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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
Nathaniel Riley v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18STCV06789

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 Nathaniel Riley v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18STCV06789, in the amount of $112,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

This wrongful death lawsuit against the Sheriff's Department arises out of the in-custody death of Plaintiff's mother.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME		Nathaniel Riley v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER		18STCV06789
COURT		Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED		November 30, 2018
COUNTY DEPARTMENT		Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	$	112,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF		JONATHAN AVIRAM ALON, ESQ., and EDWARD ELAD ALON, ESQ. Alon, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY		RICHARD HSUEH Senior Deputy County Counsel Justice and Safety Division TOM GUTERRES, ESQ. Collins + Collins, LLP
NATURE OF CASE		This is a recommendation to settle for $112,000 inclusive of attorney's fees and costs, a State wrongful death lawsuit filed by Nathaniel Riley arising out of the death of Angela Connor in the Bellflower Courthouse. Given the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	$	223,244
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	$	22,079

Case Name: Nathaniel Riley 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:	November 2, 2017
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Summary Corrective Action Plan 2025-248 **Details in this document summarize the incident. The information provided is a culmination of various sources to provide an abstract of the incident.** Based on multiple investigative reports, the Decedent was transported from a detention center via Los Angeles County Sheriff Transportation bus at approximately 6:52 a.m., on November 2, 2018, for a scheduled court appearance. After her court appearance she returned to the holding cell. The Deputies in lock-up received a notification which indicated the Decedent is to be released. The Deputies began to process her required paperwork. At approximately 12:39 p.m., Custody Assistant One was in the receiving area of lock-up when she heard an inmate in the holding cell calling for help. She went to the cell, opened the main door and saw the Decedent lying on the floor. Custody Assistant One walked to the main control area of lock-up and yelled inside to Deputy Two there was a "Man Down!" Deputy Two contacted LA County Fire and Paramedics. Paramedics arrived and began to administer first aid. The Decedent was transported to the hospital for additional medical treatment but was later pronounced deceased.

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

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Custody Assistant One's failure to utilize her Department hand-held radio to advise the Decedent needed medical assistance.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's personnel failure to continuously check for a pulse, immediately administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and/or call for an AED prior to the arrival of paramedics.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department personnel failure to continuously monitor the Decedent's condition.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the absence of CCTV in Cell "D."

A **non-Department** root cause in this incident was numerous health issues combined with the use of illicit substances.

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

Court Services Global Email - Emergency Medical Procedures

First aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) shall be administered by personnel whenever necessary prior to the arrival of paramedics and/or ambulance personnel, in accordance with procedures taught in Department training.

In cases where the inmate is found to be unresponsive, personnel shall administer the Narcan Nasal Spray. In cases where the inmate is found to be unresponsive, does not appear to be breathing, or lacks a pulse or other signs of circulation, custody personnel shall employ the AED.

Custody personnel should not employ the AED if the inmate is conscious, breathing, or has a detectable pulse or other signs of circulation.

Personnel involved in this incident attended additional training related to this matter.

Court Services Global Email – Response to Inmate Medical Emergencies

Custody personnel shall immediately notify the facility clinic and/or the facility control via handheld radio broadcast. Custody personnel shall describe the nature of the emergency (e.g., seizures, hanging, unresponsive, etc.), provide the location of the inmate, request medical personnel to respond to the location, and request an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and the emergency response kit, as necessary. If a handheld radio is not available or working, the use of a facility telephone or other means of communication shall be used to relay the information.

Custody personnel shall ensure there are sufficient personnel present prior to entering any location where an inmate is having a medical emergency.

When there are officer safety concerns and/or the scene is not safe, a sergeant shall be notified immediately.

First aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) shall be immediately administered by personnel whenever necessary and reasonably safe to do so prior to the arrival of medical personnel. CPR shall be conducted for an inmate who is not breathing and has no pulse.
Instructional Bulletin - Proper Use of the Automated External Defibrillator

The purpose of this instructional bulletin is to familiarize custody personnel with the proper application of Automated External Defibrillators (AED). The AED will typically be applied by medical staff; however, in the event an AED is available, and medical personnel are delayed or require additional assistance, custody personnel have an obligation to provide the level of medical care for which they are trained. This includes the application of the AED.

Newsletter 17-01 - Deputies Duty to Provide Emergency Medical Care

Sworn personnel are usually the first uniform presence to arrive on scene of an emergency. When the situation involves a medical emergency, deputies have a duty to provide basic or emergency care to all injured person(s) including suspects.

CCTV

Two cameras were installed within the holding cell.

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: Tri Hoang	Date: 4.15.26

Name: (Department Head) Shawn R. Kehoe, Acting Chief Court Services Division	
Signature:	Date: 5/12/26

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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: 5/13/26