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TO: EDWARD YEN
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: LILIANA CAMPOS
Litigation Cost Manager

RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Claims Board Recommendation
Jamie Lawson v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCV22192

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

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Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Jamie Lawson v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCV22192, in the amount of $175,000, 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		Jamie Lawson vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER		24STCV22192
COURT		Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED		August 30, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT		Sheriff
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	$	175,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF		BYRON ABRON, ESQ. Abron Law
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY		KATHERINE ORLETSKY, ESQ. Hurrell Cantrall, LLP 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 April 5, 2024. Plaintiff claims she 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	$	81,222
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	$	8,987

Case Name: Jamie Lawson v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

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:	April 5, 2024
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Summary Corrective Action Plan 2025-295 **Details in this document summarize the incident. The information provided is a culmination of various sources to provide an abstract of the incident.** On April 5, 2024, at approximately 12:35 p.m., the Plaintiff was driving northbound on a roadway in the #3 lane and was stopped at the intersection waiting for the traffic signal to turn green. As the traffic signal turned green, the Plaintiff proceeded straight into the intersection. Simultaneously, Deputy One proceeded into the intersection in the #4 lane of travel and attempted to make an illegal left turn from a non-turning lane and collided with the Plaintiff's vehicle. The Los Angeles Police Department responded to the scene and investigated the collision. A nearby liquor store, had low quality footage of the collision occurring. The footage depicted the patrol vehicle making a left turn and collide with the Plaintiff's vehicle. The investigation determined Deputy One was at fault for causing the collision due to making an unsafe left turn into the Plaintiff's vehicle in violation of California Vehicle Code Section 22107. Los Angeles County Fire Department paramedics responded to the scene of the collision. Deputy One and the Plaintiff were transported to a local hospital for treatment of their injuries.

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

A **Department** root cause of this incident was Deputy One made an unsafe left turn and collided into the plaintiff's vehicle.

A **Department** root cause of this incident was Deputy One was seen using her cellular phone while driving a vehicle.

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

Traffic Collison Investigation

This incident was thoroughly investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). The investigating officers determined the primary collision factor to be an unsafe left turn in violation of California Vehicle code Section 22107.

Administrative Investigation

This incident was thoroughly investigated by representatives at Transit Services Bureau. Executive evaluation of this incident found some of Deputy One's actions were in violation of Department policy. Appropriate administrative action was taken and the deputy attended additional training.

Traffic Collision Assessment Review

In an attempt to improve employee safety and reduce the Department's liability exposure, Transit Services Bureau continually schedules personnel to attend the Emergency Vehicle Operations Center (EVOC) training.

Sheriff Department Announcement - Department Wide Re-brief:

The purpose of this re-brief is to remind Department personnel that the safety of Department members and the public is paramount when engaged in routine driving and Code-3 responses.

Department-Wide Broadcast Announcements - Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC):

In an effort to mitigate Department traffic collisions, Risk Management Bureau has partnered with Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC) to create Department-Wide safety announcements that are broadcast each shift.

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: 6.16.26

Name: (Department Head) Brandon R. Dean, Chief Special Operations Division	
Signature:	Date: 6-22-26

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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: Betty Karmirlian	Date: 6/25/26