STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD
HELD VIA-TELECONFERENCE
ON
WEDNESDAY, October 13, 2021, AT 11:00 AM

Members Present:  Mark Waronek, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay,
Mark Alexander, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin,
Marcel Rodarte, Jennifer Vasquez, Bryan Cook,
Lindsey Horvath.

Alternates Present:  Steve Hofbauer, Kevin Chun, John Moreno, Rob Wishner,
Gustavo Camacho, Jason Caudle, Michael Davitt,
Thaddeus MCormack, Jennifer Perez, Gloria Molleda.

1. Call to Order.

2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Contract Cities
Liability Trust Fund Claims Board on items of interest within the subject
matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board.

No members of the public addressed the Claims Board.
3. **Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9).**

a. **Bottros, Moheb, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-05227

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false arrest and failure to summon medical attention by Sheriff's Deputies.

**Action Taken:**

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of $85,000.

**Vote:** Ayes: 11 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

See Supporting Document

b. **Gonzalez Rivas, Georgina v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV17817

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

**Action Taken:**

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of $65,000.

**Vote:** Ayes: 11 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

See Supporting Document
c. Lombardi, Michael v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV04771

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force and civil rights violations by Sheriff's Deputies.

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false arrest and failure to summon medical attention by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of $475,000.

Vote: Ayes: 11 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

See Supporting Document

d. Non-Litigated Auto Liability Claims of Chung Sook Choi-Kwon, the Chung S. Choi-Kwon Revocable Trust, Gwasoo Baik aka Rachel Baik aka Hyoyoung Baek, and Changwoo Jang  
CRM No. 21-1159832*001 *002

This lawsuit concerns allegations of property damage involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of $115,652.53.

Vote: Ayes: 11 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

See Supporting Document
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV01504

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of $100,000.

Vote:  Ayes: 11 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

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

   United States District Court Case No. 2:19: cv-07629
   This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, false imprisonment, excessive force, and failure to intervene by Sheriff’s Deputies.
   Action Taken:
   No reportable action taken

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in closed session as indicated under Agenda Items No. 3 and No. 4 above.

6.  Approval of the minutes of the September 8, 2021 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: 11 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.
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.

No such matters were discussed.

8. **Other Business.**

None

9. **Adjournment.**
**CASE SUMMARY**

**INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION**

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<td>ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF</td>
<td>Gary Casselman, Esq., Law Offices of Gary Casselman</td>
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<td>COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY</td>
<td>Richard Hsueh, Deputy County Counsel</td>
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<td>NATURE OF CASE</td>
<td>This is a recommendation to settle for $85,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, this federal civil rights and State-law lawsuit filed by Plaintiff Moheb Bottros against the County and Sheriff's Department (&quot;LASD&quot;) Deputy Quinton McGee, Lieutenant Omar Camacho and Captain David Sprengel arising from his arrest on September 21, 2020. Due to the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. The full and final settlement of the case in the amount of $85,000 is recommended.</td>
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INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME  Georgina Rivas Gonzalez v. Tyler Russell Wheatcroft, et al.
CASE NUMBER  20STCV17817
COURT  Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED  May 11, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT  Sheriff's Department Contract Cities
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT  $ 65,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF  Lee W. Previant, Esq.
NP Law Firm, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY  Adrian G. Gragas
Assistant County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE  This case involves a collision that occurred on October 10, 2019, when a Contract Cities' vehicle driven by a Deputy Sheriff on Contract Cities business was traveling on westbound Newhall Avenue and collided into plaintiff Georgina Rivas Gonzalez's car as the Deputy Sheriff was changing lanes. Plaintiff claims to have suffered injuries and damages from the accident. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE  $ 16,955
PAID COSTS, TO DATE  $ 108
### CASE SUMMARY

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<td>Vincent Miller, Esq.</td>
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<td>Deputy County Counsel</td>
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**NATURE OF CASE**

This is a recommendation to settle for $475,000 inclusive of attorneys’ fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Michael Lombardi ("Plaintiff"), against the County alleging excessive force arising out of the non-fatal Deputy-involved shooting of the Plaintiff.

