COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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LIABILITY TRUST FUND
CLAIMS BOARD

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board will hold its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, **July 8, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., in the City of Monterey Park, Posada Ballroom at Luminarias Restaurant, 3500 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California 91754 and Via Teleconference.**

TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS

La Canada Flintridge City Hall, One Civic Center Drive, La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011 (818) 790-8880

Lancaster City Hall, 44933 Fern Ave, Lancaster, CA 93534 (661) 723-6000

15308 Lefloss Ave., Norwalk CA 90650

2432 Kristen Lee Drive, Westlake Village, CA 91361

West Hollywood City Hall CONF 3rd Floor CMD Conference Room, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90069 (323) 848-6400

Pico Rivera City Hall, 6615 Passons Blvd, Pico Rivera, CA 90660 (562) 942-2000

Maywood City Hall, 4319 E Slauson Ave., Maywood, CA 90270 (323) 562-5700

In compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Agency Clerk at (562) 467-8736. Notification 48 hours before the meeting will enable the Authority to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.
(28 CFR 35.102.35.104 ADA Title II)

PUBLIC COMMENT

You may submit public comment by e-mail at vruiz@cjpia.org or by mail to: Attention: Contract Cities Claims Board Agenda, Executive Office, County Counsel, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012.
Written public comment or documentation must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 7, 2026. Please include the Agenda item and meeting date in your correspondence. Comments and any other written submissions will become part of the official record of the meeting.

Members of the public wishing to listen to open sessions of the meeting may call the California JPIA's teleconference number **at 1 (669) 254-5252.**

Zoom Meeting Link
https://cjpia-org.zoomgov.com/j/1606695339?pwd=psz8HU3gvmAgav5FbSvgRV0S1zCRSc.1
Meeting ID: 160 669 5339
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call.

2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Claims Board on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board.

3. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.

   a. **Non-Litigated Claim of Mercury Insurance ASO Teresa Aquino**
   Claim No. 24-4198

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

   See supporting document

   b. **Brandon Bryan v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
   United States District Court Case No. 2:24-CV-00060
   Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV25557

   This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, Monell liability, false arrest, battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress and negligence.

   See supporting document

   c. **Rafael Manzano v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
   Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24SMCV01881

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

   See supporting document

d. **Alexandria Mendez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCV10463

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

See supporting document

e. **Chloe Sanchez v. Marcus Kyle Sy, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV29050

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

See supporting document

f. **Isadoro Villarreal, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24LBCV00548

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

See supporting document

4. Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9).

a. **Aaron Glazier v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-00924

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, unreasonable seizure, fabrication of evidence, malicious prosecution and Monell liability.

b. **Evelio P. Muj Aju, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24CMCV00378

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

c. **Sheila Parker. v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.**

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25TRCV01864

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

d. **Miguel Angel Perez v. Nicholas Rubio Hernandez, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24AVCV00054

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

e. **Marco Pinhero v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24NWCV01993

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

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

6. Approval of Minutes for the June 10, 2026, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

See supporting document

7. Other Business

8. Adjournment

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME		Non-Litigated Claim of Mercury Insurance ASO Teresa Aquino
CASE NUMBER		None
COURT		None
DATE FILED		N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT		Sheriff's Department – Contract Cities
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	$	38,264.26
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF		None
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY		CANDACE WONG Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE		This claim arises from a Sheriff's Department automobile accident that occurred on July 26, 2024, on Avenue M, in the City of Palmdale. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the claim is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	$	-0-
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	$	135

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME		Brandon Bryan vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER		2:24-CV-00060-FMO-AGR
COURT		United States District Court
DATE FILED		October 19, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT		Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	$	250,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF		ALVIN M. GOMEZ, ESQ. Gomez Law Group
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY		JOSEPH A. LANGTON Principal Deputy County Counsel MARINA SAMSON Jones Mayer
NATURE OF CASE		This is a recommendation to settle for $250,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, this federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Brandon Bryan after he was detained by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputies. Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. The full and final settlement of the case in the amount of $250,000 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	$	164,519
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	$	19,134

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME		Rafael Manzano vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER		24SMCV01881
COURT		Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED		April 22, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT		Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	$	95,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF		CARTER COREY, ESQ. Carter Law Firm, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY		KEVIN ENGELIEN, ESQ. Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE		This is an auto-liability lawsuit which arises from a traffic collision that occurred on November 21, 2023. Plaintiff claims he 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	$	22,870
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	$	3,519

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME		Alexandria Mendez, et al. vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER		24STCV10463
COURT		Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED		April 25, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT		Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	$	100,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF		JOHN GLANTZ, ESQ. Glantz Law, APLC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY		KEVIN ENGELIEN, ESQ. Senior Deputy County Counsel ONIK OVANESIAN, ESQ. Hurrell-LLP
NATURE OF CASE		Plaintiff alleges injuries and damages when her vehicle was struck by a Deputy Sheriff's patrol vehicle that was driving with emergency lights and sirens activated, but failed to clear the intersection before proceeding to enter the intersection. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	$	30,391
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	$	415

