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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
Jose Yanez, et al. v. Travon Dajuan Skinner, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22CMCV00419



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 Jose Yanez, et al. v. Travon Dajuan Skinner, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22CMCV00419, in the amount of \$230,000, 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 Plaintiffs sustained in a vehicle collision that occurred when the Sheriff's Department was in pursuit of a vehicle.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jose Yanez, et al. v. Travon Dajuan Skinner, et al.
CASE NUMBER	22CMCV00419
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	March 3, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 230,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	ALEXANDER J. ZEESMAN, ESQ Accident Fighters, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	LATASHA N. CORRY, ESQ. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from a vehicle collision that occurred on October 25, 2021, when a Department pursuit of a vehicle led to a collision with Plaintiffs' vehicle at the intersection of the Westbound I-105 freeway and Vermont Avenue, in the City of Los Angeles. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 146,753
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 15,281



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:	October 25, 2001, at approximately 7:16 p.m.
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Summary Corrective Action Plan 2025-296 Based on multiple investigative reports, on October 25, 2021, at approximately 7:50 p.m., the Plaintiffs were driving southbound on an avenue past the on ramp to the Westbound Interstate 105 Freeway when they were struck by a vehicle being driven by a Suspect being pursued by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies. Deputies One and Two observed the Suspect driving recklessly and believed the driver was under the influence of alcohol or marijuana. As the Deputies attempted to initiate a traffic stop, the Suspect accelerated and drove onto the 105 Freeway. The pursuit lasted approximately two minutes before the Suspect drove through a red traffic signal exiting the freeway and collided with the Plaintiffs' vehicle traveling westbound through a green traffic signal. Los Angeles County Fire Department paramedics responded and transported the Plaintiffs to a local hospital for treatment of their injuries. Deputies One and Two were not involved in the collision. The Suspect was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs and evading a police officer in a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property and subsequently sentenced to five years in State Prison.

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

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the Deputies initiated a vehicle pursuit due to the Suspect's reckless driving and possible impairment.

A **non-Department** root cause in this incident was the Suspect's failure to yield when Deputies attempted to conduct a lawful traffic stop.

A **non-Department** root cause in this incident was the Suspect's failure to stop for a red traffic signal prior to entering an intersection and colliding with the Plaintiff's vehicle.

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

Traffic Collision Investigation

This incident was thoroughly investigated by representatives from the California Highway Patrol, West Los Angeles Station. The collision investigation concluded the Suspect caused the collision with the Plaintiff's vehicle.

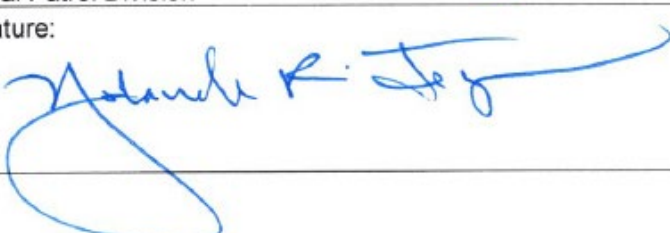
Administrative Investigation

This incident was investigated to determine if any administrative misconduct occurred in relation to the vehicle pursuit and subsequent traffic collision. Executive evaluation of this incident found that the deputies' conduct related to the vehicle pursuit adhered to Department policy.

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)	
Yolanda R. Figueroa, Chief Central Patrol Division	
Signature: 	Date: 6/18/2026

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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: Betty Karmirlian (Risk Management Inspector General)

Signature:

Betty Karmirlian

Date:

6/18/26