



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012-2713

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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, **April 8, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., in the City of Monterey Park, Posada Ballroom at Luminarias Restaurant, 3500 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California 91754 and Via Teleconference.**

### **TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS**

**Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd. Norwalk, CA 90650 (562) 929-5700**

**2432 Kirsten Lee Drive, Westlake Village, CA 91361**

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

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

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

You may submit public comment by e-mail at [vruiz@cjpia.org](mailto: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 April 7, 2026. Please include the Agenda item and meeting date in your correspondence. Comments and any other written submissions will become part of the official record of the meeting.

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

**Zoom Meeting Link**

<https://cjpia-org.zoomgov.com/j/1606695339?pwd=psz8HU3gvmAgav5FbSvgRV0S1zCRSc.1>

Meeting ID: 160 669 5339

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**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call.
2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Claims Board on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board.
3. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.
  - a. **Consolidated cases:**  
**Samuel Herrera, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV36013  
**Estate of Samuel Herrera, et al., v. County of Los Angeles et.al.**  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV38673

These lawsuits concern allegations of wrongful death, assault, battery, negligence, false imprisonment, violations of Ralph and Bane Acts arising from a fatal deputy-involved shooting.

[See supporting document](#)

- b. **Heriberto Flores v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24AVCV00490

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

[See supporting document](#)

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

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

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

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

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

- c. **Gustavo Gomez v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.**  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCV03248

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

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

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

- e. **Thomas Sanchez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25TRCV02973

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

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

6. Approval of Minutes for the March 11, 2026, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board

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7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

## **CASE SUMMARY**

### **INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION**

CASE NAME	Samuel Herrera, Jr., et al. v. County of Los Angeles, and Estate of Samuel Herrera, Jr., etc., et al. v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	21STCV38673, and 21STCV36013
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	October 20, 2021, and September 30, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 9,600,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	CARL E. DOUGLAS NOEL ARREOLA Douglas / Hicks Law, APC, and  MATTHEW J. LOMBARD Law Offices of Matthew J. Lombard
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	RICHARD HSUEH Senior Deputy County Counsel  STEVEN ROTHANS Carpenter, Rothans & Dumont
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$9,600,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, the two consolidated State court civil rights lawsuits filed by the against the County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department personnel. These lawsuits arise from the fatal deputy-involved shooting of Samuel Herrera, Jr. when the LASD executed a search warrant at Decedent's house. Given the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 641,611
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 470,295

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Heriberto Flores vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	24AVCV00490
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	April 24, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 675,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	SUNNY KHEHRA ESQ. Yagoubzadeh Law Firm
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	JANET KEUPER, ESQ. Seki, Nishimura & Watase, PLC  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 July 9, 2023. Plaintiff claims he suffered injuries and damages as a result of the collision. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 50,560
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 28,435

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CLAIMS BOARD**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

March 11, 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 11:55 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; Margaret Finlay, East Division; Mark Waronek, South Division; Brian Villalobos, East Division; John Moreno, South Division, Ken Striplin, North Division; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director. **Alternate:** Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Christopher Lopez, Central Division; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; Kelly Honig, At-Large; Earnie Hernandez, At-Large; Eddie De La Riva; Central Division. **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Destiny Castro, ACEO; Robert Chavez, Manager; Joseph Langton, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Melissa McCaverty, Deputy County Counsel; Teri Yin, Deputy County Counsel; Anna Sargsyan, Paralegal, Office of the County Counsel; Tri Hoang, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Alan Liu, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; William Fillpot, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Rob Jones, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Steven Tousey, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Damon Jones, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Walid Ashrafnia, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Juan Sanchez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Robert Hamlen, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Rick Cartmill, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; V. Puebla, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Erick Martinez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Francisco Quintero, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Ellaine Wu, Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller; David Bullock, Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller; David Yen, Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller; **Attendees:** Kimberly Morris, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc; Mary Lendaris, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.; Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Kevin Rashidi, Outside Counsel; Chandler Parker, Outside Counsel; Joseph Miller, Outside Counsel. **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA** Alex Smith, CEO; 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 11:56 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. **Monica Richards, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
United States District Court Case No. 8:24-CV-00238

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal and state civil rights violations, unreasonable search and seizure, use of excessive force, denial of medical care, interference with familiar relationship, *Monell* liability, malicious prosecution, false arrest, battery, violation of Bane Act.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$1,200,000.

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

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

- a. **Derrion Davenport v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.**  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25CMCV00071.

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. **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 a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- c. **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.

Action Taken:  
No reportable action taken.

- d. **Anna Laura Ramirez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
United States District Court Case No. 2:24-CV-00141

This lawsuit concerns allegations civil rights violations, use of excessive force, unreasonable seizure, Monell liability, negligence, intentional infliction of emotional distress, battery, false arrest, violation of Bane Act, violation of Unruh Civil Rights Act.

Action taken.  
No reportable action taken.

**5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.**

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 12:49 p.m. No action was taken in Closed Session which required a public report pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1.

**6. Approval of the Minutes for February 18, 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 Vasquez, Brian Villalobos, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte and Kelly Honig.

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

None

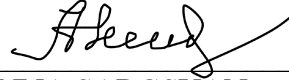
**8. Other Business**

None

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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