

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD
HELD IN PERSON AND ONLINE VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

ON MONDAY, July 20, 2026, AT 9:30 A.M.

Present: Chair Destiny Castro, Liliana Campos, and Oscar Valdez

- 1. Call to Order.**
- 2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Claims Board on items of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board.**

Two unidentified members of the public appeared on the public teleconference phone line but did not respond to the opportunity to address the Claims Board. No member of the public appeared in person.

- 3. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9).**

- a. Joanne Capitano v. Thien Huong Nguyen, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23AHCV00720**

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained in an automobile collision involving a Department of Public Work's employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(a) in the amount of \$1,150,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

[See Supporting Documents](#)

- b. Interinsurance Exchange of the Automobile Club (a/s/o Garlan Wong) v. County of Los Angeles, et al.; Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25PSCV00914**

This dangerous condition and inverse condemnation lawsuit against the Department of Public Works arises from a tree falling causing property damage.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(b) in the amount of \$135,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

[See Supporting Document](#)

c. **Elena Cardenas vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23NWCV02750

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained in a traffic collision involving a Sheriff's Department employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(c) in the amount of \$145,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

[See Supporting Documents](#)

d. **Daniel Alexander Blake vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24NNCV03778

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained in a traffic collision involving a Sheriff's Department employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(d) in the amount of \$200,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

[See Supporting Documents](#)

e. **Jazmine Moreno, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-06062

This wrongful death lawsuit arises from the fatal shooting of Decedent by the Sheriff's Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(e) in the amount of \$12,500,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

[See Supporting Documents](#)

**f. Mary Jane Juranek vs. Calimay Pham, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22AHCv01382**

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

Action Taken:

The Claims Board continued Item 3(f) to a future meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

[See Supporting Documents](#)

**g. Yvonne Escobar, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV14825**

This wrongful death lawsuit arises from the alleged negligent acts of the Aging and Disabilities Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board continued Item 3(g) to a future meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

[See Supporting Documents](#)

**h. Alma Lopez v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCV00579**

This lawsuit alleges that an employee of the Department of Mental Health was subjected to discrimination, harassment, and retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(h) in the amount of \$30,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

**i. Rosalyn Campfield v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV11418**

This lawsuit alleges that an employee of the Department of Mental Health was subjected to harassment.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(i) in the amount of \$40,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Oscar Valdez and Liliana Campos
Noes: 1 – Destiny Castro

**j. Isidoro Baly v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV31110**

This lawsuit alleges that an employee of the District Attorney's Office was subjected to retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(e) in the amount of \$1,300,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

4. Approval of the Minutes of the July 6, 2026, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the Minutes of the July 6, 2026, meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Liliana Campos and Destiny Castro
Abstention: Oscar Valdez

[See Supporting Document](#)

5. Items not on the posted agenda, to be referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a further meeting of the Board, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

No such matters were discussed.

6. Adjournment.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Joanne Capitano v. Thien Huong Nguyen, et al.
CASE NUMBER	23AHCV00720
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	April 21, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 1,150,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	KIERAN DOHERTY, ESQ. SHK Law Corporation
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	MELISSA A. MCCAVERY, ESQ. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from a vehicle collision that occurred on August 23, 2022, when a Department of Public Works employee was driving a Department vehicle and crossed over the double yellow lines of oncoming traffic, to avoid a biker in his lane, and collided into the front driver's side of Plaintiff's vehicle. Plaintiff claims to have suffered injuries and damages from the incident. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 86,778
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 96,956



Summary Corrective Action Plan

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Date of incident/event:	August 23, 2022
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Plaintiff alleges that on August 23, 2022, she was injured and suffered property damage while traveling down First Street in Arcadia, California. As she was traveling southbound on First Street approaching Floral Avenue, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works employee was traveling northbound on the opposite side and without notice, Plaintiff claims that the Public Works employee pulled into her lane and hit her vehicle head-on.

