



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CLAIMS BOARD

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012-2713

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NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

The Los Angeles County Claims Board will hold a regular meeting on **Monday, September 21, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.**, at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Sixth Floor, Conference Room C, Los Angeles, California 90012. **Members of the public who would like to listen to the open session of the meeting or would like to provide public comment may call (323) 776-6996, then enter ID 128 137 734# at 9:30 a.m. on September 21, 2026.**

Reports of actions taken in Closed Session. The Los Angeles County Claims Board will report actions taken on any Closed Session Items on Monday, September 21, 2026, at approximately 1:25 p.m. Members of the public who would like to hear the reportable actions taken on any Closed Session items may call (323) 776-6996, then enter ID 128 137 734# at 1:25 p.m. on September 21, 2026. Please note that this is an approximate start time and there may be a short delay before the Closed Session is concluded and the actions can be reported.

TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:

You may submit written public comments by e-mail to claimsboard@counsel.lacounty.gov or by mail to: Attention: Los Angeles County Claims Board, Executive Office, County Counsel, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012.

Written public comments or documentation must be submitted no later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 18, 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.

If you wish to address the Los Angeles County Claims Board in person, you may come to the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012, and enter on the Second Floor. Please advise the security guard station personnel that you would like to attend the public portion of the Claims Board meeting, and you will be escorted to the Sixth Floor and be assisted.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment is limited to the specific items on the agenda and general public comment is limited to subject matters within the jurisdiction of the Claims Board.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: The Agenda and any supporting documents will be posted at <https://lacounty.gov/newsroom/public-information/los-angeles-county-claims-board/> and can be provided upon request. Please submit requests for supporting documents to claimsboard@counsel.lacounty.gov.

If you would like more information, please contact Claims Board Administrator Thomas Finley at tfinley@counsel.lacounty.gov or Management Specialist Raina Mey at rmey@counsel.lacounty.gov.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
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 Item(s) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9.)

- a. Geoff Loui, et al. v. State of California, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV18116

This dangerous condition lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained while bicycling on a roadway maintained by the Department of Public Works; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$100,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Rocio Gonzalez v. City of Diamond Bar, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23PSCV02319

This dangerous condition lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained while driving over an unsecured manhole cover maintained by the Department of Public Works; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$65,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- c. Jose Gonzalez Rios, et al. v. William Cash Reed, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23AVCV00735

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiffs sustained in a traffic collision involving a Department of Public Health employee; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$200,000.

[See Supporting Documents](#)

- d. Robert Greene v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23TRCV00016

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained when struck by a vehicle driven by an Office of the District Attorney employee; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$180,000.

[See Supporting Documents](#)

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

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained in a traffic collision involving a Sheriff's Department employee; settlement is recommended in the amount of 120,000.

[See Supporting Documents](#)

- f. Sebastian Palma v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-06829

This federal lawsuit arises from alleged Plaintiff's civil rights violations by the Sheriff's Department; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$250,000.

[See Supporting Documents](#)

- g. Kimberly Freeman, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:24-cv-01600

This wrongful death lawsuit arises from the in-custody death of Decedent at Men's Central Jail; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$950,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- h. Andy Paniagua v. Benjamin Tanner, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24AVCV01226

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained in a traffic collision involving a Sheriff's Department employee; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$99,999.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- i. Slavka Rehacek, et al. v. Lane McGivern, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25CHCV03718

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiffs sustained in a traffic collision involving a Fire Department employee; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$99,999.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- j. Ryan Soriano v. Briana Castro, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25PSCV02672

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained in a traffic collision involving a Department of Children and Family Services employee; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$75,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- k. Chaka Theus v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV20479

This lawsuit alleges that an employee of the Department of Health Services was subjected to discrimination, harassment, and retaliation; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$35,000.

- l. Kirsten Billing v. 4Leaf, Inc., et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCV01989

This lawsuit alleges that a contract employee of the Department of Public Works was subjected to gender discrimination, sexual harassment, and retaliation; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$50,000.

- m. Joanna Smith v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV16950

This lawsuit alleges that the Department of Public Social Services violated the California Fair Chance Act with a Department employee; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$525,000.

