

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD
HELD VIA ONLINE CONFERENCE CALL
ON MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023, AT 9:30 A.M.

Present: Chair Steve Robles, Adrienne M. Byers, and Oscar Valdez

- 1. Call to Order.**
- 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).**

- a. Yen Lai v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number 19STCV34163**

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident involving a pedestrian and a Department of Public Works employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.a. in the amount of \$99,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Isabel Cortez Xochipiltecatl vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number 20STCV48379**

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Department employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.b. in the amount of \$75,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

[See Supporting Document](#)

c. **Xavier Ruiz vs. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number 19STCV21834

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident involving a bicyclist and a Sheriff's Department employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.c. in the amount of \$90,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

[See Supporting Document](#)

d. **Sarah Jafari v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-00305

This lawsuit alleges federal civil rights violations, excessive force, and unlawful arrest by a Sheriff's Department employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.d. in the amount of \$1,750,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

[See Supporting Documents](#)

e. **Saharra M. White, as guardian ad litem for A.T., et al. v. County of Los Angeles**
United States District Court Case No. 2:19-cv-04669

This lawsuit alleges federal civil rights violations and failure to summon medical care by Sheriff's Department jail staff for the death of an inmate at Twin Towers Correctional Facility.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.e. in the amount of \$675,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

f. **Rocio Sabbah, et al. vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number BC720891

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in a multi-vehicle automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Department employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.f. in the amount of \$850,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

[See Supporting Documents](#)

**g. Larry Trujillo v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case Number 2:14-cv-05431**

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained while in custody of the Sheriff's Department.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.g. in the amount of \$199,999.99.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

[See Supporting Documents](#)

**h. Estate of Joseph Gama v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number BC628822**

This lawsuit alleges failure to provide appropriate standard of care by Sheriff's Department jail staff resulting in the death of an inmate at Men's Central Jail.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.h. in the amount of \$200,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

[See Supporting Documents](#)

i. Non-Litigated Claim of Natividad and Wilfredo Jornacion

This claim concerns allegations that medical malpractice by Los Angeles County+USC Medical Center contributed to delay in care for plaintiffs' daughter.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.i. in the amount of \$260,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

[See Supporting Document](#)

**j. Iris Ponce v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number 19STCV42076**

This medical malpractice lawsuit against the Department of Health Services alleges that Los Angeles County+USC Medical Center provided inadequate care to plaintiff.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.j. in the amount of \$200,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

[See Supporting Documents](#)

**k. Rita Boghos v. Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number 21CHCV00047**

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

Action Taken:

The Claims Board continued item 4.k. to a future meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

**l. Sharon Benjamin v. Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number 21STCV07549**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Mental Health was subjected to disability discrimination, failure to accommodate, and retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.l. in the amount of \$57,500.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

**m. Albert McCray & Jewel Carr v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court / Case No. 19STCV08195**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Public Works was subjected to race discrimination, failure to prevent discrimination, and retaliation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.m. in the amount of \$450,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

**n. Lee Rossum v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV20820**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Probation Department was subjected to disability discrimination, failure to prevent discrimination, and harassment.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.n. in the amount of \$79,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

4. Approval of the Minutes of the February 6, 2023, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the Minutes of the regular meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

[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, 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.

6. Adjournment.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Yen Lai vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	19STCV34163
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	September 25, 2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 99,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Thomas C. Hurrell, Esq. Hurrell Cantrall LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	LaTasha N. Corry Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This incident occurred on March 27, 2019, when a DPW employee was attempting to make a right turn and struck Plaintiff as Plaintiff was crossing the street. Plaintiff claims she sustained severe injuries as a result of the accident.</p> <p>Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$99,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 110,957
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 28,128

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Isabel Cortez Xochipiltecatl vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV48379
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	December 18, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 75,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Joohan Song, Esq. Law Offices of Joohan Song APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Melissa A. McCaverty Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This incident occurred on October 6, 2019, when LASD's patrol unit collided with Mr. Xochipiltecatl's car while making a U-turn. Mr. Xochipiltecatl claims he sustained severe injuries as a result of the accident.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$75,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 18,389
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 4,108

