



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, **May 20, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., in the City of Monterey Park, Buena Vista Room at Luminarias Restaurant, 3500 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California 91754 and Via Teleconference.**

TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS

15308 Lefloss Ave, Norwalk, CA 90650

2432 Kirsten Lee Drive, Westlake Village, CA 91361

Las Vegas Convention Center, Public Information Area, 3150 Paradise Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89109

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

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

Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd, Santa Clarita, CA 91355 (661) 259-2489

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

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 May 19, 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. **Jacy Houseton, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United Stated District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-06887

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal and state civil rights violations, use of excessive force, false arrest, Monell liability, assault and battery, negligence, violation of Bane Act.

[See supporting document](#)
 - b. **Teresa Nguyen Huynh v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24NNCV02780
(Consolidated with Nationwide Insurance Company of America vs. County of Los Angeles Case No. 24STLC03833)

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

[See supporting document](#)
 - c. **Edgar Noel Limon v. Amavel Aji Garfitas, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV13676

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident

involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

[See supporting document](#)

- d. **Estate of Edgar Ortiz, et al., v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23NWCV01015

This lawsuit concerns allegations of state civil rights violations, assault and battery, wrongful death, negligence, negligent and intentional infliction of emotional distress, violations of Bane Act and Ralph Act, arising from a fatal deputy-involved shooting.

[See supporting document](#)

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

- a. **Presentation on the Use of FRCP 68 Offers of Judgment and CCP 998 Offers to Compromise as strategic tools to maximize settlement pressure and shift litigation costs for Contract Cities cases.**

- b. **Richard Boyd v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25STCV07050

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, unreasonable search and seizure, use of excessive force, false arrest and imprisonment, battery, assault, violations of Bane Act, negligence, violation of Ralph Act.

- c. **Antonio Campos, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV22501

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

- d. **Crittenden Corey 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.

- e. **Derrion Davenport v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25CMCV00071

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

- f. **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.

- g. **Allisun Hand v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23TRCV02696

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

- h. **Benjamin Le, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
.Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25NNCV06432

This lawsuit concerns allegation of civil rights violations, taxpayer injunction, wrongful death, battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress, negligence, violation of Bane Act arising from a fatal deputy-involved shooting.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
6. Approval of Minutes for the April 8, 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

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| CASE NAME | Jacy Houseton, et al. vs. County of Los Angeles, et al. |
| CASE NUMBER | 2:23-CV-06887 |
| COURT | United States District Court |
| DATE FILED | August 22, 2023 |
| COUNTY DEPARTMENT | Sheriff's Department |
| PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT | \$ \$3,000,000 |
| ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF | CAREE HARPER, ESQ. Law Offices of Caree Harper |
| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY | JOSEPH A. LANGTON Principal Deputy County Counsel ANGELA M. POWELL Jones Mayer |
| NATURE OF CASE | This is a recommendation to settle for \$3,000,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, this federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Jacy Houseton and Damon Barnes (collectively Plaintiffs) alleging excessive force in Plaintiffs' detention and arrest. Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. The full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$3,000,000 is recommended. |
| PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE | \$ 204,869 |
| PAID COSTS, TO DATE | \$ 7,202 |

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

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| CASE NAME | Teresa Nguyen Huynh v. County of Los Angeles, et. al. (Consolidated with Nationwide Insurance Company of America vs. County of Los Angeles/ Case Number 24STLC03833) |
| CASE NUMBER | 24NNCV02780 |
| COURT | Los Angeles Superior Court |
| DATE FILED | July 9, 2024 |
| COUNTY DEPARTMENT | Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department |
| PROPOSED STATUTORY 998 OFFERS | \$135,000 (\$125,000 to Huynh and \$10,000 to Nationwide) |
| ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS | Adam V. Nguyen Law Offices of Adam V. Nguyen Attorney for Teresa Nguyen Huynh Joseph M. Pleasant Beson Legal, APC Attorney for Nationwide Insurance Company of America |
| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY | Nena Vuong Deputy County Counsel |
| NATURE OF CASE | On August 2, 2023, a collision between a County vehicle driven by Deputy Brandon Tom and Plaintiff's automobile occurred in the intersection of Del Mar Avenue and Garvey Avenue, in the City of Rosemead. Plaintiff allege the collision caused injuries for which she seek compensation. Two statutory offers to compromise in the total amount of \$135,000 (\$125,000 to Teresa Nguyen Huynh and \$10,000 to Nationwide Insurance Company of America), inclusive of costs and attorneys' fees, is recommended. |
| PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE | \$ 55,138 |
| PAID COSTS, TO DATE | \$ 1,593 |