- 4. Approval of the Minutes of the August 17, 2026, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- 5. Adjournment.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Geoff Loui, et al. v. State of California, et al.
CASE NUMBER	22STCV18116
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	June 2, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$100,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	BRUCE BRUSAVICH, ESQ. ACTS Law
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	KEVIN J. ENGELIEN Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This case arises from a bicycle accident on Pacific Coast Highway. Plaintiff alleges the County created a dangerous condition of public property within the roadway Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 146,403
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 99,355

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Rocio Gonzalez v. City of Diamond Bar, et al.
CASE NUMBER	23SPCV02319
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	July 31, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 65,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	BRIAN W. EASTON, ESQ. Easton & Easton, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	MELISSA A. MCCAVERY, ESQ. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	On July 18, 2022, Plaintiff was driving her vehicle eastbound on Golden Springs Drive in the City of Diamond Bar, when she drove over an unsecured manhole cover, causing her to lose control and crash into a fire hydrant. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 254,152
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 54,996

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jose Gonzalez Rios, et al. v. William Cash Reed, et al.
CASE NUMBER	23AVCV00735
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	July 13, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Health
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 200,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	LAWRENCE H. MANDELL, ESQ. Mandell Law Firm EMERSON TABONE, ESQ. Law Office of Tabone, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	MELISSA A. MCCAVERY, ESQ. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from a vehicle collision that occurred on November 19, 2022, where Plaintiffs' vehicle was involved in a collision with a vehicle operated by a Department of Public Health employee at or near Palmdale Boulevard and State Route 14 northbound, in the City of Palmdale, California. Plaintiffs claim 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	\$ 106,037
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 20,489



Summary Corrective Action Plan

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Date of incident/event:	November 29, 2022, 6:00 p.m..
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	On November 29, 2022, around 6:00 p.m., Plaintiff was driving north on SR-14 with his family after leaving a wake in Palmdale. After mistakenly exiting at Palmdale Boulevard, he attempted to reenter the freeway by crossing multiple westbound lanes outside the designated merge area. As he did so, his vehicle collided with a westbound Ford F-350 driven by COLA driver, who was traveling home from the Palmdale Sheriff's Station. According to the responding LASD deputy, Plaintiff acknowledged that he had taken the wrong exit and was trying to reach the northbound on-ramp when the crash occurred.

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

The COLA driver was found to be not at fault by the department's Vehicle Accident Review Committee (VARC) and California Highway Patrol.

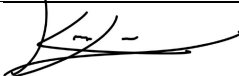
2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

- On December 20, 2022, VARC reviewed the collision report and determined that it was non-preventable work damage. Therefore, no other corrective actions were implemented for the COLA driver.
- May 5, 2026 – The department reviewed all County vehicle assignments to confirm operational necessity and determined that Emergency Operations staff do require immediate response capability. As a result, it is concluded that assigning a County vehicle in this case was appropriate and that the incident did not result from any departmental error or negligence.

3. Are the corrective actions addressing department-wide system issues?

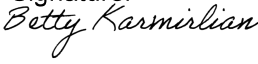
- ☐ Yes – The corrective actions address department-wide system issues.
- ☒ No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)
Kevin Lee

Signature: 

Date:
8/3/2026

Name: (Department Head) Dr. Barbara Ferrer	
Signature:  On behalf of Barbara Ferrer	Date: 8/11/2026

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: 	Date: 8/13/26

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Robert Greene v. County of Los Angeles, et al.,
CASE NUMBER	23TRCV00016
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	January 4, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	District Attorney
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 180,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	CYRUS SAFA, ESQ. Safa Law Firm
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	MELISSA A. MCCAVERY, ESQ. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This auto-liability lawsuit arises from an auto v. pedestrian collision that occurred on March 23, 2022. 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	\$ 56,325
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 17,533



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Date of incident/event:	March 2022
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	An Investigator with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office accidentally struck a pedestrian who was walking behind his parked vehicle on March 23, 2022, in Torrance. The Investigator, who had been making work-related calls in a parking lot, backed up slowly and immediately stopped when he heard a witness scream. The collision caused no damage to the vehicle or the walker, and the pedestrian appeared able to walk away without difficulty. The pedestrian later claimed additional injuries but had extensive pre-existing medical conditions

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

Investigator's failure to ensure a clear and unobstructed view behind the vehicle before reversing.

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

A) *Investigator's failure to ensure a clear and unobstructed view behind the vehicle before reversing.*

Step 1- The Bureau recently updated its recurrent safety and defensive driving training program, conducted every two years in accordance with POST requirements. The training is now fully delivered in-house by BOI sworn personnel, and the curriculum includes enhanced instruction emphasizing proper backing techniques.

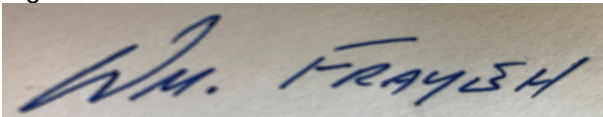
Step 2- The Department reviewed the incident and determined it was preventable. Appropriate administrative action was taken.

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 Management Coordinator) Julie Dixon Silva	
Signature: 	Date: 08/14/2026

Name: (Department Head) William Frayeh, Assistant Chief, Bureau of Investigation	
Signature: 	Date: 08/14/2026

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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: 8/19/26

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. MCCAVERY, 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



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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.

- 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?