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Xavier Ruiz v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
CASE NUMBER	19STCV21834
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	06/21/2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 90,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Fhad Z. Ali, Esq. Carpenter & Zuckerman
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Adrian G. Gragas Assistant County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On July 23, 2018, LASD employee Security Officer Kenneth Clark, Jr. and plaintiff Xavier Ruiz were involved in an automobile-versus-bicycle incident at the intersection of Peckham Road and the San Gabriel River Trail. Plaintiff was on his bike, ran a stop sign, and struck the left rear passenger door section of LASD's vehicle. Plaintiff claims severe injuries as a result of the incident.</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	\$ 31,547
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 12,203

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Sarah Jafari v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:22-CV-00305
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	December 14, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 1,750,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Vincent Miller, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Minas Samuelian Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$1,750,000 inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Sarah Jafari ("Plaintiff"), against the County alleging excessive force and unlawful arrest of the Plaintiff.</p> <p>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 \$1,750,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 47,517
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 1,518

Case Name: Sarah Jafari v. County of Los Angeles, et al.



Summary Corrective Action Plan

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Date of incident/event:	April 10, 2021, at approximately 7:50 p.m.
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p><u>Sarah Jafari v. County of Los Angeles</u> Summary Corrective Action Plan 2022-0049</p> <p>On April 10, 2021, at approximately 7:50 p.m., Malibu/Lost Hills Station received a call for service regarding a family disturbance/ person with a knife. The witness (mother) stated her daughter (plaintiff) was destroying her house and had a knife.</p> <p>Deputy one, working as a single man unit, arrived at the location and heard yelling and screaming. He exited his vehicle and observed the plaintiff yelling at an elderly woman (the witness) in the driveway. He contacted the plaintiff in the street. Deputy one asked the plaintiff if she had a knife, and she replied, she did not have a knife. He ordered the plaintiff to his patrol vehicle, but the plaintiff did not immediately comply. Deputy one again, ordered the plaintiff to his vehicle and she complied. As the plaintiff walked in his direction, deputy one reached with his left hand toward the plaintiff to guide her towards his patrol vehicle. The plaintiff pulled away from him and said, "Don't touch me, thank you. I have already had enough." Deputy one responded, "Don't get stupid with me." The plaintiff turned toward the deputy and said, "I'm not being apprehensive with you." Deputy one responded, "If you pull back on me, I'm going to punch you in the face."</p> <p>Deputies two and three (two-man unit) arrived at the location. Deputy two deployed his taser and ordered the plaintiff to place her hands behind her back. The plaintiff backed away from deputy one and took a fighting stance (squaring her body toward deputy one). The plaintiff asked why she was being detained.</p> <p>Deputy one attempted to conduct a protective search of the plaintiff for weapons, but she would not comply. Deputy one was concerned the plaintiff was "stalling" to retrieve a deadly weapon; so he lunged at the plaintiff with his left arm extended in front of his body. Deputy one's hand connected with the plaintiff's neck which resulted in her falling backward, hitting the ground, and landing on her back. Once the plaintiff was on the ground, she rolled onto her stomach and tucked her hands underneath her body (towards her waistband). Deputy one knelt down next to the plaintiff's right side and ordered her to place her hands behind her back. The plaintiff refused to follow deputy one's orders. Deputy one attempted to remove the plaintiff's left arm from underneath her body, but he unsuccessful.</p> <p>Deputy one ordered the plaintiff to give him her left arm, but she refused to comply. Deputy one ordered the plaintiff numerous times to remove her arms from underneath her body, but she refused.</p>

