Where the Need to Take Immediate Action Came to the Attention of the Board Subsequent to the Posting of the Agenda.**

None

**8. Other Business**

None

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

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