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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
Kimberly Tague v. County of Los Angeles et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:24-cv-05985



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 Kimberly Tague v. County of Los Angeles et al., United States District Court Case No. 2:24-cv-05985, in the amount of \$225,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

This lawsuit arises from injuries sustained by Plaintiff due to alleged negligence of the Sheriff's Department.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Kimberly Tague v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:24-cv-05985
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	February 12, 2026
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 225,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	GREGORY L. KIRAKORIAN Kirakosian Law, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	JAMIE LOPEZ Deputy County Counsel TOM GUTERRES Collins + Collins, LLP
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$225,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, this federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Kimberly Tague against the County of Los Angeles, Deputy Kimberly Firman, and Deputy Oscar Vazquez alleging state-created unsafe conditions, denial of medical care, and negligence related to bodily injuries sustained during transport to the Century Regional Detention Facility. Given the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 62,990
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 242



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:	
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Summary Corrective Action Plan 2025-260 Details in this document summarize the incident. The information provided is a culmination of various sources to provide an abstract of the incident. On February 16, 2024, the Plaintiff was arrested for criminal domestic violence against her husband. The husband reported the Plaintiff struck him approximately four times on the back of his head with her open hands, while she was extremely intoxicated. The Plaintiff was transported to a patrol station for booking. The Plaintiff showed no visible preexisting injuries, nor did she complain of pain during the arrest. On February 17, 2024, Deputies One and Two were assigned to transport the Plaintiff from the patrol station to a detention facility. The Plaintiff, who was handcuffed behind her back, was escorted from the station jail to a patrol vehicle. The Plaintiff entered the patrol vehicle's left rear passenger side. Deputy One closed the door without securing the Plaintiff with the vehicle's factory installed seatbelt and entered the driver's seat. Shortly after, Deputy Two exited the station jail and sat in the front passenger seat of the patrol vehicle. Deputy One drove out of the parking lot and began driving towards the detention facility. Neither Deputy One nor Deputy Two activated their Body-Worn Cameras (BWCs). While enroute, emergency radio traffic was broadcast regarding a deputy involved fight. Deputies One and Two headed back to the station to drop the Plaintiff off at the station jail, so they could assist with the deputy involved fight. While they were driving back to the station, the Plaintiff became frightened by the patrol vehicles which were driving past them, responding Code-3.

	The Plaintiff shifted around in the backseat and ended up falling onto the floorboard. The Plaintiff was transported back to the patrol station and reported having pain in her right wrist, prompting a medical evaluation by station jail personnel. After Deputies One and Two finished assisting with the deputy involved fight, they returned to the patrol station and were informed the Plaintiff complained of pain in her right wrist and needed to be medically evaluated. Deputy One escorted the Plaintiff to the patrol vehicle and fastened her seatbelt. Based on the Plaintiff alleging she was injured, Deputies One and Two activated their BWCs and transported her to a local medical center for a medical evaluation.
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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's failure to safeguard persons in custody by securely fastening the vehicle's factory installed seatbelt for the Plaintiff.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputy One's failure to drive at a safe speed while transporting an unsecured passenger in the back seat.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputies One and Two failed to activate their BWCs during an in-custody transport of a female to the detention facility.

A **non-Department** root cause in this incident was the Plaintiff's physical assault on her husband, which resulted in her arrest.

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

Administrative Station Unit Investigation

This incident was investigated to determine if any Department policy violations occurred. Appropriate departmental action was taken and additional training was completed.

Body-Worn Cameras

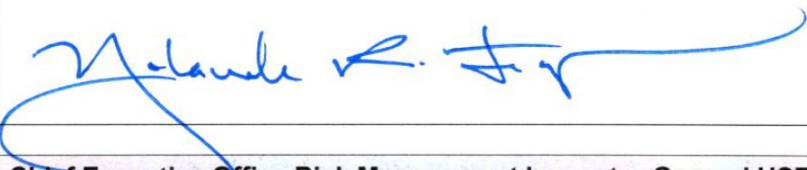
Deputies One and Two attended BWC refresher training. The use of BWCs ensures reliable recording of enforcement and investigative contacts with the public. The Department established policy and procedures for the purpose, use, and deployment of the Department issued BWC.

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: 5.27.26

Name: (Department Head)	
Yolanda Figueroa, Chief Central Patrol Division	
Signature: 	Date: 6/3/2026

Chief Executive Office Risk Management Inspector General USE ONLY
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: 6/3/26