	<p>The plaintiff refused to comply with the commands which were given by both deputies one and two. The plaintiff continued to assault both deputies one and two; which caused deputy three to apply a hobble to the plaintiff's feet. Deputy one warned the plaintiff she will be tased if she continued to resist and assault both he (deputy one) and deputy two.</p> <p>Deputy one counted down, placed the taser on the plaintiff's lower back and then activated his Taser (X-26P). The taser cycled for five seconds. The Taser did not have the desired effect, as the plaintiff continued to kick, physically resist and not comply with his orders to place her hands behind her back.</p> <p>The plaintiff grabbed deputy one's taser which activated the taser a second time. The second activation caused the plaintiff to grab his hand, which caused a third Taser activation.</p> <p>After the third taser activation, Deputies one and two were able to successfully handcuff the plaintiff's left and right wrist. Once the handcuffs were applied, deputy three removed the hobble restraint.</p> <p>The plaintiff was assisted to her feet and escorted to the patrol vehicle by deputies one and two. The plaintiff pulled away from Deputy two as he began to search the plaintiff for weapons at the hood of the patrol vehicle. While at the patrol vehicle, the plaintiff turned her head towards deputy two, leading him to believe she was preparing to spit on him.</p> <p>Deputy one initially grabbed the back of the plaintiff's neck with his left hand, as the plaintiff moved her head and body side to side. Deputy one grabbed the back of the plaintiff's hair, forced her head downward, pinning her hair and head onto the hood of the patrol vehicle. Once the search of the plaintiff was conducted, the plaintiff was escorted toward the backseat of the patrol vehicle.</p> <p>Deputy one controlled the plaintiff's right arm with his right hand and continued holding her hair with his left hand. Deputy two controlled the plaintiff's left arm. While at the threshold of the patrol vehicle, the plaintiff started kicking deputy one in his left ankle and legs several times. The plaintiff then "lunged" into the backseat of the patrol vehicle and onto the floorboard. Deputy one applied a wrist control hold on the plaintiff and gave her orders to comply. Deputy two assisted deputy one in seating the plaintiff in the backseat without further objection.</p> <p>The Los Angeles City Fire Department, responded to the location to medically evaluate the plaintiff for injuries and/or other medical conditions.</p> <p>The plaintiff was transported by ambulance to West Hills Hospital for an "Ok" to Book.</p> <p>The plaintiff was treated for an abrasion to her forehead, contusions on her left and right wrists, and a head injury, without loss of consciousness. The plaintiff was treated and cleared for booking.</p> <p>Deputies four and five transported and booked the plaintiff at Malibu/Lost Hills Station.</p>
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	<p><u>Internal Criminal Investigation Bureau (ICIB) Investigation</u></p> <p>On May 20, 2021, North Patrol Division Chief requested an Internal Criminal Investigation regarding the incident.</p> <p>During the criminal investigation, the investigator made the following observations which contradicted deputy one's supplemental report when compared to body worn camera footage:</p> <p>The investigator concluded the plaintiff did not appear to be in a fighting stance and her arms were at her side, contrary to deputy one statements, when the plaintiff asked why she was being detained.</p> <p>The investigator stated as the plaintiff's left wrist was being handcuffed by deputy two, she did not appear to be resisting.</p> <p>The investigator indicated as the plaintiff was being searched, her upper body was leaning forward against the side of the patrol vehicle with her head facing down. During the search, the plaintiff straightened her upper body and lifted her head. The plaintiff did not appear to pull away from the deputies, nor look in the direction of deputy two.</p> <p>The investigator said the plaintiff appeared to not want to enter the backseat of the patrol vehicle, stating, "No way," several times. It appeared deputy one held her hair and guided her downward and to the right (toward the backseat). The investigator was unable to determine if the plaintiff lunged in the patrol vehicle or was guided in by the deputies.</p> <p>The investigator did not observe the plaintiff being assaultive or kicking her legs as she was positioned on the floorboard of the patrol vehicle. Deputy three applied the hobble restraint to the plaintiff at this time.</p> <p>ICIB investigator completed their investigation and presented their findings to the Justice System Integrity Division (JSID) for consideration.</p>
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1. Briefly describe the root cause(s) of the claim/lawsuit:

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Personnel's decision to use force.

A **Department** the failure of deputies to intervene when they observed the use of excessive force.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the deputies did not recognize the plaintiff displayed symptoms of mental illness. Additionally, the deputies did not contact the MET team.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the lack of a Hazard hit placed on the location. A "Hazard Location Hit" on the residence would have advised responding personnel the plaintiff suffered from mental illness.

A **Non-Department** root cause in this incident was the plaintiff's failure to follow directions / orders.