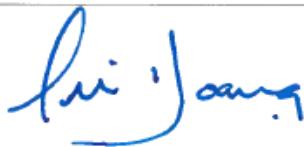
- ☐ Yes – The corrective actions address Department-wide system issues.
- ☒ No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)

Tri Hoang, Captain
Risk Management Bureau

Signature:



Date:

8.6.26

Name: (Department Head)

Yolanda R. Figueroa, Chief
Central Patrol Division

Signature:



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:



Date:

8/12/26

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Sebastian Palma v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:23-CV-06829
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	August 18, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 250,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	PETER L. CARR PLC LAW GROUP, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	MINAS SAMUELIAN Senior Deputy County Counsel
	SARA GRECO Seki, Nishimura & Watase, LLP
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$250,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, this federal and State civil rights lawsuit filed by Sebastian Palma (Plaintiff) against the County and Deputies Aaron Suarez-Villamil, Antonio Navarro, Logan Foley and Albert White, alleging unreasonable search and seizure, false arrest, Monell violations, denial of medical care, negligence, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and violation of the Bane Act arising out of Plaintiff's arrest. Given the high 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	\$ 120,587
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 8,528



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Date of incident/event:	May 09, 2022
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<u>Sebastian Palma v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u> Summary Corrective Action Plan 2025-299 On May 9, 2022, personnel from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Crime Impact Team conducted a planned follow-up operation to locate and arrest The Plaintiff, a named suspect in an ongoing felony investigation assigned to Detective Deputy One. The investigation stemmed from allegations resulting in a judicial probable cause determination prior to the arrest. Using Sheriff's Department databases, deputies confirmed the Plaintiff's residence and developed an operations plan to conduct surveillance and verify his presence. The team arrived at the location and visually confirmed the Plaintiff was inside the residence. Deputy Three approached the front door and knocked. Ring camera footage later produced during civil discovery shows that Plaintiff did not answer the door; instead, his girlfriend opened it. As the door opened, Deputy Two proceeded several steps inside the residence and placed the Plaintiff into custody, handcuffing him in the living area. No arrest warrant was obtained prior to the arrest. Following the arrest, the Plaintiff was transported to the station jail, where he was booked and later interviewed by Detective One. The Plaintiff was subsequently transferred through custody facilities. The District Attorney declined to file criminal charges on May 11, 2022, citing insufficient corroborating evidence. The Plaintiff was released from custody on May 13, 2022. Internal review determined deputies acted with probable cause in arresting a named felony suspect and concluded the arrest was lawful; however, the review was based on deputies' statements indicating the arrest occurred at the

	threshold of the doorway. The Ring camera footage obtained later contradicted portions of those accounts by showing entry into the residence prior to handcuffing. Deputies Two and Four failed to activate their body-worn cameras.
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1. Briefly describe the **root cause(s)** of the claim/lawsuit:

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the absence of a Ramey arrest warrant for the Plaintiff.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputy Two entered the residence without consent or a warrant.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the Deputies reported they arrested the Plaintiff at the threshold of the doorway.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputy Two and Deputy Four failed to activate their body worn cameras.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the Plaintiff was over detained for two days after the District Attorney declined to file criminal charges.

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

Supervisory inquiry

A supervisory inquiry into the actions surrounding this incident is being conducted. Upon completion of the inquiry, appropriate administrative action will be taken.

Search Warrant and Warrantless Arrest Training:

The patrol training sergeant conducted a re-brief and training involving search warrants and warrantless arrests.

Body Worn Camera Training- Involved Personnel:

Personnel were re-briefed on body worn camera policies. Deputies at the station are re-briefed on a monthly basis.

Custody Over Detentions

As a fail-safe to prevent over detentions, a report is automatically generated of inmates in LASD's custody who have not been to court within 48 hours, and an experienced clerk is assigned to determine the status of these inmates and whether they are entitled to release.

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: 8.9.26

Name: (Department Head)	
Myron Johnson, Assistant Sheriff Patrol Operations	
Signature: 	Date: 8/12/2026

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Name: Betty Karmirlian (Risk Management Inspector General)	
Signature: 	Date: 8/14/26

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Kimberly Freeman, et al., v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:24-cv-01600
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	February 15, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 950,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	JOHN BURTON The Law Offices of John Burton ERIN DARLIN Law Offices of Erin Darlin
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	CAROLINE S. CRADDOCK Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	Plaintiffs allege failure to summon medical care for Travis Culver Freeman who died of bleeding ulcers while in custody on May 30, 2023. Due to the risks and uncertainties of trial, a full and final settlement is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 182,152
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 12,676

