



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CLAIMS BOARD
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Arlene Barrera
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NOTICE OF MEETING

The Los Angeles County Claims Board will hold a regular meeting on **Monday, June 6, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.**, via online conference call. Members of the public who would like to listen to the open sessions of the meeting may call (323) 776-6996, then enter ID 799 001 395#, at 9:30 a.m. on June 6, 2022.

Reports of actions taken in Closed Session. The Los Angeles County Claims Board will report actions taken on any Closed Session Items on Monday, June 6, 2022 at 12:45 p.m. Members of the public who would like to hear reportable actions taken on any Closed Session items may call (323) 776-6996, then enter ID 799 001 295#, at 12:40 p.m. on June 6, 2022. Please note that this time 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 W. Temple St., Los Angeles, CA, 90012.

Written public comment or documentation must be submitted no later than 12 p.m. on Friday, June 3, 2022. 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.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Any supporting documents will be posted 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 Secretary Derek Stane at dstane@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 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9).

- a. Lanthia Teon Douglas v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18STCV08752

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries plaintiff sustained in an automobile accident involving a Department of Public Works employee; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$536,999.

[See Supporting Documents](#)

- b. Jeong J. Cha v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV01874

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries plaintiff sustained in an automobile accident involving a Department of Public Works employee; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$1,000,000.

[See Supporting Documents](#)

- c. Sharon Kalfon, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC713175

This lawsuit alleges wrongful death due to a dangerous condition resulting in an automobile accident on a County road in Malibu maintained by the Department of Public Works; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$100,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- d. Siliana Gaspard, et al. v. State of California, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV48614

This lawsuit against the Fire Department involves the drowning of plaintiff's husband in the waters off of Venice Beach; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$50,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- e. Manwoong Kang, et al. v. Joseph Lester Jones, Jr., et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV02545

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries plaintiff sustained in an automobile accident involving a Fire Department employee; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$25,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- f. Glenn Sabey v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV32277

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries plaintiff sustained in an automobile accident involving a Fire Department employee; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$340,000.

[See Supporting Documents](#)

- g. Larry J. Justason v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV05724

This dangerous condition lawsuit against the Department of Parks and Recreation involves a motor scooter accident in a parking lot at Alondra Park in Lawndale; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$30,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- h. Non-Litigated Auto Liability Claims of Phearin Pha and Sivlang Poeng

Claimants seek compensation for alleged injuries caused by an automobile accident involving a Probation Department employee; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$29,013.16.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- i. Augustin Beltran v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV01466

This civil rights lawsuit alleges plaintiff was assaulted while being evacuated and transported by the Probation Department during the Saddle Ridge Fire; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$99,900.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- j. Eva Carrillo v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2-21-CV-00058-SVW

This lawsuit alleges federal civil rights violations and breach of mandatory duty by Sheriff's Department jail staff for the death of an inmate at Men's Central Jail; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$400,000.

- k. Jessy Duenas Hernandez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2-21-CV-3937-MWF

This federal civil rights lawsuit alleges plaintiff was unlawfully detained and subjected to excessive force during a traffic stop by Sheriff's Department deputies; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$90,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- l. Vincent Clark v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2-20-CV-00304-DMG

This federal civil rights lawsuit alleges plaintiff was subjected to excessive force when Sheriff's Department deputies were at his residence; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$450,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- m. Dolores Acevedo v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 685142

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries plaintiff sustained in an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Department employee; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$97,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- n. Cesar Hernandez, et al. v. Tonya Octave, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 715330

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries plaintiff sustained in an automobile accident involving a Children and Family Services employee; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$70,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- o. Vincent Ellis v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV27277

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries plaintiff sustained in an automobile accident involving a Children and Family Services employee; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$60,000.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- p. Darshell Williams Brown v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 19STCV27701

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Children and Family Services was subjected to disability discrimination, and failure to accommodate; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$60,000.

- q. Cristina Morris v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 20STCV04961

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Health Services was subjected to disability discrimination; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$50,000.

