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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

500 WEST TEMPLE STREET LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012-2713

NOTICE OF MEETING

The County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board will hold its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, **November 18, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., Via Teleconference.**

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 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 <u>vruiz@cjpia.org</u> 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 November 17, 2020. 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) 900-9128, Enter Meeting ID: 928 2537 3296; Password 897802.

Zoom Meeting Link

https://cjpia.zoom.us/j/92825373296?pwd=Wm4zb1VQYjJFOSsyMDZhN TJ3VHR2UT09&from=addon

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 Conference with Legal Counsel Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)
 - a. <u>Mahoe, Monique v. Westlake Imports, Inc. D.B.A. Ladin Subaro, et al.</u> Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18STCV08891

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, false arrest, and excessive force by Sheriff's Deputies.

See Supporting Document

b. <u>Sanchez, Juan, et al. v. County of Los Angeles; California et al.</u> Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC MC028233

This lawsuit concerns allegations of injuries and property damage received in an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

See Supporting Document

c. <u>Street, Christopher v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u> United States District Court Case No. 2:18-CV-07805

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, excessive force and by Sheriff's Deputies.

See Supporting Document

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

There are no settlement proposals for this meeting.

- 5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
- 6. Approval of Minutes for the October 21, 2020, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

See Supporting Document

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 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.

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- 8. Other Business
- 9. Adjournment

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

| CASE NAME | Monique Mahoe v. County of Los Angeles, et al. |
|---|---|
| CASE NUMBER | 18STCV08891 |
| COURT | Los Angeles Superior Court |
| DATE FILED | December 18, 2018 |
| COUNTY DEPARTMENT | Sheriff's Department |
| PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT | \$ 99,999 |
| ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF | P. Christopher Ardalan, Esq. Ardalan & Assoc., PLC |
| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY NATURE OF CASE | Richard Hsueh Deputy County Counsel This is a recommendation to settle for \$99,999, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, this State civil rights and lawsuit filed by Monique Mahoe ("Digiptiff") against the County and Shoriff's |
| | ("Plaintiff") against the County and Sheriff's Department ("LASD"). |
| | 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 \$99,999 is recommended. |
| PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE | \$ 92,844 |
| PAID COSTS, TO DATE | \$ 10,164 |

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

| CASE NAME | Juan Sanchez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al. |
|-----------------------------|---|
| CASE NUMBER | MC028233 |
| COURT | Los Angeles Superior Court |
| DATE FILED | August 10, 2018 |
| COUNTY DEPARTMENT | Sheriff |
| PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT | \$ 100,000 |
| ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF | Michael Alder, Esq. Jefferson Saylor, Esq. |
| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY | LaTasha N. Corry, Esq. Deputy County Counsel |
| NATURE OF CASE | This lawsuit arises from a vehicle collision that occurred on July 18, 2017. Plaintiffs Juan Sanchez and Faith Hinojosa allege they sustained personal injuries when their vehicle was struck by a vehicle operated by a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputy. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted. |
| PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE | \$ 49,222 |
| PAID COSTS, TO DATE | \$ 17,054 |

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

| CASE NAME | Christopher Street v. County of Los Angeles, et al. |
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| CASE NUMBER | 2:18-CV-07805 |
| COURT | United States District Court |
| DATE FILED | November 27, 2018 |
| COUNTY DEPARTMENT | Sheriff's Department |
| PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT | \$ 75,000 |
| ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF | Peter Swarth, Esq. Law Offices of Peter Swarth |
| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY | Timothy J. Kral Principal Deputy County Counsel |
| NATURE OF CASE | This is a recommendation to settle for \$75,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, the federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Christopher Street, ("Plaintiff") against the County as well as Deputies Jonathon Livingston and Jason Viger. Plaintiff claims he was subjected to excessive force by these Deputies during an encounter in Palmdale on September 11, 2016. |
| | Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. The full and final settlement amount of \$75,000 is recommended. |
| PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE | \$ 58,496 |
| PAID COSTS, TO DATE | \$ 16,512 |

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

October 21, 2020

1. Call to Order

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was called to order by Mark Waronek at 11:26 a.m. The meeting was held via-teleconference.

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Mark Waronek, Chair; James Bozajian, North Division; Reva Feldman, At-Large; Lindsey Horvath, At-Large; Margaret Finlay, East Division; Mark Alexander, East Division; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Marcel Rodarte; Ernie Hernandez, South Division; At-Large; Alternate: Steve Hofbauer, North Division; Kevin Chun, Central Division; John Moreno, South Division; Rob Wishner, East Divison; Bryan Cook, At-Large; Michael Davitt, East Division; Gustavo Camacho, South Division; County of Los Angeles Staff: Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Latasha Corry, Deputy County Counsel; Steve Robles, County of Los Angeles; Maxine Kallenberger, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Albert Madonado, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Attendees: Chris Grav, Alliant Insurance Services; Robert Lowe, Alliant Insurance Services; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: Sylvia Hernandez, Claims Manager, Carl Warren & Company; California JPIA: Jonathan Shull, Chief Executive Officer; Jim Thyden, Insurance Programs Manager; Paul Zeglovitch, Liability Program Manager; Lam Le, Financial Analyst; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk.

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 11:28 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. <u>Leon Allen, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al.</u> Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18STCV08780

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$34,500.

Vote: Ayes: 11 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Reva Feldman, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Lindsey Horvath, Ernie Hernandez, Jennifer Vasquez, Ken Striplin, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek.

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

There are no settlement proposals for this meeting.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 11:35 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 September 9, 2020, 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 - Mark Alexander, James Bozajian, Reva Feldman, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Lindsey Horvath, Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek, Jennifer Vasquez, Ken Striplin, Ernie Hernandez.

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 11:36 a.m.

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