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

The collision occurred due to the Public Works employee crossing over in the opposite direction of travel to avoid a bicyclist who merged into his lane to avoid colliding with a person exiting their parked vehicle.

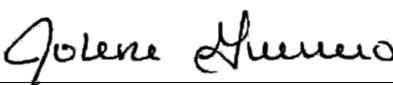
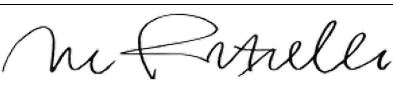
2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:

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

The ASC's determination was referred to the Human Resources Division, and the employee discipline was issued. The Public Works employee appeared before the department's Automotive Safety Committee (ASC) on December 8, 2022, at which time the ASC deemed the accident preventable.

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.

Name: (Risk Manager) Jacklin E. Injijian	
Signature: 	Date: 06/24/2026
Name: (Deputy Director) Jolene Guerrero	
Signature: 	Date: 07/06/2024
Name: (Department Head) Mark Pestrella	
Signature: 	Date: 07/08/2026

Chief Executive Office Risk Management Inspector General USE ONLY

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:
Betty Karmirlian

Date:
7/8/26

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Interinsurance Exchange of the Automobile Club (a/s/o Garlan Wong) vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	25PSCV00914
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	March 25, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 135,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	BRIAN WONG, ESQ. Law Offices of Robert Stutman
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	KEVIN J. ENGELIEN Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This case arises from a tree falling causing property damage to a home. Plaintiff is the insurance company that bore the cost of the repair of the home. Plaintiff alleges the tree is the County's property and it fell due to it being a dangerous condition of public property in the City of West Covina. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 43,907
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 12,486

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Elena Cardenas vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	23NWCV02750
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	August 31, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 145,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	CHRISTOPHER MANDALIAN, ESQ. Mann Law Group
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 October 3, 2022. 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	\$ 52,905
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 38,810



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Date of incident/event:	October 3, 2022
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Summary Corrective Action Plan 2025-277 Details in this document summarize the incident. The information provided is a culmination of various sources to provide an abstract of the incident. On October 3, 2022, at approximately 7:00 a.m., an Electrician employed by the Sheriff's Department was driving a marked department utility truck headed from Whittier to Lynwood for a work order at a jail facility. He entered the left turn lane at a red signal and stopped at the intersection. When the signal turned green, the employee entered the intersection making a left turn onto a southbound avenue when another vehicle was traveling eastbound on Telegraph and collided with the employee within the intersection. The other vehicle struck the rear portion of the employee's vehicle broadside and both vehicles came to rest within a few feet of the intersection. The California Highway Patrol responded to the scene. The employee was transported to an urgent care center for treatment for minor injuries. The driver of the other vehicle was the sole occupant of the vehicle. They were transported by ambulance to a nearby hospital for injuries by Los Angeles County Fire Department.

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

The **Department** root cause in this incident was the employee who failed to yield to oncoming traffic.

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

Traffic Collision Investigation

The incident was thoroughly investigated by the California Highway Patrol and by supervisors from the involved employee's unit of assignment. The collision investigation concluded that the employee caused the collision when he failed to yield to the plaintiff's vehicle, in violation of California Vehicle Code 21801(a). The results of the investigation were presented for Executive review. Appropriate administrative action was taken and the employee attended additional training.

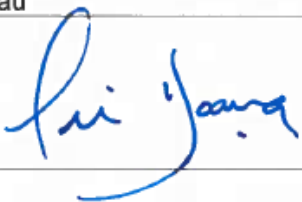
Traffic Collision Assessment and Review

Facilities Services Bureau conducted a review and assessment of all traffic collisions for calendar the past five calendar years. During the audit, it was discovered there was a spike in 2024, with a reduction the following year. Personnel who have been involved in more than one traffic collision are directed to attend Department training, such as the Sheriff's Traffic Accident Reduction driving program, Emergency Vehicle Operations, and the Alternatives to Discipline Driving Course.