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME		Chloe Sanchez vs. Marcus Kyle Sy, et al.
CASE NUMBER		22STCV29050
COURT		Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED		September 7, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT		Sheriff
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	$	550,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF		LAILA HAVRE JACOBSMA, ESQ. Jacobsma Law APC ANGEL CARRAZCO, JR. Carrazco Law, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY		LATASHA N. CORRY, ESQ. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE		This lawsuit arises from a vehicle collision that occurred on January 19, 2022, when an ambulance collided with a Sheriff's Deputy's patrol unit at the intersection of Washington Boulevard and Rosemead Boulevard, in the City of Pico Rivera. Plaintiff was an EMT riding in the back of the ambulance when the collision occurred. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	$	143,816
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	$	284,327

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

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. Jacoby & Meyers
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY		KEVIN ENGELIEN 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. 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

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MINUTES OF MEETING

June 10, 2026

1. Call to Order

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was called to order by Chair James Bozajian at 11:19 a.m. The meeting was held at **Luminarias Restaurant, Buena Vista Room, 3500 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California 91754 and via-teleconference.**

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: James Bozajian, Chair, North Division; Bryan Cook, Vice Chair, Member At-Large; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Margaret Finlay, East Division; Mark Waronek, South Division; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Brian Villalobos, East Division; Jennifer Perez, Member At-Large; John Moreno, South Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director. **Alternate**: Christopher Lopez, Central Division; John Erickson, North Division; Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Ernie Hernandez, At-Large; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; Daniel Jordan, East Division; Eddie De La Riva; Central Division; Christopher Lopez, Central Division; Kelly Honig, At Large; . **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Destiny Castro, ACEO; Robert Chavez, Manager, CEO; Tim Kral, Assistant County Counsel; Joseph Langton, Principal Deputy County Counsel; LaTasha Corry, Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Keever Rhodes Muir, Assistant County Counsel; Sanjay Athalye, Deputy County Counsel; Jorge Trujillo; Office of the County Counsel; Tri Hoang, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; William Fillpot, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Francisco Quintero, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Ann Tremblay, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Evelyn Vega, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Eric Baruch, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Brandon Barclay, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Isabela Montez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Dan Holguin, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Daniel Inez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Joe Hernandez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Ernie Bille, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Paul Bartlett, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Justin Diez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Walid Ashrafnia, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jorge Valdez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jenn Seetoo, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees**: Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Fred Grohler, Protelligent, Inc.**Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA** Alex Smith, CEO; Chris Gray, Manager; Chris Kustra, Liability Program Manager; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk; Paul Zelgovitch,

COO; Ben Rodriguez, Technology Project Manager; Jennifer Torres, Administrative Analyst.

2. Public Comment

Members of the public were provided the opportunity to address the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board. No members of the public addressed the Board.

At 11:23 a.m., the Chair adjourned the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board into Closed Session.

3. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9).

a. ***Filing of CCP 998 and FRCP 68 offers for Contract Cities cases***

Action Taken:

Claims Board Authorized the California JPIA designated staff member to respond to County Counsel requests to make 998 and Rule 68 Offers of $500,000 or less for a one-year trial period.

Vote: Ayes: 11-0 – James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Perez, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Brian Villalobos, Mark Waronek, and Marcel Rodarte.

b. **Corey Crittenden v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United Stated District Court Case No. 2:25-CV-02852

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal civil rights violations, use of excessive force, Monell liability arising from a non-fatal deputy-involved shooting.

Action Taken:

This report was presented for information only. No action was taken.

4. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

a. **Christopher Mercurio, Estate of, et al. v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:24-CV-11089

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, use of excessive force, interference with familial relationship and Monell liability, arising from a fatal deputy-involved shooting.

Action taken:
No reportable action taken.

b. **Curtis Markson, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United Stated District Court Case No. 5:25-CV-01275

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, use of excessive force, unreasonable search and seizure, First Amendment interference/retaliation, Monell liability, false imprisonment, intentional infliction of emotional distress, assault, battery, negligent infliction of emotional distress, violation of Bane Act and Ralph Act.

Action taken:
No reportable action taken.

c. **Ledezma Perez, Fernanda v. State of California, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23NWCV01687

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

Action taken:
No reportable action taken.

d. **Marco Pinhero v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Coase No. 24NWCV01993

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

Action taken:
No reportable action taken.

e. **Marisela Salazar, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCV03248

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

Action taken:
No reportable action taken.

f. **Marlon Torres, et al. v. AutoZone Inc., et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:24-CV-05103

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, use of excessive force, battery, assault, negligence, infliction of emotional distress, defamation and slander.

Action taken:
No reportable action taken.

g. **Richard New v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24CHCV01311

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

Action taken:
No reportable action taken.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 12:48 p.m. No action was taken in Closed Session which required a public report pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1.

6. Approval of the Minutes for May 20, 2026, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 11-0: James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Jennifer Perez, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Brian Villalobos, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte, and Alternate Ernie Hernandez.

7. Items Not on the Posted Agenda, to be Referred to Staff or Placed on the Agenda for Action at a Further Meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board, or Matters Requiring Immediate Action Because of Emergency Situation or Where the Need to Take Immediate Action Came to the Attention of the Board Subsequent to the Posting of the Agenda.

None

8. Other Business

None

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

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ANNA SARGSYAN