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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
Daniel Alexander Blake vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24NNCV03778

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 Daniel Alexander Blake vs. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24NNCV03778, 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		Daniel Alexander Blake vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER		24NNCV03778
COURT		Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED		August 23, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT		Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	$	200,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF		JERRY RULSKY, ESQ. Rulsky Law Group, APC
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 February 28, 2024. 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	$	45,492
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	$	16,264

Case Name: Daniel Blake 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:	February 28, 2024
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Summary Corrective Action Plan 2025-294 **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 28, 2024, Deputy One was traveling eastbound on a roadway and approached a traffic-controlled intersection. He entered the intersection facing a green traffic signal and waited for the westbound traffic to clear before initiating a left turn northbound onto the Avenue. Deputy One saw the traffic signal turn yellow, waited for the traffic in the #1 lane of westbound traffic to slow and initiated a left turn. Deputy One did not observe the Plaintiff travelling into the intersection on a motorcycle and collided with him. A third party witnessed the collision and observed Deputy One make a left-hand turn into the intersection and collide with the Plaintiff's motorcycle as he was travelling straight through the intersection. The collision was investigated by the California Highway Patrol. It was determined Deputy One failed to yield to oncoming traffic before making a left turn, a violation of California Vehicle Code Section 21801(a). The Los Angeles County Fire Department responded to the scene of the incident. The Plaintiff was medically treated and transported to a local hospital for further medical evaluation. Deputy One did not sustain any injuries.

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

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputy One made an unsafe left turn, in violation of California Vehicle Code 21801(a), and collided with the Plaintiff.

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 California Highway Patrol (CHP) which found Deputy One made an unsafe left turn, in violation of California Vehicle Code 21801(a).

Administrative Investigation

The collision was investigated by the field sergeant, whose findings were in concurrence with CHP's. Appropriate administrative action was taken and the deputy completed additional training as a result of this incident.

Sheriff Department Announcement - Department Wide Re-brief

Department personnel are briefed 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 announcements. One of four safe-driving scripts are broadcast daily, each shift, to remind personnel to be safe and alert while driving.

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: Tri Hoang	Date: 5.14.26

Name: (Department Head) Elier Morejon, Chief East Patrol Division	
Signature:	Date: 5/27/26

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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: 5/29/26