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: 5.1.26

Name: (Department Head) Conrad Meredith, Division Director Administrative Services Division	
Signature: 	Date: <i>05/14/26</i>

Chief Executive Office Risk Management Inspector General USE ONLY	
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: <i>Betty Karmirlian</i>	Date: 5/19/26

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Daniel Alexander Blake vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	24NNCV03778
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	August 23, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 200,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	JERRY RULSKY, ESQ. Rulsky Law Group, 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 February 28, 2024. 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	\$ 45,492
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 16,264



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Date of incident/event:	February 28, 2024
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Summary Corrective Action Plan 2025-294 Details in this document summarize the incident. The information provided is a culmination of various sources to provide an abstract of the incident. On February 28, 2024, Deputy One was traveling eastbound on a roadway and approached a traffic-controlled intersection. He entered the intersection facing a green traffic signal and waited for the westbound traffic to clear before initiating a left turn northbound onto the Avenue. Deputy One saw the traffic signal turn yellow, waited for the traffic in the #1 lane of westbound traffic to slow and initiated a left turn. Deputy One did not observe the Plaintiff travelling into the intersection on a motorcycle and collided with him. A third party witnessed the collision and observed Deputy One make a left-hand turn into the intersection and collide with the Plaintiff's motorcycle as he was travelling straight through the intersection. The collision was investigated by the California Highway Patrol. It was determined Deputy One failed to yield to oncoming traffic before making a left turn, a violation of California Vehicle Code Section 21801(a). The Los Angeles County Fire Department responded to the scene of the incident. The Plaintiff was medically treated and transported to a local hospital for further medical evaluation. Deputy One did not sustain any injuries.

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

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputy One made an unsafe left turn, in violation of California Vehicle Code 21801(a), and collided with the Plaintiff.

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

Traffic Collision Investigation

The incident was thoroughly investigated by California Highway Patrol (CHP) which found Deputy One made an unsafe left turn, in violation of California Vehicle Code 21801(a).

Administrative Investigation

The collision was investigated by the field sergeant, whose findings were in concurrence with CHP's. Appropriate administrative action was taken and the deputy completed additional training as a result of this incident.

Sheriff Department Announcement - Department Wide Re-brief

Department personnel are briefed that the safety of Department members and the public is paramount when engaged in routine driving and Code-3 responses.

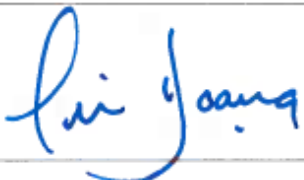
Department-Wide Broadcast Announcements - Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC)

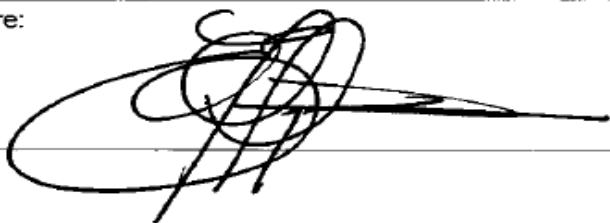
In an effort to mitigate Department traffic collisions, Risk Management Bureau has partnered with Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC) to create Department-Wide announcements. One of four safe-driving scripts are broadcast daily, each shift, to remind personnel to be safe and alert while driving.

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Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)	
Tri T. Hoang, Captain Risk Management Bureau	
Signature: 	Date: 5.14.26

Name: (Department Head) Elier Morejon, Chief East Patrol Division	
Signature: 	Date: 5/27/24

Chief Executive Office Risk Management Inspector General USE ONLY	
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: 	Date: 5/29/26

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jazmine Moreno, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:21-CV-06062
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	July 27, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 12,500,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	CHRISTOPHER ADAMSON, ESQ. & FEDERICO SAYRE, ESQ. Adamson Ahdoot, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	RICHARD HSUEH Senior Deputy County Counsel Justice and Safety Division JILL WILLIAMS, ESQ. Carpenter, Rothans & Dumont, LL
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$12.5 million inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, this federal civil rights and wrongful death lawsuit arising out of a fatal deputy-involved shooting of David Ordaz, when Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department deputies responded to a call for service at his parents' residence. Given the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 203,912
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 250,308



