



County of Los Angeles

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TO: EDWARD YEN  
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: ADRIENNE M. BYERS  
Litigation Cost Manager

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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**  
**County Claims Board Recommendation**  
**Cinthia Carballo v. Nicole Englund, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV34081**



Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached are the Case Summary and Summary Corrective Action Plan to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation, Case Summary, and Summary Corrective Action Plan be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachments

## Board Agenda

### MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Cinthia Carballo v. Nicole Englund, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV34081, in the amount of \$750,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Board of Supervisors' budget.

This lawsuit arises from injuries Plaintiff allegedly sustained in a traffic collision involving a Board of Supervisors' employee.

## **CASE SUMMARY**

### **INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION**

CASE NAME	Cinthia Carballo v. Nicole Englund, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV34081
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	September 8, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Board of Supervisors
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 750,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	PAVEL STERIN, ESQ. The Law Offices of Pavel Sterin, P.C.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	LATASHA CORRY, ESQ. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is an auto-liability lawsuit which allegedly arises from a traffic collision that occurred on January 23, 2020, when the Department employee made a left-hand turn and collided with the Plaintiff's vehicle in the intersection of Orange Grove Boulevard and Madeline Drive, in the City of Pasadena.</p> <p>Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 36,749
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 43,023



## Summary Corrective Action Plan

The intent of this form is to assist departments in writing a corrective action plan summary for attachment to the settlement documents developed for the Board of Supervisors and/or the County of Los Angeles Claims Board. The summary should be a specific overview of the claims/lawsuits' identified root causes and corrective actions (status, time frame, and responsible party). This summary does not replace the Corrective Action Plan form. If there is a question related to confidentiality, please consult County Counsel.

Date of incident/event:	January 23, 2020
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>On January 23, 2020, at approximately 9:25 AM, the plaintiff was traveling northbound on Orange Grove Boulevard in a 2014 Nissan Sentra and was struck by a 2018 Toyota Prius operated by the employee. The employee, traveling southbound on Orange Grove Boulevard, entered the intersection of Orange Grove Boulevard and Madeline Drive on a green light. The plaintiff also had a green light. While making a left turn onto Madeline Drive, the employee struck the plaintiff's vehicle.</li><li>The vehicle operated by the plaintiff sustained damage to the front driver's side. The vehicle operated by the employee sustained front-end damage.</li><li>The employee explained that the plaintiff approached at a high rate of speed and the employee was unable to see the plaintiff in time to stop.</li><li>According to the vehicle incident report there was no traffic collision report from a law enforcement agency.</li></ul>

1. Briefly describe the root cause(s) of the claim/lawsuit:

The root cause of this lawsuit was due to the County driver (employee) failing to yield to incoming traffic before making a left turn.

This is a liability case because left-turning drivers are required to yield the right of way to approaching vehicles before turning.

A non-associated root cause is that the Department did not investigate the incident.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:  
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

The employee completed Defensive Driving Training as follows:

August 5, 2020 – Defensive Driver Training, v1

September 17, 2020 – Motor Vehicle Safety and Defensive Driving Training.

The Department's performance management team currently investigates vehicle-related incidents and takes appropriate corrective actions if warranted. It is unclear if there was a review process in place at the time this incident occurred.

3. Are the corrective actions addressing department-wide system issues?

☐ Yes – The corrective actions address department-wide system issues.

☒ No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)

Sonia Alfaro

Signature:



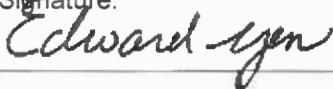
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Name: (Department Head)

Edward Yen

Signature:



Date:

02/19/2025

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Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?

☒ Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.

☐ No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department.

Name: (Risk Management Inspector General)

Betty Karmirlian, Acting Risk Management Inspector General

Signature:



Date:

2/20/2025