4. Approval of the minutes of the May 16, 2022, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

[See Supporting Document](#)

5. 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, matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting of the agenda.
6. Adjournment.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Lanthia Teon Douglas v. County of Los Angeles, et. al.
CASE NUMBER	18STCV08752
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	January 17, 2018
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 536,999
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Laura Sedrish and Jack Denove, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kevin J. Engelen Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from a vehicle versus vehicle collision that occurred on January 17, 2018, when an employee of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works rear-ended the vehicle driven by Plaintiff Lanthia Teon Douglas. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 195,211
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 122,897

Douglas, Lanthia



Summary Corrective Action Plan

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Date of incident/event:	August 30, 2016
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	On January 17, 2018, at 4:22 p.m., Lanthia Douglas was traveling southbound on La Cienega Boulevard at Knowlton Street when she was rear-ended by a County vehicle driven by a Public Works Laborer, Road Maintenance Division.

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

The collision occurred due to the inattentiveness of the Public Works driver when he was distracted by the noise at the rear of his vehicle. When the driver looked ahead he realized he was too close to the rear of Ms. Douglas' vehicle in front of him. The driver applied his brakes, but was unable to avoid rear-ending Ms. Douglas' vehicle.

The driver appeared before the Department's Automotive Safety Committee on May 10, 2018, to review this matter, and the findings were deemed preventable, with the following cause code: "R"- lack of control due to inattention to driving.

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

The employee received appropriate discipline including driver training for his inattentiveness and failure to drive safely.

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) Michael J. Hays	
Signature: <i>M. J. Hays</i>	Date: March 24, 2022

Name: (Department Head) Director Mark Pestrella	Deputy Concurrence <i>Mh</i>	Date: April 19, 2022
Signature: <i>M. Pestrella</i>		Date: April 27, 2022

Chief Executive Office Risk Management Inspector General USE ONLY	
Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability. <input type="checkbox"/> No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department.	
Name: (Risk Management Inspector General) Destiny Castro	
Signature: <i>Destiny Castro</i>	Date: 03/24/2022

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CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jeong J. Cha v. County of Los Angeles, et al
CASE NUMBER	20STCV01874
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	January 15, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 1,000,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	John C. Carpenter Carpenter, Zuckerman & Rowley
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Yuan Chang Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from an automobile collision that occurred on January 18, 2018, at the intersection of Hacienda Blvd and Glenmark Drive, in an unincorporated area of Hacienda Heights. Plaintiff Jeong Cha contends the collision caused injuries for which he seeks damages. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, settlement is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 84,321
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 61,815



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Date of incident/event:	January 18, 2018
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	On January 18, 2018, at approximately 8:00 a.m., Plaintiff, Jeong Jin Cha, claims he sustained a TBI and soft tissue injuries as a result of a collision that occurred at the intersection of Hacienda Boulevard and Glenmark Avenue in Hacienda Heights. While traveling southbound on Hacienda Boulevard, Plaintiff alleges that a street sweeper operated by County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works employee who made an unsafe U-Turn from southbound onto the northbound side of Hacienda Boulevard. While the employee was attempting to make the U-Turn and as he was completing the turn, his street sweeper vehicle was "T-Boned" by Mr. Cha's vehicle on his left-hand driver's side.

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

The collision occurred due to the Public Works employee's negligence in the operation of his vehicle by making an unsafe turning movement in front of Mr. Cha.

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

The County driver's collision was reviewed by the Departmental Automotive Safety Committee, which concluded the vehicle incident was preventable. Corrective measures were taken in the form of appropriate discipline.

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

- ☐ Yes - The corrective actions address department-wide system issues.
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Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)
Michael J. Hays

County of Los Angeles
Summary Corrective Action Plan

Signature: <i>M. J. Hays</i>	Date: 3/3/2022
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Name: (Department Head) Mark Pestrella	
Signature: <i>Mark Pestrella</i>	Date: 3/8/2022

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Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department.	
Name: (Risk Management Inspector General)	
Signature:	Date:

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CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Sharon Kalfon, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC713175
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	July 10, 2018
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 100,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Daniel Azizi, Esq. Downtown L.A. Law Group
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard K. Kudo Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a wrongful death lawsuit in which plaintiffs Sharon Kalfon, Yosef Kalfon, Arey Kalfon, and Sarah Kalfon, the adult children of Tzemach Kalfon ("Decedent"), allege that Decedent drove off Malibu Canyon Road, just south of Piuma Road, due to a dangerous condition of public property. The County maintains Malibu Canyon Road at the incident location. Plaintiffs seek damages for the loss of their father. The County contends Decedent's death was a suicide. Due the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 208,532
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 48,647