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Date of incident/event:	March 14, 2021
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Summary Corrective Action Plan 2025-259 Details in this document summarize the incident. The information provided is a culmination of various sources to provide an abstract of the incident. On November 9, 2022, the District Attorney's Office filed criminal charges against Deputy One, charging him with two felonies: Assault with a Semiautomatic Firearm and Assault by a Public Officer. On November 19, 2024, Deputy One plead "Nolo Contendere" to both charges. In accordance with the plea agreement, he resigned from the Department and voluntarily relinquished his POST certificate. Based on multiple investigative reports, on March 14, 2021, the Decedent's sister, (Plaintiff One) called a patrol station to get guidance regarding the Decedent being suicidal. An emergency call for service was dispatched to their residence. The dispatcher remained on the phone with Plaintiff One. Plaintiff One told dispatch the Decedent was armed with a knife, was under the influence of methamphetamine, and had mentioned, "suicide by cop". Plaintiff One stated they were sitting in a gold vehicle in front of the residence. Deputy Two was assigned as the handling deputy for the call. Deputy Two acknowledged the call and responded Code 3 to the location. While deputies were responding to the location, the dispatcher updated the call, advising the Decedent was armed with a knife and claimed he wanted "suicide by cop". Deputy Two coordinated the call for service with his assisting units.