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

Criminal Investigation

A thorough investigation was conducted by the Department's Internal Criminal Investigations Bureau (ICIB). The assigned ICIB investigator completed their investigation and presented their findings to JSID, for filling consideration.

Administrative Investigation

Due to the ongoing criminal investigation, the administrative investigation has not yet started and currently pending.

Immediately following the conclusion of the prosecution, this incident will be investigated by representatives of the Sheriff's Department to determine if any administrative misconduct occurred prior to, during, or after this incident. The results of the investigation will then be presented to an Executive Review Panel for adjudication.

Duty to Intervene

Institution of Manual of Policy and Procedures, 3-01/030.00, Unreasonable Force and Duty to Intervene (adopted June 1, 2021):

Department members who observe a serious violation of Department policy or law that may result in discipline, shall intervene, and report the incident when safe to do so.

This policy was briefed upon being instituted and included in ongoing briefings.

Handling Family Disturbance Calls for Service

Calls for service to family disturbances are inherently dangerous. Every attempt should be made to ascertain as much information as possible from the informant.

Responding deputy personnel will inquire about any updates obtained from dispatch personnel as they are responding to the location. Deputy personnel should wait for assisting units and a field sergeant prior to making contact at the location, unless exigent circumstances exist.

The deputies involved in this incident received refresher training.

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

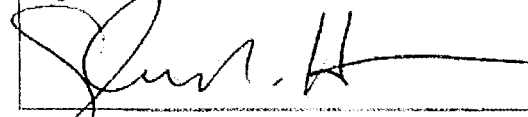
- ☐ Yes – The corrective actions address Department-wide system issues.
☒ No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)

Shawnee N. Hinchman, Captain
Risk Management Bureau

Signature:



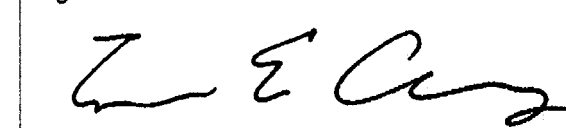
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Name: (Department Head)

Edwin E. Alvarez, Chief
Professional Standards Division

Signature:



Date:

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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)

Daniela Prowizor

Signature:

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CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Rocio Sabbah; et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC720891
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	September 5, 2018
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 850,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Alexander Wheeler, Esq. PARRIS LAW FIRM
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kevin Engelen Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This wrongful death case involves multiple automobile collisions that occurred on September 15, 2017, when Isaac Sabbah's car collided at a high speed with a disabled car on the Interstate 5 freeway. Mr. Sabbah's car subsequently collided with a third car followed by a side-impact collision with a County patrol unit. Mr. Sabbah died as a result of the collisions. His wife and minor children claim wrongful death damages. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 171,321
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 124,694

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Date of incident/event:	September 15, 2017
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p>Plaintiff (decedent's wife) alleges that decedent died as a result of a multiple vehicle collision that included a vehicle driven by a Deputy Sheriff.</p> <p>On September 15, 2017, at approximately 3am, a vehicle driven by a non-employee defendant became disabled as they drove southbound on Interstate 5, just north of State Route 170 near the city of Sun Valley. The non-county Defendant was unable to get his vehicle to the right shoulder of the interstate and stopped his vehicle in the far-left lane (a High Occupancy Vehicle Lane [HOV]). The non-county Defendant activated his hazard lights, exited his vehicle, and called 911.</p> <p>The area where Defendant Springs' vehicle became disabled was extremely dark at the time. Ten overhead lights, maintained by Cal-Trans, were inoperable.</p> <p>Decedent was driving southbound on Interstate 5 to work. Decedent appears to have been driving approximately 78 miles per hour (MPH).</p> <p>Decedent appeared to slow down but was unable to avoid a collision and struck the disabled vehicle at "no less than 65 miles per hour," according to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) report on the accident. The collision created a debris field that covered both HOV lanes and went well into the regular lanes of traffic.</p> <p>The collision left Decedent vehicle disabled and facing northbound (the opposite direction of traffic) between the number 1 and number 2 lanes. The non-county Defendant's vehicle rotated counterclockwise and came to</p>

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a rest also facing northbound in between the two HOV lanes.