Given the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. The full and final settlement of the case in the amount of $475,000 is recommended.

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<td>ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF</td>
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| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY | Joseph A. Langton  
Principal Deputy County Counsel |
| NATURE OF CASE | This is a recommendation to settle for $115,652.53, claims brought by Chung Sook Choi-Kwon and the Chung S. Choi-Kwon Revocable Trust ("Owner") and Gwasoo Baik AKA Gwansoo Baik, Rachel Baik AKA Hyoyoung Baek, and Changwoo Jang ("Tenants") (collectively, "Claimants") for damages sustained to their property on January 14, 2020. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full settlement of the claim is warranted. |
| PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE | $ 0 |
| PAID COSTS, TO DATE | $ 0 |
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<td>COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY</td>
<td>Richard K. Kudo Principal Deputy County Counsel</td>
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<td>NATURE OF CASE</td>
<td>This case involves a three car rear-end collision that occurred on January 28, 2019, when a Sheriff's Department Contract Cities radio car driven by a Deputy Sheriff on Contract Cities business that was traveling on southbound Woodruff Avenue rear-ended plaintiff Genevie Isabel Virgen's VW Jetta, which in turn rear-ended a third car. Plaintiff claims to have suffered injuries and damages from the accident. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.</td>
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1. **Call to Order**

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was called to order by James Bozajian at 11:01 a.m. The meeting was held via-teleconference.

**Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members:** James Bozajian, Chair; Mark Waronek, South Division; John Moreno, South Division; At-Large; Margaret Finlay, East Division; Mark Alexander, East Division; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director; At-Large; Bryan Cook, At-Large; Lindsey Horvath, At-Large; **Alternate:** Steve Hofbauer, North Division; Jennifer Perez, At-Large; Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Gloria Molleda, At-Large; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Jennifer Perez, At-Large; Rob Wishner, East Division; Jose Gonzalez, Central Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Adrian Gragas, Assistant County Counsel; Steve Robles; County of Los Angeles; Millicent Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Deputy County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Deputy County Counsel; Carrie Clarke, Deputy County Counsel; Joseph Langton, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Marx Lomax, Deputy County Counsel; Tom Hurrell, Deputy County Counsel; Bruce Chase, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Nick Aguirre, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Abi Ben Sahle, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Pilar Chavez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Sergio Escobedo, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Mark Flores, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Kevin Shirah, Lake Forest; Kristen DesCombes, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.; Robert Lowe, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Sylvia Hernandez, Claims Manager, Carl Warren & Company; **California JPIA:** Jonathan Shull, Chief Executive Officer; Alex Smith, Deputy Executive Officer; Paul Zeglovitch, Liability Program Manager; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk.

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 11:05 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)*

   a. **Sarkis Kazaryan; Krisine Avetisyan; H.K., a Minor by and through Sarkis Kazaryan, Parent and Guardian v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**

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

   **Action Taken:**

   The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of $380,000.

   **Vote:**  Ayes: 11 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

      United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-02669

   This lawsuit concerns allegations of unreasonable search and seizure and civil rights violations by Sheriff's Deputies.

   **Action Taken:**

   The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of $50,000.

   **Vote:**  Ayes: 11 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

   c. **Non-Litigated Auto Liability Claim of Southern California Edison**  
      CRM No. 21-4383153*003

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

   **Action Taken:**

   The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of $29,431.65.

   **Vote:**  Ayes: 11 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.
4. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
(Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

a. Alegria, Jesus v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV0750

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, false
imprisonment, excessive force, denial of medical attention, and denial of
substantive due process by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

b. AAV, a Minor By Segura, Mireya, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-07393

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, excessive
force, and wrongful death by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

Compton Superior Court Case No. TC 027341

This lawsuit concerns allegations of assault and battery and wrongful death
by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken

d. McCleary, Flenoid Lamar v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV42053

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, false arrest, and
malicious prosecution by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken


The meeting was reconvened into public session at 12:23 p.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 August 11, 2021, 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: 11 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Lindsey Horvath, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte.

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 12:25 p.m.

   COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
   CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY
   TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD
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