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TO: EDWARD YEN
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FROM: TIMOTHY J. KRAL
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
**County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund**
**Claims Board Recommendation**
**Isadoro Villareal, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24LBCV00548**

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board's recommendation in the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary and the Summary Corrective Action Plan for the case.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachment



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Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

**Settlement for Matter Entitled Isadoro Villareal, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24LBCV00548**

Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board's recommendation: Authorized Settlement of the matter entitled Isadoro Villareal, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24LBCV00548 in the amount of $2,000,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department Contract Cities Trust Fund's budget.

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

## CASE SUMMARY

## INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

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| CASE NAME | | Isadoro Villarreal, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al. |
| CASE NUMBER | | 24LBCV00548 |
| COURT | | Los Angeles Superior Court |
| DATE FILED | | March 18, 2024 |
| COUNTY DEPARTMENT | | Sheriff |
| PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT | $ | 2,000,000 |
| ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF | | LAURA DAVIDSON, ESQ.<br>Jacoby & Meyers |
| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY | | KEVIN ENGELIEN<br>Senior Deputy County Counsel |
| NATURE OF CASE | | This is an auto-liability lawsuit which arises from a traffic collision that occurred on May 1, 2023. Plaintiffs claim they suffered injuries and damages as a result of the collision.<br><br>Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted. |
| PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE | $ | 91,948 |
| PAID COSTS, TO DATE | $ | 40,750 |

Case Name: Isadoro Villarreal 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.

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| Date of incident/event: | May 1, 2023 |
| Briefly provide a description of the incident/event: | Summary Corrective Action Plan 2026-301<br><br>**Details in this document summarize the incident. The information provided is a culmination of various sources to provide an abstract of the incident.**<br><br>Based on multiple investigative reports, on May 1, 2023, at approximately 7:29 p.m., Deputy One received a call for service in response to a gunshot victim. He and other patrol units were attempting to strategically block intersections to expedite the transport of the gunshot victim.<br><br>Deputy One travelled southbound on a roadway towards the next intersection with the emergency lights and siren engaged ("code 3") on the patrol vehicle.<br><br>The Plaintiffs drove eastbound on a street towards the upcoming intersection. As he approached the intersection, Deputy One was travelling approximately 25 miles per hour as he entered the intersection against a red traffic signal and began to slow the vehicle to clear the intersection lane-by-lane. Other vehicles approaching the intersection yielded to the emergency vehicle.<br><br>Deputy One failed to completely clear the intersection lane by lane and did not observe the Plaintiffs' vehicle as it approached and entered the intersection, which faced a green traffic signal. Deputy One's patrol vehicle collided with the driver's side of the Plaintiffs' vehicle in the intersection.<br><br>The investigation of the collision determined Deputy One caused the collision by failing to yield to oncoming traffic<br><br>Deputy One was not injured. The Plaintiffs complained of pain and were transported to a local medical center to be medically evaluated. |

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

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

A **Department** root cause in this incident was that Deputy One did not properly clear lane-by-lane the intersection as directed by Department policy.

A **non-contributing Department** root cause in this incident was Deputy One did not immediately activate his Body-Worn Camera (BWC) when he initiated his Code-3 response.

A **non-Department** root cause in this incident, the Plaintiff failed to yield to an emergency vehicle in violation of California Vehicle Code Section 21806.

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

Traffic Collision Investigation

The traffic collision was thoroughly investigated. The collision investigation concluded that Deputy One caused the collision by failing to safely yield to oncoming traffic and clear the intersection lane-by-lane. The results of the investigation were presented to Department executives for review.

Administrative Investigation

Executive evaluation of this incident found some of Deputy One's actions were in violation of Department policy. Appropriate administrative action has been taken. Additionally, Deputy One attended training related to this incident.

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.

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.

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)<br>Tri T. Hoang, Captain<br>Risk Management Bureau | |
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| Signature: | Date: 4.15.26 |

| Name: (Department Head)<br>Myron Johnson, Assistant Sheriff<br>Patrol Operations | |
|---|---|
| Signature: | Date: 4/20/26 |

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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) | |
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| Signature: Betty Karmirlian | Date: 4/21/26 |