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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
Mary Jane Juranek vs. Calimay Pham, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22AHCV01382



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 Mary Jane Juranek vs. Calimay Pham, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22AHCV01382, in the amount of \$800,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Child Support Services Department's budget.

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained in a traffic collision involving a Child Support Services Department employee.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Mary Jane Juranek vs. Calimay Pham, et al.
CASE NUMBER	22AHCV01382
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	December 23, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Child Support Services Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 800,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	TODD F. NEVELL, ESQ. SCOLINOS, SHELDON, & NEVELL, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	LATASHA N. CORRY, ESQ. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is an auto-liability lawsuit which arises from a traffic collision that occurred on December 30, 2020. 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	\$ 84,570
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0



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:	December 30, 2020
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	On December 30, 2020, at approximately 7:29 am, the Plaintiff was crossing in a marked crosswalk in the city of Alhambra, CA. At the same time, the Defendant was at the stop sign at the intersection of where the Plaintiff was crossing. Defendant was on her way to a court hearing at the Central Civil West Courthouse from her home as part of her job duties as a staff attorney for the Child Support Services Department. The Defendant was attempting to make a left turn from behind the stop sign when she hit the Plaintiff with the left side of her vehicle as Plaintiff crossed the crosswalk. Prior to the collision, Defendant stated she checked for oncoming traffic in both directions, didn't see any oncoming traffic, and stopped when she heard a bump on the left side of her vehicle. When the Defendant exited the vehicle, she found Plaintiff on the ground to the left side of her car. Plaintiff was then transported by ambulance to the hospital for further care and evaluation as she had visible injuries. Plaintiff received medial treatment for injuries sustained in the accident.

	Note: Defendant left CSSD employment in December 2023, when she transferred to another County department. CSSD first learned of the accident in late 2023, when Plaintiff filed a claim against the County. Therefore, CSSD was unable to complete an investigation into the incident.
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1. Briefly describe the **root cause(s)** of the claim/lawsuit:

Pedestrian v. Motor Vehicle Accident : Defendant failed to ensure pedestrian clearance before making a left turn.

The Defendant (previous CSSD employee) was on her way (driving) to a court hearing at the Central Civil West Courthouse from her home as part of her job duties as a staff attorney for the department. While driving, Defendant attempted to make a left turn from behind a stop sign when she ended up hitting the Plaintiff as the Plaintiff crossed the sidewalk. Prior to the collision, Defendant stated she checked for oncoming traffic in both directions before hitting the Plaintiff. The Plaintiff was received medical treatment for her injuries.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:

(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

Step Number 1: During new hire on boarding, Human Resources will identify employee's who are required to drive as part of their regular and/or occasional job duties. HR will ensure that each employee read and sign the Mileage Certification Form. The Mileage Permittee Certification of Receipt form (which certifies that you read and received copies of County of LA – Information and Instructions for Permittee Drivers and Evidence Financial Responsibility) will be incorporated as part of the Department's procedure. Furthermore, employee's will be informed they are required to complete an "Incident Report" if involved in an accident as referenced in CSSD Policy – 2 00 00.

Step Number 2: CSSD will send out a safety guide to all staff semi-annually that highlights safe driving trends and tips. This communication will provide valuable insight into current best practices for safe driving, including reminders about defensive driving techniques. By sharing this information regularly, we aim to reinforce our commitment to safety and encourage all employees to adopt responsible and safe driving habits.

Step Number 3: CSSD on a quarterly basis will review internal records and identify any reported driving incidents involving employees within the Department. The Department will also review each reported incident, if any, to assess the circumstance, determine if it was preventable, identify root causes, and recommend appropriate administrative actions based on the findings, if appropriate. This will also involve monitoring any changes and promptly addressing them to mitigate risks effectively. We aim to enhance safety measures and reduce future incidents.

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.

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Signature: 	Date: 6/12/2026

Name: (Department Head) Genie Chough	
Signature: 	Date: 6/15/2026

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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: (Risk Management Inspector General) Betty Karmirlian	
Signature: 	Date: 6/16/26