



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CONTRACT CITIES 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, **October 14, 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

15308 Lefloss Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650

11266 Monarch St., Garden Grove, CA 92841

2432 Kirsten Lee Drive, Westlake Village, CA 91361

La Cañada Flintridge City Hall, One Civic Center Dr., La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011 | (818) 790-8880

Lakewood City Hall, 5050 Clark Ave, Lakewood, CA 90712 | (562) 866-9771

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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 October 13, 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=psz8HU3gvmAgav5FbSvRV0S1zCRSc.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. **Alexis Cernas et al., v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:24-CV-03261

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal and state civil rights violations, excessive force, conspiracy, Monell liability, violation of Bane Act, negligence and battery arising from a fatal deputies involve shooting.

[See supporting document](#)

- b. **Douglas Malo and Jomaira Jaime v. County of Los Angeles**
United States District Court Case No. 2:25-CV-10321

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal civil rights violations, unlawful search and seizure arising from a detention and search of a vehicle during a traffic stop involving a Sheriff's deputy.

[See supporting document](#)

- c. **Marvin Monzon v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24AVCV01041

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

[See supporting document](#)

- d. **Derek Tercero, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24AVCV00068

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

[See supporting document](#)

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

- a. **Alexander Arguello v. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, et al.**

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25AVCV00103

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

- b. **D.,X., A Minor By Hall, Tracie, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25AVCV01065

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, wrongful death, negligence, negligent supervision, negligent infliction of emotional distress, Bane Act violation.

- c. **Irene Pena, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25AVCV00022

This lawsuit concerns allegation of state civil rights violations, wrongful death, negligence, failure to supervise and train, Bane Act violation.

- d. **Jennie Quan, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**

United States District Court Case No. 2:24-CV-04805

This lawsuit concerns allegations civil rights violations, use of excessive force, unreasonable search and seizure, denial of medical care, Monell liability, negligence, battery, violation of Bane Act

- e. **Jose Sanchez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 26PSCV00134

This lawsuit concerns allegation of a automobile accident involving a Sheriff's deputy.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
6. Approval of Minutes for the September 9, 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	Alexis Cernas, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:24-CV-03261
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	April 19, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 6,500,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	DALE K. GALIPO, ESQ., Law Offices of Dale Galipo LUIS CARRILLO Carillo Law Firm
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	RICHARD HSUEH Senior Deputy County Counsel Justice and Safety Division EUGENE RAMIREZ Manning & Kass, LLP
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$6,500,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, this wrongful death and civil rights lawsuit filed by the mother, and the three children of Arturo Cernas (Decedent)(collectively, Plaintiffs) against the County of Los Angeles (County) and three Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) deputies. The lawsuit arises from the fatal shooting of Decedent when LASD Deputies responded to disturbance call at a gas station involving Decedent. 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 \$6,500,000 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 165,576
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 104,538

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Douglas Malo and Jomaira Jaime v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	2:25-cv-10321
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	October 10, 2025
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 40,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	GREG KIRAKOSIAN Kirakosian Law
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	JAMIE LOPEZ Deputy County Counsel Justice and Safety Division
	GEOFFREY R. PLOWDEN Manning Kass, LLP
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$40,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, this federal civil rights lawsuits filed by Plaintiffs Douglas Malo and Jomaira Jaime. Plaintiffs allege Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputy Ian Fujino unlawfully detained and searched their vehicle during a traffic stop on November 22, 2023, in the City of Lawndale. 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 \$40,000 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 24,861
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 2,010

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Marvin Monzon vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	24AVCV01041
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	August 20, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 500,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	COLIN JONES, ESQ. Wilshire Law Firm
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 March 5, 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	\$ 74,588
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 7,852

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Derek Tercero, et al. vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	24AVCV00068
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	February 16, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department Contract Cities
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 111,500
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	J. ELIAS SANCHEZ Sanchez PLC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	KEVIN ENGELIEN Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This case arose after a Sheriff's Department Contract Cities' vehicle driven by an on-duty Deputy Sheriff entered an intersection against a red traffic signal causing a multiple vehicle collision. As a result of this incident, Plaintiffs claim to have suffered injuries and damages from the accident including loss of consortium. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 18,206
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 1,972

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MINUTES OF MEETING

September 9, 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 11:08 a.m. The meeting was held at **Luminarias Restaurant, Posada 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; John Moreno, South Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; Margaret Finlay, East Division; Mark Waronek, Central Division; Brian Villalobos, East Division; Jennifer Perez, Member At-Large; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director. **Alternate:** Eddie De La Riva, Central Division; Christopher Lopez, Central Division; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Destiny Castro, ACEO; Robert Chavez, Manager, CEO; Tim Kral, Assistant County Counsel; Kelsey Nau, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Erin Chang, Deputy County Counsel; Francisco Quintero, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; William Fillpot, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Rob Jones, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Dustin Carr, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; M. Gomez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Joseph Fender, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Tri Hoang, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Alan Liu, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. **Attendees:** Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Donald Caskey, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.; Fred Groehler, 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; 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 11:19 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. Non-Litigated Claim of Mercury Insurance ASO Joshua Hoffman.

Claim No. 24-3654

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$32,648.75.

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

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

a. Diego Aquino v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 26AVCV00054

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

Action taken:

No reportable action taken.

b. Kyle Glen McDaris, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25TRCV00738

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving 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 11:44 a.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 August 12, 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, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Brian Villalobos, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte and Alternate Christopher Lopez.

7. Liability Trust Fund Claims Board Conflict of Interest Code Biennial Review

Action Taken:

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

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

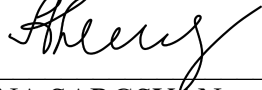
8. Other Business

None

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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