Thereafter, a second vehicle driven by a non-county Defendant was driving southbound in the number 2 lane at approximately 72 miles per hour. Non-county Defendant 2, without braking, collided head-on with Decedent's disabled vehicle. The impact caused both vehicles to rotate east. Decedent's vehicle came to rest facing east, perpendicular to the number 1 lane with his driver's side exposed to oncoming traffic. Non-county Defendant 2's vehicle came to rest just ahead of Decedent's vehicle facing south.

A Deputy Sheriff was driving a marked patrol vehicle southbound on Interstate 5 in the number 1 lane. He, along with a partner, were transporting two (2) inmates from the North County Correctional Facility (NCCF) to Downtown Los Angeles for medical and mental health treatment.

As the Deputy Sheriff approached the collision site, he stated that he noticed non-county Defendant 1's disabled vehicle with hazard lights on. Almost immediately after he felt his vehicle driving over debris and noticed a large dark object approximately 250 feet ahead of him. He applied his brakes but was unable to avoid the collision. This entire sequence of events happened within approximately three (3) seconds.

The CHP, with the assistance of their Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT), were the lead investigators of this incident. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) performed a secondary supervisor's inquiry into the incident but used the findings of CHP and MAIT as the primary investigative source.

CHP determined the cause of the collision between the Deputy Sheriff, non-county Defendant 2, and Decedent was "other than driver" due to the following factors:

- Poor roadway lighting
- Decedent's positioning on the roadway
- Decedent's lighting and reflective equipment being inoperable
- Damage sustained by Decedent's vehicle from the previous collision

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	<p>CHP concluded that a "normal prudent person would not have been able to avoid V-2 (Decedent's vehicle)."</p> <p>LASD's inquiry into the accident made the same conclusion based upon the CHP reports, MAIT report, and statements by the involved deputies and inmate witnesses.</p>
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1. Briefly describe the root cause(s) of the claim/lawsuit:

A Departmental root cause in this incident was an economic settlement, based on a complicated non-preventable traffic collision.

A non-Departmental root cause in this incident was the Decedent's initial collision with Defendant Springs, which he was determined to be at fault for, that set off a chain reaction of collisions.

A non-Departmental root cause in this incident was the poor lighting conditions on the highway.

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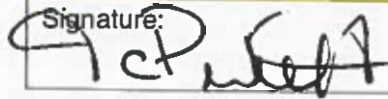
2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:

(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

- Traffic Collision Investigation – The incident was thoroughly investigated by CHP. CHP concluded that the deputy sheriff involved would not have reasonably been able to prevent the traffic collision. The collision was caused by a multitude of non-driver factors that were out of the control of the deputy sheriff.
- Supervisor's Report of Incident or Damage to County Vehicle – A thorough administrative investigation was conducted of the incident. Appropriate administrative action was taken.
- Employee Risk Assessment – A comprehensive review of the involved deputy sheriff's work history was conducted after this incident. This review included uses of force, civil claims, and complaints, as well as traffic collisions.
- Training – The involved Deputy Sheriff attended several driving and vehicle related courses after this incident.

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)
Commander Tania E. Plunkett

Signature:



Date:

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Name: (Department Head)
Chief Paula L. Tokar

Signature:



Date:

1/25/23

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Name: (Risk Management Inspector General)
Daniela Prowizor

Signature:

Date:

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CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Larry Trujillo v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	CV 14-05431 PSG (MRWx)
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	October 16, 2014
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 199,999.99
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Greg W. Garrotto Law Offices of Garrotto & Garrotto
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Narbeh Bagdasarian County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>From June 2011 to July 2014, Larry Trujillo was at the Correctional Treatment Care facility of Los Angeles County Sheriff Department ("LASD"). Mr. Trujillo was a quadriplegic due to injuries he suffered when he exchanged gunfire with homeowner during a burglary. The homeowner died from his injuries and Mr. Trujillo was subsequently convicted of first degree murder.</p> <p>While in LASD's custody, Mr. Trujillo developed some neurological and skin complications. He filed a lawsuit against the County and some of the LASD nursing and medical providers. Mr. Trujillo alleged that the care provided to him caused or contributed to the complications which he suffered.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 547,062
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 52,042



