



County of Los Angeles

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TO: EDWARD YEN
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: LILIANA CAMPOS
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Claims Board Recommendation
Edward Larios Herrera v. Cynthia Alicia Dolson, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24PSCV01977



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 Edward Larios Herrera v. Cynthia Alicia Dolson, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24PSCV01977, in the amount of \$200,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained in a traffic collision involving a Sheriff's Department employee.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Edward Larios Herrera vs. Cynthia Alicia Dolson, et al.
CASE NUMBER	24PSCV01977
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	June 18, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 200,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	LEO FASEN, ESQ. The Law Offices of John A Goalwin
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	KEVIN ENGELIEN, ESQ. Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is an auto-liability lawsuit which arises from a traffic collision that occurred on June 20, 2023. Plaintiff claims he suffered injuries and damages as a result of the collision. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 29,765
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 8,521



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:	June 20, 2023
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Summary Corrective Action Plan 2025-286 Details in this document summarize the incident. The information provided is a culmination of various sources to provide an abstract of the incident. On June 20, 2023, Lieutenant One was driving her assigned County vehicle in the County of Los Angeles. Lieutenant One was traveling eastbound on a roadway behind the Plaintiff's vehicle. The traffic signal facing the Plaintiff and Lieutenant One at the next intersection was red. Lieutenant One failed to observe the red traffic signal. She collided with the rear of the Plaintiff's vehicle at approximately 20 to 30 mph. The California Highway Patrol investigated the traffic collision. While interviewing Lieutenant One, the investigating officer perceived an odor of alcohol on her breath and observed her eyes to appear bloodshot. The investigating officer conducted a field sobriety test. The investigating officer determined Lieutenant One was at fault in causing the collision by illegally operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol with an associated factor of traveling at a speed that is greater than is reasonably prudent pursuant to California Vehicle Code section 22350. Lieutenant One was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's office filed charges against Lieutenant One. On March 6, 2026, she pleaded guilty for the DUI and was sentenced to three years summary probation. Lieutenant One has since retired from the Department.

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

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Lieutenant One's consumption of alcohol prior to driving.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Lieutenant One's unsafe speed prior to, and at the time of the collision.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Lieutenant One was driving her Department issued vehicle and was in possession of her duty weapon and equipment after the consumption of alcohol.

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

Traffic Collision Investigation

The incident was thoroughly investigated by representatives from the CHP. The collision investigation concluded that the deputy sheriff caused the collision as she was driving at an unsafe speed towards the intersection while intoxicated. The results of the traffic investigation were presented to Department executives for review and disposition.

Criminal Investigation

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's office filed misdemeanor DUI charges against Lieutenant One. On March 6, 2026, she pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years summary probation.

Administrative Investigation

This incident will be investigated by representatives from the Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB), to determine if any administrative misconduct occurred before, during, or after this incident. Once the administrative investigation has concluded, the findings will be submitted for Executive review and disposition.

Traffic Collision Assessment and Review

The unit conducted a review and assessment of all traffic collisions for the past four years. Traffic mitigation efforts have been implemented, and the unit has since seen a reduction in collisions.

Sheriff's Department Announcement - Department Wide Driver's Safety Broadcast

Safety messages are broadcast to remind personnel of their responsibilities when entering intersections and their duties to drive in a safe manner and clear intersections lane by lane.

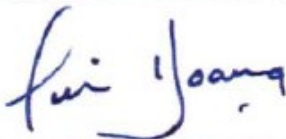
Sheriff Department Announcement - Department Wide Re-brief

Department wide briefings of policies related to safe driving practices were issued to remind Department personnel that the safety of Department members and the public is paramount when engaged in routine driving and Code 3 responses

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 T. Hoang, Captain Risk Management Bureau	
Signature: 	Date: 4.8.26

Name: (Department Head)	
Jose G. Mendoza, Chief Detective Division	
Signature: 	Date: 4-23-26

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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: 4/28/26