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

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| CASE NAME | Edgar Noel Limon vs. Amayel Aji Garfias, et al. |
| CASE NUMBER | 23STCV13676 |
| COURT | Los Angeles Superior Court |
| DATE FILED | June 14, 2023 |
| COUNTY DEPARTMENT | Sheriff's Department |
| PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT | \$ 450,000 |
| ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF | SAMER HABBAS, ESQ. Law Offices of Samer Habbas & Associates |
| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY | LATASHA N. CORRY, ESQ. Deputy County Counsel |
| NATURE OF CASE | <p>This lawsuit arises from a traffic collision that occurred on July 30, 2022, when a Department vehicle and Plaintiff's vehicle collided at the intersection of Glendon Way and Rosemead Boulevard, in the City of Rosemead, California. Plaintiff claims he suffered injuries and damages as a result of the collision.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.</p> |
| PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE | \$ 49,714 |
| PAID COSTS, TO DATE | \$ 58,938 |

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

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| CASE NAME | Estate of Edgar Ortiz, et al., v. County of Los Angeles, et al. |
| CASE NUMBER | 23NWCV01015 |
| COURT | Los Angeles Superior Court |
| DATE FILED | 4/3/23 |
| COUNTY DEPARTMENT | Los Angeles Sheriff's Department |
| PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT | \$ 675,000 |
| ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF | CHRITIAN CONTRERAS The Law Offices Of Christian Contreras |
| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY | RICHARD HSUEH Senior Deputy County Counsel Justice and Safety Division JILL WILLIAMS Carpenter, Rothans, & Dumont, LLP |
| NATURE OF CASE | This is a recommendation to settle for \$675,000 inclusive of attorney's fees and costs, a State wrongful death and civil rights lawsuit filed by the Estate of Edgar Ortiz, Christina Becerril, Maria Ortiz, and Edgar Ortiz's seven minor children arising out of the death of Edgar Ortiz in Bellflower during a fatal shooting when Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department deputies responded to an assault incident involving Edgar Ortiz. Given the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. |
| PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE | \$ 144,701 |
| PAID COSTS, TO DATE | \$ 116,850 |

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CLAIMS BOARD**

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 8, 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 11:06 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; Jennifer Perez, Member At-Large; John Moreno, South Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director. **Alternate:** Christopher Lopez, Central Division; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; Daniel Jordan, East Division; Eddie De La Riva; Central Division. **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Destiny Castro, ACEO; Tim Kral, Assistant County Counsel; Joseph Langton, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; LaTasha Corry, Deputy County Counsel; Caroline Shahinian, Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engeliem, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Robert Bailey, Deputy County Counsel; Jamie Lopez, 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; Francisco Quintero, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Ann Trimblay, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Joshua Bardon, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Evelyn Vega, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jorge Valdez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Damon Jones, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Justin Diaz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Richard Ruiz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Joseph Fender, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Rick Cartmill, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Yolanda Figueroa, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Chris Kusayanagi, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; V. Puebla, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Andrew Crus, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Erick Martinez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Brandon Barclay, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Dan Holguin, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Lt. White, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. **Attendees:** Donald Caskey, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Tom Hurrell, Outside Counsel; Hellen Kim, Outside Counsel; Jull Williams, Outside Counsel; Angela Powell, Outside Counsel; Jen Keuper, Outside Counsel; Michael Gee, Outside

Counsel; Chandler Parker, Outside Counsel; Joseph Miller, Outside Counsel.
Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA
Chris Gray, Manager; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk; Paul Zeligovitch, COO;
Ben Rodriguez, Technology Project Manager; Jennifer Torres, Administrative Analyst.

2. Public Comment

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

Chair James Bozajian announced that Item 4c. Gustavo Gomez v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al. had been pulled from agenda.

At 11:11 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. 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.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$9,600,000.

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

b. Herberto 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.

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$675,000.

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

4. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing 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..

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- 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.

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- c. **Gustavo Gomez v. County of Los Angeles, et al. **
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCV03248

This item was pulled from the agenda and will be presented at a future meeting.

Action taken.
No action taken.

- 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-04805

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

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- 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.

Action taken.

No reportable action taken.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 1:39 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 March 11, 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, Brian Villalobos, Jennifer Perez, Mark Waronek, Marcel Rodarte and Christopher Lopez.

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 1:40 p.m.

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