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Siliana Gaspard, et al. v. State of California, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV48614
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	December 21, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Fire Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 50,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Jonathan C. Teller, Esq. Wilshire Law Firm
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard K. Kudo Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a this tragic drowning case where Shad Gaspard ("Decedent") drowned when he and his minor son A. G. were caught in a rip tide off Venice Beach. Fire Department lifeguards saved A. G.. A. G. and Siliana Gaspard, A. G.'s mother and Decedent's widow, each claim damages as a result of Decedent's death. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted. The settlement will be split between plaintiffs A. G. and Siliana Gaspard, A. G.'s mother and Decedent's widow in amounts they determine.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 25,758
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 883

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Manwoong Kang, et al. v. Joseph Lester Jones Jr., et al.
CASE NUMBER	21STCV02545
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	January 21, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Fire Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 25,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Brian S. Weinberger, Esq. Law Offices of Brian S. Weinberger
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	David D. Lee, Esq. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a motor vehicle accident lawsuit that occurred on October 25, 2019, when a Fire Department engine truck rear-ended a van at Olympiad Drive and Victoria Avenue. Plaintiffs Manwoong Kang and Jessie Kang claim to have suffered injuries as a result. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 11,623.50
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 1,683.64

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Glenn Sabey v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV32277
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	August 24, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Fire Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 340,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Melissa Thom Mastagni Holstedt, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael J. Gordon Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On December 5, 2018, Plaintiff Glenn Sabey and a Fire Department sedan were involved in a pedestrian versus motor vehicle incident in the intersection of Park Avenue and 6th Street in the City of Pomona. Plaintiff contends the collision caused injuries for which he seeks damages.</p> <p>Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$340,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 29,564
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 8,863

Case Name: Glenn Sabey v. Robert Lee Harris, et al.
20STCV32277



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Date of incident/event:	December 5, 2018
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p>On December 5, 2018 at approximately 6:00 a.m., a Pomona Police Department officer (hereinafter "Plaintiff") had exited his personal vehicle in the parking lot on the southwest corner of Park Avenue and 6th Street. The weather conditions at this time were cold, cloudy, and rainy. The roadway was wet, and it was still dark outside.</p> <p>Plaintiff approached the crosswalk on the south side of the intersection and activated the pedestrian walk signal. Once the pedestrian signal phase switched to "walk," Plaintiff began to walk eastbound across Park Avenue (south of 6th Street) within the crosswalk. Plaintiff was struck in the crosswalk by a County vehicle being operated by a then-Battalion Chief (BC). In an attempt to avoid the collision, Plaintiff tried to jump out of the way and turned his body to the left. The County vehicle made contact with Plaintiff, Plaintiff rolled off the hood of the County vehicle and fell to the ground.</p> <p>The BC stated he was adjusting his eyeglasses and looked down at the radio before he heard a yell and felt an impact to the front of the County vehicle. The BC stated that he was traveling 15-20 mph, the ambulance reports indicate he was traveling 20-30 mph, and the videos provided by Pomona Police Department indicate a higher rate of speed. The County vehicle AVL indicates the BC was traveling from 64 mph, 62 mph, to 20 mph right before impact.</p> <p>Plaintiff was transported to the Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center where he sustained an injury to his nose, three broken ribs, abrasions, facial lacerations and facial fractures, broken teeth, bruising, pain and swelling, shoulder and back pain. Plaintiff missed 11 months of work.</p>

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


The Department root cause in this incident is the BC's failure to stop at a red light.



