



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## CLAIMS BOARD

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012-2713

### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

John Naimo  
Auditor-Controller  
Steve Robles  
Chief Executive Office  
Roger H. Granbo  
Office of the County Counsel

### NOTICE OF MEETING

The County of Los Angeles Claims Board will hold its regular meeting on **Monday, August 15, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.**, in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

### 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. Californians Aware v. Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 155 259  
  
This lawsuit concerns allegations that the Board of Supervisors violated the Ralph M. Brown Act; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$26,310.  
  
[See Supporting Document](#)
  - b. Ashley Del Castillo, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 550 744  
  
This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving an on-duty Sheriff's Deputy; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$40,000.  
  
[See Supporting Document](#)
4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

5. Approval of the minutes of the August 1, 2016, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

[See Supporting Document](#)

6. 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.
7. Adjournment.

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

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| CASE NAME                   | Californians Aware v. County of Los Angeles, Board of Supervisors  |
| CASE NUMBER                 | BS155259   |
| COURT                       | Los Angeles Superior Court   |
| DATE FILED                  | May 8, 2015  |
| COUNTY DEPARTMENT           | Board of Supervisors   |
| PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT  | \$ 26,310  |
| ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF      | Kelly Aviles   |
| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY     | Latayvius R. Alberty<br>Deputy County Counsel  |
| NATURE OF CASE              | <p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$26,310 the writ of mandate brought by Plaintiff Californians Aware against the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, alleging that the Board violated the Ralph M. Brown Act by sending a five-signature letter to the State Legislature and Governor without first placing the matter on the Board's agenda for approval prior to execution.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$26,310 is recommended.</p> |
| PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE | \$ 35,525  |
| PAID COSTS, TO DATE         | \$ 109   |

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

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| CASE NAME                   | Ashley Del Castillo, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.   |
| CASE NUMBER                 | BC 550744  |
| COURT                       | Los Angeles Superior Court   |
| DATE FILED                  | July 8, 2014   |
| COUNTY DEPARTMENT           | Sheriff's Department   |
| PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT  | \$ 40,000  |
| ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF      | Richard Chaskin and Drew Antablin  |
| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY     | Jenny Tam<br>Deputy County Counsel   |
| NATURE OF CASE              | This lawsuit arises from a vehicle collision that occurred on May 7, 2013, on the 405 freeway when a County MCI bus that was transporting an inmate collided with plaintiffs' vehicle in the carpool lane when the bus attempted to cross the double yellow lines to enter the carpool lane. Four plaintiffs seek compensation for their alleged injuries 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 | \$ 17,310  |
| PAID COSTS, TO DATE         | \$ 4,510   |

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**AUGUST 1, 2016**

**1. Call to Order.**

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Claims Board Members present at the meeting were: Chair John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo.

Other persons in attendance at the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Edwin Lewis and Jessica Rivas; Sheriff's Department: Eric Strong, Joseph Gooden, Kevin Percy, Dominic Dannan, and Don Mueller.

**2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the 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)**

At 9:32 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(b) below.

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

At 9:43 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

**a. Carlos Sierra v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 477 258**

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

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$137,500.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

**b. Non-Litigated Claims of Dalia Gomez, Daisy Hernandez, and Daisy Morales**

These claims arise from alleged injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving an on-duty Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$23,500.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

**5. Approval of the minutes of the July 18, 2016, regular meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

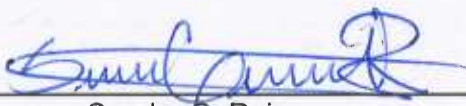
**6. Items not on the posted agenda, to be referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a further meeting of the Board, or matters requiring immediate action because of emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting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

No such matters were discussed.

**7. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Sandra C. Ruiz