



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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35.		Oppose	Perry Goldberg	See attached letter.
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Comment re Agenda Item 35, Board Meeting on May 12, 2026

Subject: Opposition to Settlement – *Joshua Huber v. County of Los Angeles* (Case No. 21STCV02739) – Demand for Financial Transparency

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

I am submitting this comment to object to the recommendation to authorize a \$2.3 million settlement in the *Huber* matter. While the injuries involved are clearly serious, the documentation provided by County Counsel does not give the Board and public enough information to evaluate an expenditure of this magnitude. The Board should withhold approval until the following critical information is provided:

1. Disclosure of Expert Damages Valuations

County Counsel has provided zero context regarding the "range of exposure." To judge the appropriateness of \$2.3 million, the Board and public must be informed of the specific damages opining of both the Plaintiff's and the County's experts. Without knowing the "full value" of the claim versus the County's projected "share" of liability, this Board is being asked to rubber-stamp a multi-million dollar payout in a vacuum.

2. Transparency Regarding Offsets from the At-Fault Driver

The County's own Summary Corrective Action Plan (SCAP) identifies "Root Cause A" as the other driver's failure to yield right-of-way. However, the letter is silent on whether the Plaintiff has already received compensation from that driver's insurance. Under California law, any such recovery should offset the County's liability. The Board and public must be informed of the total compensation the Plaintiff has already secured from the primary tortfeasor before authorizing millions more in secondary taxpayer funds.

3. Accountability for "Traffic Asset Inventory" Failures

The SCAP identifies **Root Cause C** as a "lack of records" and a failure to input Soledad Canyon Road traffic assets into the County's maintenance system. This is a staggering admission of administrative negligence that directly led to a "dangerous condition" (the faded center line) going unnoticed. The public should not only be told that the line has now been repainted, but why it took a \$2.3 million lawsuit—and over \$515,000 in legal fees and costs—for the Department of Public Works to realize its inventory was incomplete.

I urge the Board to pull this item from the consent calendar and demand the more fulsome information identified above that is needed to evaluate whether the approval is warranted.

Respectfully submitted,
Perry Goldberg (District 5)