Summary Corrective Action Plan

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Date of incident/event:	March 2011 to July 2014
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Larry Trujillo v. County of Los Angeles</u> Summary Corrective Action Plan</p> <p>On June 15, 2011 the Downey Police Department arrested Plaintiff, Larry Trujillo, for a warrant for a violation of Penal Code §187. Plaintiff was subsequently transferred to the Inmate Reception Center (IRC) and placed into the custody of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.</p> <p>Plaintiff arrived with a personal, motorized wheelchair issued by Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center. Due to security concerns and standard practice at the time, Plaintiff's wheelchair was placed into property. Plaintiff was issued a standard Medical Services Bureau (MSB) manual wheelchair in place of his personal motorized wheelchair.</p> <p>On June 16, 2011, Plaintiff was assigned Correctional Treatment Center (CTC) housing. CTC is a hospital rated jail facility designed for the in-patient treatment of individuals with complicated, chronic medical and/or mental health concerns. In Plaintiff's case he was totally dependent for all activities of daily living.</p> <p>Between June 16, 2011 and July 24, 2014, Plaintiff was housed and treated at CTC, with intermittent trips to the Los Angeles County/USC Medical Center hospital ward.</p> <p>On July 2, 2014, Plaintiff was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for 1st degree murder. Plaintiff was subsequently transferred to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), Wasco State Prison, on July 24, 2014.</p>

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

The following departmental root causes were identified:

- The failure to provide Plaintiff with their personal motorized wheelchair

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

1). Wheelchairs for Paraplegic and Quadriplegic Inmates Policy – The Department created a policy specific to wheelchairs for Paraplegic and Quadriplegic individuals. This policy, amongst other changes, requires personnel to complete an Arrestee Medical Appliance Clearance Record. This record provides accountability and oversight of the medical appliance (wheelchair) review and approval process, requiring both CHS and the facility Watch Commander to justify their decisions and actions with respect to wheelchairs.

2) ADA-Related Requests and Grievances - Recognizing the sensitivity and complexities of ADA-related requests and grievances, the Department created a stand-alone policy on how to handle ADA-related requests and grievances (including wheelchairs).

Any request or grievance which is clearly ADA-related shall be routed to a designated facility ADA coordinator or, if the request cannot be handled by facility, the Custody Services Division ADA Coordinator. ADA-related requests are entered and tracked separately into the Custody Automated Reporting and Tracking System (CARTS).

3) Custody Division ADA Coordinator - This single point of contact was created to interfacing with Department staff and CHS staff to ensure that individuals with ADA needs are receiving reasonable accommodations as prescribed by CHS, review, investigate, and resolve ADA-related grievances, and provide training to Department staff working in units that house individuals with mobility impairments

The ADA Coordinator is empowered to make recommendations regarding reasonable accommodations and has the authority to bring issues to the attention of Department executives (including, without limitation, the respective Chiefs of Custody Services Divisions).

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.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)

Tania E. Plunkett, Commander
Custody Services Division - General Population

Signature:



Date:

10-19-22

Name: (Department Head)

Margarita Velazquez, Chief
Custody Services Division - Specialized Programs

Signature:



Date:

10/24/2022

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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:



Date:

10/28/2022

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Estate of Joseph Gama v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	BC628822
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	August 1, 2016
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 200,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Greg Garrotto Law Offices of Greg Garrotto
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Narbeh Bagdasarian County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On May 1, 2015, Joseph Gama, a 41-year-old male, was arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and transported to Sheriff's Department ("LASD") custody on May 5, 2015.</p> <p>Although Mr. Gama was receiving proper mental care from Department of Mental Health and there was no indication that he was suicidal, on June 12, 2015, he committed suicide while in LASD's custody. Mr. Gama's surviving family filed a lawsuit against the County of Los Angeles and County providers, claiming that the inadequate care provided to Mr. Gama contributed to his death.</p> <p>The case was tried in November 2021, which resulted in a defense verdict on some causes of action and a mistrial on other causes of action. To avoid the uncertainty of litigation and trial, the parties agreed to settle the case.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 294,100
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 27,200



