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TO: EDWARD YEN
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: ADRIENNE M. BYERS
Litigation Cost Manager

RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Claims Board Recommendation
Julie Jaleh Sabaierad v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV00997



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 Julie Jaleh Sabaierad v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV00997, in the amount of \$125,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Public Health's budget.

This lawsuit arises from injuries Plaintiff allegedly sustained in a traffic collision involving a Department of Public Health employee.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Julie Jaleh Sabaierad vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	23STCV00997
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	January 17, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Health
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 125,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Kamelia Jalilvand, Esq. Jalilvand Law Corporation
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	LaTasha N. Corry, Esq. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On January 19, 2021, Plaintiff was traveling on Colorado Avenue in the City of Los Angeles when a Department employee pulled out of a shopping center driveway into oncoming traffic and collided with the front left driver-side of Plaintiff's vehicle.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 184,891
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 61,194



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 19, 2021, 3:30 p.m..
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p>On January 19, 2021, at approximately 3:30 p.m., The COLA driver, an Environmental Health Specialist III, was exiting a shopping center parking lot along Colorado Boulevard and waiting to merge into heavy oncoming traffic. As another driver was traveling down Colorado Boulevard, the COLA driver suddenly pulled out of the driveway into the path of oncoming vehicles. The other driver was unable to stop in time, resulting in a collision between the front right bumper of their vehicle and the front left bumper of the COLA driver's vehicle.</p> <p>The COLA driver states that Colorado Boulevard consisted of two lanes with heavy traffic, which required him to wait an extended period before attempting to turn. According to the COLA driver, a driver in the right lane, closest to the curb, signaled for him to proceed. As he cautiously entered the second lane, adjacent to that vehicle, he was suddenly struck by another vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed.</p>

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

The COLA driver failed to ensure sufficient clearance by not observing surrounding vehicles before entering the lane.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:

(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

- The Vehicle Accident Review Committee (VARC) reviewed the collision report and determined that it was preventable, due to the employee's failure to observe and lack of forethought; however, no further action was deemed necessary other than requiring the employee to complete the Defensive Driving Online training;
- The employee was notified of VARC's decision;
- Employee completed the on-line Defensive Driver training.
The on-line training course included the following topics:
 - Comprehensive understanding of the expectations and tools for defensive driving; and
 - Critical skills/information for sound judgment, common sense, and courtesy while emphasizing and highlighting the priority of proactive incident avoidance.
- The collision was referred to DPH Human Resources for their assessment of appropriate disciplinary action.
- Appropriate administrative action was taken by HR.

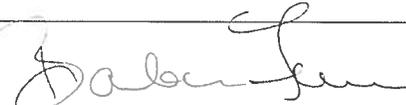
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3. Are the corrective actions addressing department-wide system issues?

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

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

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator) Kevin Lee	
Signature: 	Date: 8/6/2025

Name: (Department Head) Dr. Barbara Ferrer	
Signature: 	Date: 8/11/25

Chief Executive Office Risk Management Inspector General USE ONLY	
Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department.	
Name: (Risk Management Inspector General) Betty Karmirlian	
Signature: 	Date: 8/13/2025