	Deputy Two directed responding deputies to meet at the location and requested anyone with a less-lethal weapon to deploy the weapon. Several deputies, including Deputy One, staged south of the address and responded to the target location with Deputy Two. When the deputies arrived, Deputy Two saw the Decedent's vehicle. He ordered the Decedent to exit his vehicle. When the Decedent exited his vehicle, Deputy Two observed him holding a kitchen knife in his right hand. Deputy Two unholstered his firearm, pointed it at the Decedent and ordered him to drop the knife. The Decedent stroked his beard and appeared agitated. He stood at the front driver's side of his vehicle. The Decedent's brother (Plaintiff Two), father (Plaintiff Three) and Plaintiff One were in the residence's front yard, which was just to the east of him. A chain link fence bordered the front yard from the sidewalk, and the gate to the property was closed. Deputies Two and Five ordered the Decedent to drop the knife, but he refused. Instead, he stayed near the front of his vehicle on the driver's side and continued to stroke his beard. The Decedent communicated with the deputies; however, he refused to drop the knife and follow their commands. He told the deputies to shoot him multiple times. Deputy Five activated the duplex patch approximately 45 seconds after he arrived and requested a sergeant and the MET team to respond to his location, along with an air unit and deputy personnel with a less-lethal weapon. Deputy Two continued to order the Decedent to drop the knife and told him he was there to help him. Upon hearing Deputy Five's radio transmission, Deputies Three, Four, Six, Seven and Eight responded to the location. Deputy Four arrived on the scene and positioned his patrol vehicle to the left of Deputy Two's patrol vehicle. Deputy Four exited his patrol vehicle and used the driver's side door for cover; however, he identified a possible crossfire issue, so he moved to the driver's side door of Deputy Two's patrol vehicle with Deputies Two and Five. Sergeant One responded to the scene from the patrol station and arrived approximately five and a half minutes
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	after he was requested. Upon arrival, he approached Deputies Two, Four, and Five, who were standing between the passenger side of Deputy Four's patrol vehicle and the driver's side of Deputy Two's patrol vehicle. They were using the patrol vehicle's doors as partial cover. Sergeant One assessed the situation and instructed Deputy Five to retrieve a less-lethal weapon from his patrol vehicle. Deputy Five retrieved a stun bag shotgun from Sergeant One's patrol vehicle. There were only two available bean bag rounds inside the vehicle. Deputy Five loaded the two bean bag rounds into the stun bag shotgun and returned to the driver's side of Deputy Two's patrol vehicle. Sergeant One assigned Deputy Two as the lethal option, and he was to provide cover for Deputy Five. Deputy Four relocated to Deputy Two's patrol vehicle's passenger side, where Deputy One was standing. While Deputies One, Two, Four, and Five ordered the Decedent to drop the knife, Sergeant One observed Deputies Seven and Eight arrive on the scene. He directed Deputy Eight to find another less-lethal weapon. Deputy Eight began going through all the patrol vehicles on scene but did not find another less-lethal weapon. Sergeant One also directed Deputy Eight to request the Sheriff's Mental Evaluation Team (MET) to respond. The Decedent began pacing around his vehicle and walked toward the deputies. The Decedent transitioned from the street to the sidewalk in front of the residence. The Plaintiffs gathered in the front yard, separated by the chain link fence. The deputies ordered him to stop. The Decedent's family was also yelling at him to stop walking toward the deputies. Deputies instructed the Decedent's family to go inside their residence; however, they moved south toward the driveway of the yard and did not enter the residence. Deputies were attempting to avoid any crossfire issues. Shortly thereafter, Deputies Three and Six arrived on the scene. Deputy Three initially positioned himself behind Deputy Four. Sergeant One moved Deputy Three to the rear of a vehicle parked directly next to Deputy Two's vehicle,
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	blocking the driveway. The vehicle was on the east curblane, approximately 20 feet behind the Decedent's vehicle. Sergeant One directed Deputy Seven to stand next to Deputy Three and provide lethal cover for him. Deputy Six deployed a fully loaded stun bag shotgun. Sergeant One directed Deputies Six and Three to the rear of the vehicle. Deputy Three holstered his Taser and provided lethal cover for Deputy Six. Deputies Three and Six were offset toward the passenger side of the vehicle and slightly behind and to the right of Deputies One and Four. Sergeant One monitored the deputies and identified any crossfire issues. Sergeant One motioned for Deputy Four to move closer to the passenger side patrol vehicle's door to position him directly next to Deputy One. The Decedent stood on the sidewalk in front of his residence, outside the chain link fence. Deputy Two stood behind the driver's side door of his patrol vehicle, and Deputy Five moved from behind the driver's door to the front fender area. Deputies One and Four were behind Deputy Two's patrol vehicle's passenger side door, and Deputies Three and Six were behind them, slightly to the right. Deputy Seven stood behind Deputy Three. Deputy Seven's weapon was drawn but pointed at the ground. Deputy Eight was approximately 50 feet behind the incident, talking to Decedent's additional sister, who arrived from outside of the area. As the Decedent walked toward the deputies again, Sergeant One ordered him to step back, but he refused to cooperate and advanced toward Deputies One and Four, while still holding the knife. Sergeant One directed Deputy Six to fire the stun bag shotgun. Deputy Six yelled, "Stun bag, Stun bag, Stun bag," and both Deputies Six and Five fired their stun bag shot guns at the Decedent. Deputy Six fired one round, striking the Decedent in the torso. Deputy Five fired two rounds, striking the Decedent in the upper torso and right shoulder. After being hit by three bean bag rounds, the Decedent charged the deputies with the knife in his right hand.
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	Deputy Six fired one more bean bag round, Deputy Four fired two rounds from his firearm, Deputies Two and Three each fired three rounds from their firearm, and Deputy One fired seven rounds from his firearm at the Decedent. There was a pause and Deputy One fired one more round at the Decedent. The Decedent was struck with a total of twelve rounds. He sustained one gunshot wound in the left leg, one in the right buttock, two in the left buttock, three on his left flank, three in his back, one in his chest and one in his left cheek. Once the Decedent was on the ground, Plaintiff One exited the front yard and kicked the knife away so deputies would render him aid. Sergeant One directed Deputies Three and Seven to approach the Decedent and render medical aid. Deputies One and Three approached the Decedent, conducted a pat down search for weapons, and rolled him onto his left side into a recovery position. Deputy Seven stopped prior to rendering aid to assist with keeping the Decedent's family from approaching him while he was lying on the ground. Sergeant One also directed Deputy Six to call the fire department and paramedics to respond to the location. The fire department and paramedics arrived on scene and began rendering aid. The Decedent was transported to a local medical center where he was pronounced deceased by the handling doctor.
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1. Briefly describe the **root cause(s)** of the claim/lawsuit:

A **Department** root cause in this incident was multiple deputy personnel were involved in a deputy involved shooting.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputy One was criminally convicted for his involvement in the involved shooting.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the unavailability of a Mental Evaluation Team (MET) at the time of the request by Department personnel.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the dispatcher dispatched the call for service as an attempt suicide but should have contacted MET and included additional information in the call which would have identified the Decedent as a person with a mental health issue.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the inability to properly load less lethal options during the initial response by deputy personnel.

A **non-Department** root cause in this incident was the Decedent charged at the deputies while he was armed with a knife.

A **non-Department** root cause in this incident was the Decedent was under the influence of narcotics (methamphetamine and marijuana).

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

Criminal Investigation

The incident was investigated by the Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau. The results of their investigation were submitted to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Justice System Integrity Division.

On November 9, 2022, the District Attorney's Office filed criminal charges against Deputy One, charging him with two felonies: 245(b) PC, assault with a semiautomatic firearm and 149 PC, assault by a public officer.

On November 19, 2024, Deputy One plead "Nolo Contendere" to both charges. He resigned from the Department and is no longer employed with LASD. Additionally, Deputy One voluntarily relinquished his POST certification.

On November 22, 2022, the District Attorney's Office completed their review of the investigation regarding Deputies Two through Four.

The DA's office concluded that Deputy Two acted lawfully in defense of others.

They further concluded that there is insufficient evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Deputies Three and Four did not act lawfully in self-defense and in defense of others.

Administrative Investigation

The Sheriff's Department Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) is investigating the incident to determine if any administrative misconduct occurred before, during, or after the incident. When the IAB investigator completes the case, the administrative shooting investigation will be presented to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Executive Force Review Committee (EFRC) for adjudication.

On September 25, 2025, the EFRC determined the use-of-force and tactics used by Deputy One in this incident were not within Department policy.

The Panel weighed the facts of this case and assessed both the aggravating and mitigating factors. The Panel found Deputy One to be in violation of California Penal

Code section 245(b), Assault with a semiautomatic firearm and Department's Manual of Policy and Procedures Sections:

- 3-01/030.10- Obedience to Laws, Regulations, and Orders.
- 3-10/118.00- Performance to Standards-Use of Force
- 3-10/150.00-Tactical Incidents

The findings were presented to executives for review.

On January 13, 2026, Deputy One was discharged from his position as a deputy sheriff.

The EFRC Panel determined the force and tactics used by Deputies Two through Six were within Department policy.

However, additional training was recommended and completed.

The EFRC Panel also recommended Sergeant One complete training which was completed.

Station Debriefing

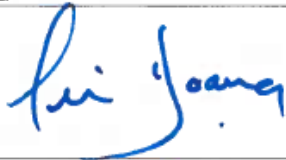
In the days following the incident, station supervisors briefed on the events known at the time and based on information provided by Homicide Bureau investigators. All station personnel, including dispatchers were briefed on calls for service involving mentally ill persons, with a special emphasis on the responsibilities of requesting MET personnel via the Sheriff's Communication Center, including notification to the MET Triage Desk, and properly identify and updating dispatched calls for service with relevant information and the appropriate radio codes.