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Date of incident/event:	June 12, 2015
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p><u>Estate of Joseph Gama v. County of Los Angeles</u></p> <p>Plaintiff (decedent's estate) allege that the decedent was found hanging in his cell at Men's Central Jail (MCJ). Plaintiffs contend that multiple departments, including the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD), were made aware of decedent's mental health concerns but they were ignored.</p> <p>Decedent was, at various times, housed in multiple facilities within the LASD jail system. His housing locations included administrative segregation, high observation housing, general population, and discipline housing.</p> <p>At the time of the incident, decedent was in discipline housing. Decedent had recently been moved from high observation housing (HOH) to general population at the direction of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH). While housed in general population, decedent created a disruption in jail operations, leading him to be moved to discipline housing.</p> <p>After being housed in discipline housing for less than two (2) days, decedent was discovered unresponsive in his cell by a deputy conducting a Title 15 safety check. Medical aid was rendered by custody personnel, LASD Medical Services Bureau (MSB) personnel, and paramedics but was ultimately unsuccessful.</p>

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

- A Departmental root cause in this incident was the failure to consult mental health staff prior to placing decedent into discipline housing.
- A Departmental root cause in this incident was the failure to communicate with the Jail Mental Evaluation Team (JMET) staff when decedent was removed from HOH and then again when decedent was placed into discipline housing.
- A Departmental root cause in this incident was the lack of routine JMET involvement in restrictive (administrative segregation) housing.

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

- The LASD Custody Division Manual (CDM) was revised to now require custody staff to send a list of all newly admitted discipline individuals to mental health providers for their review and approval.
- The LASD CDM was revised to require JMET to perform an evaluation of an individual being placed into discipline housing if they were previously in high observation housing.
- JMET is now notified of every individual moved from high observation housing so that they can conduct routine mental health follow-ups with the individual.
- The LASD CDM was revised to require JMET to conduct weekly rounds in restrictive housing, including administrative segregation.

Case Name: Estate of Joseph Gama v. County of Los Angeles

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.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)

Tania E. Plunkett, Commander
Custody Services Division – General Population

Signature:



Date:

11.8.22

Name: (Department Head)

Sergio A. Aloma, Chief
Custody Services Division – General Population

Signature:



Date:

11/9/22

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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:



Date:

11/17/2022

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Claim of Wilfredo and Natividad Jornacion
CASE NUMBER	None
COURT	None
DATE FILED	None
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Health Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 260,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	None
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Narbeh Bagdasarian Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>In December 2019, Cherry Jornacion, a 44-year-old female, presented to LAC+USC Medical Center ("LAC+USC") with complaint of vaginal bleeding. A biopsy was done which was interpreted as benign.</p> <p>Ms. Jornacion was followed up at LAC+USC. In November 2020, after performing several imaging studies and another biopsy, she was diagnosed to have an invasive and aggressive type of cancer in her pelvis. Ms. Jornacion died from her condition on November 29, 2020.</p> <p>Upon re-examination of the December 2019 pathology slides, LAC+USC staff determined that the initial interpretation was incorrect. The staff reached out to Ms. Jornacion's surviving parents, explained the error, offered an apology, and confirmed that the County was willing to compensate them for the entire amount of damages available under the law.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ None
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ None

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Iris Ponce v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	19STCV42076
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	11/22/2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Health Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 200,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Linda Rice Law Offices of Rice and Bloomfield
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Narbeh Bagdasarian Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On February 7, 2019, Iris Ponce, a 62-year-old female, underwent a surgical procedure at a non-County facility to treat an infection. A special device containing a sponge was placed in the surgical site to assist the healing process. On April 3, 2019, Ms. Ponce presented to LAC+USC Medical Center for a wound check. Since the wound appeared to be healing well, the device was removed.</p> <p>Ms. Ponce returned to LAC+USC for several follow up visits complaining of pain. She was treated with antibiotics. On June 2, 2019, her wound was opened, and it was discovered that a part of the sponge was underneath her surgical wound. The sponge was removed, and Ms. Ponce fully recovered.</p> <p>Ms. Ponce filed a medical malpractice lawsuit against the County contending that LAC+USC staff was late in identifying the retained sponge. She claims that due to the late removal of the sponge, she will suffer pain and discomfort for the rest of her life.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 38,831
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 27,403