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

<p>1. The Department Safety Officer recommended the following training action plan, which were all completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (4 hours);• Search and Scan (2 hours);• Hazard Recognition (3 hours);• Backing (2 hours);• Attention and Distraction (2 hours);• Judging Safe Distance (3 hours); and• Sight Speed and Space Management (2 hours). <p>2. An administrative internal investigation was initiated. The BC was ultimately issued a Notice of Suspension for three (3) days, which was served.</p>

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) Julia Kim	
Signature: 	Date: March 29, 2022

Name: (Department Head) 	
Signature: 	Date: 03/30/22

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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)

Destiny Castro

Signature:

Destiny Castro

Date:

04/01/2022

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Larry Justason v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21STCV05724
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	February 11, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Parks and Recreation
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 30,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Michael R. Rhames Michael R. Rhames & Associates, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael J. Gordon Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On October 6, 2020, Plaintiff Larry Justason was driving his motor scooter in the parking lot at Alondra Park when he lost control of the scooter and it tipped over after he drove into a pothole. Plaintiff contends the parking lot was in dangerous condition that caused him to sustain injuries for which he seeks damages.</p> <p>Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$30,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 11,786
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 2,672

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Auto Liability Claims of Phearin Pha and Sivlang Poeng
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Probation
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 29,013.16
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Mark W. Lomax, Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	These claims seeks damages for bodily injuries allegedly sustained when a County vehicle driven by a Probation Department employee collided with Claimants' vehicle.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ -0-
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ -0-

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Augustin Beltran v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21STCV01466
COURT	Superior Court of California
DATE FILED	January 13, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 99,900
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Janet E. Hong, Esquire
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Tyson B. Nelson, Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$99,900, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a civil rights lawsuit with both federal and State-law claims brought by Plaintiff Augustin Beltran ("Plaintiff"), a minor, alleging negligent supervision during the emergency evacuation of Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall ("Nidorf"). Plaintiff claims that on October 10, 2019, during the bus ride from Nidorf in Sylmar to Los Padornos Juvenile Hall in Downey he was assaulted by other youth on the bus while handcuffed and Probation failed to intervene.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 6,015
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 7

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jessy Duenas Hernandez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:21-cv-3937-MWF-AFM
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	April 9, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 90,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Daniel C. Sharpe, Esquire
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Timothy J. Kral, Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$90,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a civil rights lawsuit with both federal and State-law claims brought by Plaintiff Jessy Duenas Hernandez ("Plaintiff") alleging an unlawful detention and search by detectives while he was at work on March 10, 2020. Plaintiff also alleges excessive force by deputies during a traffic stop on March 13-14, 2020.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 44,974
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 15

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Vincent Clark v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:20-cv-00304-DMG-MRWx
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	November 14, 2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 450,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	James R. Tedford, II, Esquire
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Timothy J. Kral, Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$450,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a civil rights lawsuit with both federal and State-law claims brought by Plaintiff Vincent Clark ("Plaintiff") alleging excessive force. Plaintiff claims that on October 27, 2018, Deputy Jose Villanueva and Deputy Marlene Lima used excessive force upon him while encountering him in front of his home in the unincorporated area of Pasadena.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 71,337
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 15,977

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Dolores Acevedo v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC685142
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	December 1, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 97,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Minas Nordanyan Nordanyan Law
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard K. Kudo Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This case involves the settlement of a vehicle versus pedestrian accident when an on-duty Deputy Sheriff backed a Sheriff's Department sport utility vehicle into plaintiff Dolores Acevedo and knocked her down to the ground while she was walking in a parking lot at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center. Plaintiff claims to have suffered injuries and damages from the accident. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 50,567
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 21,859

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Cesar Hernandez, et al. v. Tonya Octave, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC715330
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	July 24, 2018
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Children and Family Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 70,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	P. Paul Aghabala, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard K. Kudo Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This case involves a multi-car accident that occurred on Carson Street in the City of Long Beach when a Department of Children and Family Services employee rear-ended the Dodge minivan transporting plaintiffs Cesar Hernandez and Marco Aguayo, which rear-ended a third car. Plaintiffs claim to have suffered injuries and damages from the accident. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted. Under the two separate settlements totaling \$70,000, Mr. Hernandez will receive \$52,000 and Mr. Aguayo will receive \$18,000.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 40,413
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 24,932

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Vincent Ellis v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	20STCV27277
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	July 7, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Children & Family Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 60,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Donald Hartunian, Esq. THE HARTUNIAN LAW FIRM
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Adrian G. Gragas, Esq. Assistant County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a motor vehicle accident lawsuit that occurred on June 7, 2019, when a car operated by an employee of the Department of Children & Family Services collided head-on with Plaintiff's vehicle. Plaintiff claims to have suffered personal injuries as a result. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 40,311
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 1,051

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MAY 16, 2022

1. Call to Order.

The meeting of the Los Angeles County Claims Board was called to order at 9:43 a.m. The meeting was held via teleconference with all Claims Board Members participating telephonically. Claims Board Members online for the teleconference meeting were: Chair Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne M. Byers.

