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TO: JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA
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FROM: TIMOTHY J. KRAL 
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund
Claims Board Recommendation
Dimieari Halliday, et al v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-06877.

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board's recommendation in the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary and the Summary Corrective Action Plan for the case.

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

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Attachment

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Settlement for Matter Entitled Dimieari Halliday, et al v. County of Los Angeles, et al. United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-06877

Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board's recommendation: Authorized Settlement of the matter entitled **Dimieari Halliday, et al v. County of Los Angeles, et al.** United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-06877 in the amount of \$300,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department Contract Cities Trust Fund's budget.

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, unlawful search and seizure, false arrest and imprisonment, conspiracy, Monell liability and negligence.

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CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Dimieari Halliday et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:23-CV-06877
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	August 21, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 300,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	JAMES DO KIM Law Offices of Do Kim, APLC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	MINAS SAMUELIAN Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$300,000 inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal and State civil rights lawsuit filed by Dimieari Halliday, Jarrad Monk, and Brandon Waller, alleging unlawful detention and false arrest.</p> <p>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 \$300,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 56,591
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 4,685



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:	August 25, 2022
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p>Summary Corrective Action Plan 2024-228</p> <p>Details in this document summarize the incident. The information provided is a culmination of various sources to provide an abstract of the incident.</p> <p>Based on multiple investigative reports, on August 25, 2022, at approximately 8:30 p.m., Deputy One conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle. The driver of the vehicle failed to use his traffic signal in violation of California Vehicle Code Section - 22108.</p> <p>The vehicle contained three individuals: the driver (Plaintiff One) and two passengers (Plaintiff Two and Three). Deputy One requested identification from all occupants of the vehicle and conducted a records check of them. Deputy One determined the front passenger (Plaintiff Two) was on supervised release (Parole). Deputy One summoned additional personnel to the location to conduct a search of the vehicle.</p> <p>Deputy One was familiar with a previous robbery which had occurred near the area where Deputy One first observed the vehicle. This robbery occurred approximately four months prior on April 22, 2022. Deputy One noted similarities between the property discovered in the vehicle and the previous robbery, as well as other general similarities. These similarities included general physical descriptions of the suspects, a large amount of currency found in the vehicle, an odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle, blue painter's tape which was used to cover the vehicle's license plate during the robbery in April.</p> <p>Based on Deputy One's observations, Deputy One formed the opinion a robbery had likely occurred at one of the illegal cannabis dispensaries nearby. Deputy One arrested all three Plaintiffs for Reasonable Cause, Robbery, a violation of California Penal Code Section -211.</p>

	<p>All three Plaintiffs were transported and booked at the Sheriff's Station. As part of the arrest process, a Probable Cause Declaration (PCD) was required. The PCD was approved by the Watch Sergeant, Sergeant One and the Watch Commander, Sergeant Two. The PCD was additionally reviewed by a magistrate and ultimately determined there was sufficient evidence that the occupants had committed a crime.</p> <p>The following day, a detective from Temple Station reviewed the arrest made by Deputy One. After comparing Deputy One's arrest to the previous robbery report, the detective determined there was insufficient evidence for a criminal complaint to be sought against the Plaintiffs and the occupants were released from custody pursuant to California Penal Code Section 849(b)(1).</p> <p>All three occupants had their money and property returned to them. The three occupants spent approximately sixteen hours in custody and no formal criminal charges were sought.</p>
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1. Briefly describe the **root cause(s)** of the claim/lawsuit:

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputy One had insufficient evidence to arrest the occupants of the vehicle for robbery.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Sergeant One and Sergeant Two approved the PCD despite limited evidence that a crime may have occurred.

A **non-Associated** root cause in this incident was the magistrate approved the PCD.

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

Station Personnel Training:

Since this arrest, all personnel, including supervisors assigned to the station have been briefed on making or assisting with reasonable cause arrests.

Furthermore, when a question as to the validity of an arrest may arise, station personnel, including supervisors, have been briefed to contact an on-call detective or detective sergeant to ensure all elements are met and there is enough evidence to affect an arrest.

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.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)

Tri Hoang, Captain
Risk Management Bureau

Signature:



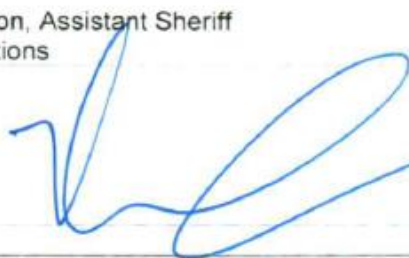
Date:

10.16.25

Name: (Department Head)

Myron Johnson, Assistant Sheriff
Patrol Operations

Signature:



Date:

10/20/25

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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: Betty Karmirlian (Risk Management Inspector General)

Signature:



Date:

10/22/25