Briefings also addressed officer safety, tactical preparedness, and lessons learned during the incident to assist employees if they ever find themselves in a similar situation. Additional emphasis was focused on proper loading and inspection procedures for safe and effective operation of less lethal weapons. Briefings have continued on an ongoing basis by station field sergeants and watch commanders to reiterate the Department's expectations and policies.

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: 	Date: 4.15.26

Name: (Department Head)	
Myron Johnson, Assistant Sheriff 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)	
Signature: 	Date: 4/21/26

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

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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?

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Name: (Risk Management Coordinator) Lana Ghil	
Signature: 	Date: 6/12/2026

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

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

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Yvonne Escobar, et al. vs. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	22STCV14825
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	May 5, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Aging and Disabilities
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 4,000,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	RICHARD LARA, ESQ. Lara Law Firm, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	JESSIE LEE Senior Deputy County Counsel Social Services Division
	JENNIFER GYSLER, ESQ. Monroy, Averbuck and Gysler
NATURE OF CASE	Plaintiff alleges wrongful death, survival action, and negligent retention due to her adult brother fatally stabbing their mother after involvement with Adult Protective Services. Due to the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 89,616
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 19,124



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Date of incident/event:	May 5, 2020
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Plaintiff filed a wrongful death action against the Aging and Disabilities Department alleging that Adult Protective Services (APS) received reports of her brother's physical abuse of their mother. Plaintiff alleges APS failed to properly investigate and report abuse of their mother. On May 5, 2020, plaintiff's brother fatally stabbed their mother.

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

The root causes of this lawsuit are related to factors of lacking oversight, case handling and processing. More specifically:

- Case oversight lacked efficient active monitoring and managerial oversight including maintaining communication with involved entities. Employee did not meet internal review guidelines and had delayed response and documentation. Employee had a high caseload.
- Lack of policies related to investigating and handling cases related to physical abuse/domestic violence and mental health illness.
- Case oversight did not include utilization of additional resources including referring to the Center of Excellence for a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) approach.
- Lack of timely cross reporting to law enforcement.

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

Case Management and Oversight

The department's case tracking system will be modified to create specific identifications for cases related to domestic violence and mental health illness. This will allow for specific tracking and monitoring of these priority cases. Management will run reports using this new identification to monitor case progress and ensure proper facilitation and handling. Management will conduct bi-weekly reviews to ensure case management is proceeding in the most efficient and effective means available. These will allow management to provide specific oversight and ensure proper case documentation and recurring case review as needed.

The Department is also currently evaluating several changes to address caseload issues including recently created specialized unit to address older pending cases, evaluating the intake process and related contract, evaluating the implementation of a decision-making tool and working with other County social work departments to implement their best practices.

Policy Development

A policy has been created to mandate use of the two new work action flags/ special designation fields within the case management system. Policy also establishes strict safety planning and law enforcement consultation protocols for all cases involving domestic violence or suspected abusers, family or household members with mental health issues.

The policy requires social workers to develop a safety plan and document the consultation with law enforcement within 24 hours of the initial home visit for all high-risk cases involving suspected abusers with a history of chronic mental instability or ongoing violence. The safety plan will also include an evaluation and referral to a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT).

Management Oversight and Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) Approach

Ensuring these cases are referred to the Center of Excellence for a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) approach helps ensure a diverse comprehensive approach in handling. The newly established intake identification, reporting mechanism and related policy will support the management oversight approach and will help in facilitating a long-term case management strategy including an MDT approach as applicable.

Automation of Law Enforcement Cross-Reporting

The department is working with local law enforcement agencies and the Department of Children Family Services to evaluate the ability to automate referrals to law enforcement.