All other persons also appeared telephonically. Those attending the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Katie Bowser, Jennifer Lehman, Caroline Craddock, Ed Morrissey, Shawn Luna, LaTasha Corry, Kevin Engelen, Brian Chu, Richard Hsueh, Pirjo Ranansinghe, Anthony Morrone, and Eduardo Montelongo; Department of Children and Family Services: Armand Montiel, and Christina Lee; Department of Health Services: Sean Henderson, Arun Patel, Dawn Abarca, and Karen Nunn; Public Library: Jacklin Injijian, and Michelle Charles; Department of Mental Health: Damien Parker; Department of Medical-Examiner-Coroner: Jonathan Lucas, and Akiko Tagawa; Sheriff's Department: Edward Ramirez, Jennifer Seetoo, Alise Norman, Melynne Rivers, Irma Chavez, Holly Francisco, April Tardy, Edwin Alvarez, Rodney Moore, Jason Wolak, Luis Pena, Tania Plunkett, and Shawnee Hinchman; Probation Department: Mark Garcia, Valerie Van Kirk, and Nicole Irvin; Outside Counsel: Jill Williams, Jon Monroy, Christie Swiss, Thomas Hurrell, Jennifer Gysler, Margaret Ikeda, and Mira Hashmall.

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 members of the public were on the public teleconference phone line to address the Claims Board.

3. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision [a] of Government Code section 54956.9).

At 9:41 a.m., the Chair convened the meeting into closed session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(j).

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

No members of the public were on the public teleconference phone line to hear the reportable actions of the Claims Board.

At 12:37 p.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session via the public teleconference phone line and reported the actions taken in closed session as follows:

a. J. H., a minor, et al. v. County of Los Angeles Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV22043

This lawsuit against the Department of Children and Family Services alleges wrongful death and failure to provide mental health services to Plaintiff's mother during the Dependency court process.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$97,500.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne M. Byers

**b. Karibbea Young v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 20-CV-09503**

This lawsuit alleges that the Department of Children and Family Services wrongfully detained plaintiff's son without a warrant and violated his civil rights.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of this matter in the amount of \$550,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne M. Byers

**c. Ellen Lubic v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV19352**

This dangerous condition lawsuit arises from injuries allegedly sustained in a trip and fall accident in a parking lot maintained by Public Library.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$72,500.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne M. Byers

**d. Clyde Seals v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV42577**

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries plaintiff sustained in automobile accident involving a Department of Mental Health employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$30,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne M. Byers

**e. Maria Elvira Quintanilla Cebreros v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-09267 RGK**

This lawsuit arises from the premature cremation of plaintiff's deceased son's remains by the Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner employees.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of this matter in the amount of \$445,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne M. Byers

f. **Wesley Alarcio v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:20-CV-00514

This federal civil rights lawsuit alleges failure to protect and failure to summon medical aid against the Sheriff's Department and custody staff.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of this matter in the amount of \$7,000,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne M. Byers

g. **Xenethon Sanders v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18STCV06003

This lawsuit alleges federal civil rights violations against the Sheriff's Department arising out of plaintiff's arrest in 2017.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$54,125.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne M. Byers

h. **Eliezer Vera v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 680971

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Sheriff's Department was subjected to retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$99,950.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne M. Byers

i. **Patricia Koz v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 715037

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Probation Department was subjected to discrimination based on gender and race.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$50,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne M. Byers

j. **Julia Huang v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV10530

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee with the Department of Health Services was subjected to harassment, discrimination, and retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$40,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Steve Robles, and Arlene Barrera

Noes: 1 – Adrienne M. Byers

5. **Approval of the Minutes of the May 2, 2022, regular meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the Minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Adrienne Byers

6. **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 an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting of the agenda.**

No such matters were discussed.

7. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

By



Derek Stane