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November 10, 2026

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
Tomas Rosas Zayas v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25PSCV01987

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 Tomas Rosas Zayas v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25PSCV01987, in the amount of $120,000, 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		Tomas Rosas Zayas v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER		25PSCV01987
COURT		Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED		May 30, 2025
COUNTY DEPARTMENT		Sheriff
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	$	120,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF		JOSEPH NAZARIAN, ESQ. Pathway Law Firm
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY		MELISSA A. MCCAVERTY, ESQ. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE		This lawsuit arises from a vehicle collision that occurred on September 12, 2023, when a Sheriff's Department employee rear-ended Plaintiff's vehicle on the Interstate 10 freeway in the City of Baldwin Park. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	$	19,803
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	$	4,804

Case Name: Rosas Zayas, Tomas 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:	September 12, 2023
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Summary Corrective Action Plan 2026-310 **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, on September 12, 2023, at approximately 8:45 a.m., Lieutenant One was on-duty driving her Department-issued 2014 Dodge Charger, at approximately 30 mph, traveling westbound in the High Occupancy Vehicle Lane of the freeway. At the same time, the Plaintiff was driving his 2004 Honda Accord in the same direction in front of Lieutenant One. Traffic slowed down and the Plaintiff suddenly stopped his vehicle. Lieutenant One was unable to stop and collided into the rear of Plaintiff's vehicle. Both Lieutenant One and the Plaintiff were wearing their vehicle's factory installed seatbelts. A collision investigation conducted by the California Highway Patrol concluded that Lieutenant One caused the collision, by violating California Vehicle Code Section 22350- Unsafe Speed.

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

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Lieutenant One driving in the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane as a sole occupant in a county vehicle.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Lieutenant One drove at an unsafe speed (22350 CVC) and caused a collision by rear ending the Plaintiff's vehicle.

A **non-contributing Department** root cause in this incident was Lieutenant One did not activate her Body-Worn Camera (BWC), when the traffic collision occurred.

A **non-Department** root cause in this incident was the Plaintiff was driving in the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane as a sole occupant.

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 the CHP, Baldwin Park Area Office. The collision investigation concluded that Lieutenant One caused the collision with the Plaintiff's vehicle, in violation of California Vehicle Code Section - 22350, Unsafe Speed.

Administrative Review

This incident was administratively investigated by Century Station supervisors. The findings were presented for Department executive review. The executive review concurred that Lieutenant One drove in the HOV lane as a sole occupant and caused the traffic collision after following too closely behind the plaintiff's vehicle. The review also determined Lieutenant One was not in possession of a Department assigned BWC. Appropriate administrative action was taken.

Station Briefing / Safe Driving

Station personnel are continuously briefed on their obligation to follow the rules of the road, driving at safe speeds, and the importance of utilizing defensive driving tactics. Personnel are also continuously briefed on the BWC policy.

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 safety announcements that are broadcast each shift.

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: 8.6.26

Name: (Department Head) Yolanda R. Figueroa, Chief Central Patrol Division	
Signature: Yolanda R. Figueroa	Date: 8/11/2026

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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: 8/12/26