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Name: (Risk Management Coordinator) Derrick Martin	
Signature: <i>Derrick Martin</i>	Date: 07/02/2026

Name: (Department Head) Maral Karaccusian	
Signature: <i>Maral Karaccusian</i>	Date: 07/02/2026

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Name: (Risk Management Inspector General) Betty Karmirlian	
Signature: <i>Betty Karmirlian</i>	Date: 7/2/26

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

July 6, 2026

1. Call to Order.

The meeting of the Los Angeles County Claims Board was called to order at 9:40 a.m. The meeting was held virtually with Claims Board Chair Destiny Castro, Claims Board Member Liliana Campos, and Claims Board Administrator Thomas Finley participating in person at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Sixth Floor, Conference Room C, Los Angeles, California 90012. Claims Board Member Oscar Valdez was absent.

All other participants at the Claims Board meeting appeared virtually: Caroline S. Craddock, Edward A. Morrissey, William Birnie, Lynette Wilson, LaTasha Corry, Richard Hsueh, Jamie Lopez, Joseph A. Langton, and Minas Samuelian appeared for the Office of the County Counsel. Stanley S. Yen, Karen Streich, Vanessa Dinsay, Mildred Hill, and Tosha Sweet appeared for the Department of Mental Health. Monica Gastelum appeared for the Probation Department. Stephanie Lara, Deputy Nancy Madarasz, Acting Captain Tania A. Giggles, Captain Marco Soto, Captain Christina Baker, Commander Robert Jones II, Commander Stacy Morgan, Commander Erick Kim, Lieutenant Jennifer Roth, Lieutenant Matthew Gauthier, and Chief Yolanda Figueroa appeared for the Sheriff's Department. Marian Bellard and Michael Owh appeared for the Internal Services Department. Alexandra Balinsky appeared for Kern Segal & Murray. Paul Berkowitz appeared for Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton, LLP. Chandler Parker appeared for Collins + Collins, LLP. Andrew Baum appeared for Glaser Weil Fink Howard Jordan and Shapiro, LLP.

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

No member of the public appeared in person or on the public teleconference phone line to address the Claims Board.

3. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9).

At 9:41 a.m., Claims Board Chair Destiny Castro convened the meeting in closed session to discuss items 3(a) through 3(f).

Report on Actions Taken in Closed Session.

On the public teleconference phone line, callers who self-identified as "Rosalyn Campfield" and "Edward Alon" were present to hear the reportable actions of the Claims Board.

At 11:43 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session via video conference and reported the actions taken in closed session as follows:

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a. **K. G. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:25-cv-04754

This lawsuit concerns allegations of sexual assault by a Department of Mental Health employee while Plaintiff was in custody at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(a) in the amount of \$550,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Liliana Campos and Destiny Castro
Absent: Oscar Valdez

b. **Ji Yun Choi vs. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCV14032

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained in a traffic collision involving a Sheriff's Department employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(b) in the amount of \$35,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Liliana Campos and Destiny Castro
Absent: Oscar Valdez

c. **Nathaniel Riley v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18STCV06789

This wrongful death lawsuit against the Sheriff's Department arises out of the in-custody death of Plaintiff's mother.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(c) in the amount of \$112,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Liliana Campos and Destiny Castro
Absent: Oscar Valdez

d. **Kimberly Tague v. County of Los Angeles et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:24-cv-05985

This lawsuit arises from injuries sustained by Plaintiff due to alleged negligence of the Sheriff's Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(d) in the amount of \$225,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Liliana Campos and Destiny Castro
Absent: Oscar Valdez

e. **Darral Scott v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV23077

This lawsuit arises from alleged excessive force against Plaintiff by the Sheriff's Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(e) in the amount of \$800,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Liliana Campos and Destiny Castro
Absent: Oscar Valdez

f. **Gwendolyn Taylor v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV16474

This lawsuit alleges that an employee of the Internal Services Department was subjected to retaliation and that the Department failed to accommodate Plaintiff.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(f) in the amount of \$175,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Liliana Campos and Destiny Castro
Absent: Oscar Valdez

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the June 15, 2026, regular meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the Minutes of the June 15, 2026, meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Liliana Campos and Destiny Castro
Absent: Oscar Valdez

5. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

By



Thomas Finley
Claims Board Administrator
Office of the County Counsel