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Andy Paniagua v. Benjamin Tanner, et al.
CASE NUMBER	24AVCV01226
COURT	Los Angeles County Superior Court
DATE FILED	September 30, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 99,999
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Landon Glover, Esq. Morgan & Morgan California LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Erin Chang Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	Plaintiff claim he suffered injuries and damages from an auto accident on November 2, 2023, involving a Department employee while traveling on Sierra Highway near Avenue R in the City of Palmdale. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 48,091
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 16,338

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Slavka Rehacek, et al. v. Lane McGivern, et al
CASE NUMBER	25CHCV03718
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	October 17, 2025
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Fire
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 99,999
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Natalie Kordnajt, Esq. Carpenter & Zuckerman
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Erin A. Chang, Esq. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	Plaintiffs claim they suffered injuries and damages from an auto accident on April 12, 2025, involving a Department employee on State Route-126 approaching Travel Village in Valencia. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 37,490
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 531

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Ryan Soriano v. Briana Castro, et al.
CASE NUMBER	25PSCV02672
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	July 22, 2025
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Children and Family Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 75,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	MANSOUR SOLTANMORADI, ESQ. Soltanmoradi Law APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	SANJAY A. ATHALYE, ESQ. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	On December 20, 2024, Plaintiff was driving in the City of El Monte when a Department's vehicle driven by Briana collided with his vehicle Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 16,585
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 3,645

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

August 17, 2026

1. Call to Order.

The meeting of the Los Angeles County Claims Board was called to order at 9:39 a.m. The meeting was held virtually with Claims Board Chair Destiny Castro, Claims Board Member Liliana Campos, Claims Board Member Oscar Valdez, 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.

All other participants at the Claims Board meeting appeared virtually: LaTasha Corry, Melissa McCaverty, Kevin Engelen, Joseph A. Langton, Jamie Lopez, Michael D. Owens, and Vanessa Evangelista appeared for the Office of the County Counsel. Julie Dixon Silva appeared for the Office of the District Attorney. Stephanie Lara, Captain Glenn Emery, Acting Captain Patrick Hayes, Acting Captain Juan Briseno, Commander Ernest Bille, Commander Terrence Bell, Acting Commander Christopher Minott, Lieutenant William Fillpot, Lieutenant Omar Camcho, Lieutenant Juan Sanchez, and Lieutenant Alan Liu appeared for the Sheriff's Department. Ronald Castaneda, Lukas Bradley, and Tommy (Liu) Lau appeared for the Department of Public Works. Jessica Choe, Deanna Carlisle, Nicole Ervin, and Shawn Arrington appeared for the Probation Department. Minh Le appeared for the Internal Services Department. Jin Choi appeared for Lawrence Beach Allen & Choi, PC. Angelica Victoria O. De Mesa appeared for Collins + Collins, LLP. Thomas Barajas 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 9:40 a.m., Claims Board Chair Destiny Castro convened the meeting in closed session to discuss items 3(a) through 3(i).

Report on Actions Taken in Closed Session.

On the public teleconference phone line, an unidentified caller was present to hear the reportable actions of the Claims Board.

At 12:19 p.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in closed session as follows:

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a. **Bryan Jacobo v. City of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25STCV10128

This dangerous condition lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained on a sidewalk maintained by the Department of Public Works.

Action Taken:

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

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

b. **Trudy Eloise Luna Jefferson v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24NWCV01503

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

c. **Jahnasia McCain, et al. v. Benjamin Aranda, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24CMCV00770

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

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(c) in the amount of \$45,000.

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

d. **Jay Stevens, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:24-CV-06054

This federal lawsuit arises from alleged Plaintiffs' civil rights violations by the Sheriff's Department.

Action Taken:

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

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

**e. Walter Ragsdale v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV42239**

This dangerous condition lawsuit arises from alleged injuries Plaintiff sustained at a Probation Department office.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(e) in the amount of \$55,000.

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

**f. Jeu'Quay Wooden v. County of Los Angeles, et al.,
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-00122**

This lawsuit arises from alleged excessive force against Plaintiff by the Probation Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(f) in the amount of \$130,000.

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

g. PACE Tax Claim – Eloy Rodriguez

This is a tax claim brought by a property owner alleging fraudulent behavior of home improvement contractors of the Los Angeles County's Property Assessed Clean Energy Program.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(g) in the amount of \$55,000.

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

**h. Alma Foster v. Renovate America, Inc. et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV27965**

This lawsuit arises from a tax claim brought by a property owner alleging fraudulent behavior of home improvement contractors of the Los Angeles County's Property Assessed Clean Energy Program.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(h) in the amount of up to \$58,000.

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

- i. **Lance Wong, et al. v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV23055
Lance Wong v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25STCV0099

These lawsuits allege that employees of the District Attorney's Office were subjected to retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(i) in the amount of \$2,500,000.

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

4. Approval of the Minutes of the August 3, 2026, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the Minutes of the August 3, 2026, meeting.

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

5. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

By



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