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Date of incident/event:	February 17, 2019
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	On February 7, 2019, Iris Ponce, a 62-year-old female, underwent a surgical procedure at a non-County facility to treat an infection. A special device containing a sponge was placed in the surgical site to assist the healing process. On April 3, 2019, Ms. Ponce presented to LAC+USC Medical Center for a wound check. Since the wound appeared to be healing well, the device was removed. Ms. Ponce returned to LAC+USC for several follow up visits complaining of pain. Radiographic imaging did not identify any issues and she was treated with antibiotics. On June 2, 2019, her wound was opened, and it was discovered that a part of the sponge was underneath her surgical wound. The sponge was removed, and Ms. Ponce fully recovered. Ms. Ponce filed a medical malpractice lawsuit against the County contending that LAC+USC staff was late in identifying the retained sponge. She claims that due to the late removal of the sponge, she will suffer pain and discomfort for the rest of her life.

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

Delay in recognizing retained sponge.

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

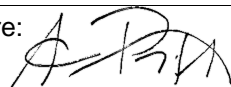
- The DHS electronic medical record system was modified to allow external health-related documents (such as notes from a home health agency) to be scanned and uploaded to a patient's medical record.
- A report was filed with the FDA by LAC+USC Medical Center reporting concerns about the type of sponge used with the wound device; the sponge is not radiopaque (visible on radiographic imaging).

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)
Arun Patel, MD, JD

Signature:

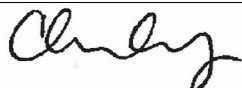


Date:

2/6/2023

Name: (Department Head)
Christina Ghaly, MD

Signature:



Date:

2/6/2023

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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)

Daniela Prowizor

Signature:

Date: 2/10/2023

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 6, 2023

1. Call to Order.

The meeting of the Los Angeles County Claims Board was called to order at 9:40 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, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers.

All other persons also appeared telephonically. Those attending the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Joseph Langton, Kevin Engelen, Adrian Gragas, Talin Halabi, Jennifer Lehman, LaTasha Corry, Armita Radjabian, Richard Kudo, Donna Koch, Richard Brouwer, Michael Owens, and Tyson Nelson; Department of Public Works: Bill Winter, Ronald Castenada, and Michael Hays; Sheriff's Department: Shanese Winfrey, Irma Chavez, Thomas Giandominico, Shawnee Hinchman, William Jaeger, Michael Shaw, and Shawn Kehoe; Department of Children and Family Services: Christina Lee; Department of Beaches and Harbors: Phyllis Bordenave-Priestley; Department of Parks and Recreation: Devyn Dawson, and Brian Mejia; Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures: Luz Luna Sepulveda; Internal Services Department: Minh Le, Marian Bellard, and Bryce Tyler; Probation Department: Cherise Martin, Valerie Van Kirk, Nicole Ervin, Carmen Banks, Michael Montes, and Mark Garcia; Department of the Auditor-Controller: Laura Rinard; Outside Counsel: Paul Berkowitz, Oscar Bustos, Brian Stewart, Kelly Ward, Patrick Stockalper, Vanessa Evangelista, and Danielle Foster.

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(n).

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 12:58 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. Non-Litigated Claim of Peggy Walters and Peggy P. Walters Trust

This claim seeks compensation from the Department of Public Works for property damage allegedly caused by a backflow of sewage due to a mainline blockage.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.a. in the amount of \$350,873.69.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

b. **People of the State of California, Acting By and Through the Department of Transportation v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV45723

This lawsuit arises from an eminent domain dispute between Caltrans and the County of Los Angeles.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.b. in the amount of \$152,000 to be received by the County.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

c. **Richard Martinez v. City of Whittier, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number 20STCV20921

This lawsuit arises from injuries allegedly sustained in a trip and fall accident at a park maintained by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.c. in the amount of \$285,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

d. **Jose G. Hernandez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV36347

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries plaintiff sustained in automobile accident involving an Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.d. in the amount of \$29,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

e. **C. F. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV23066

This lawsuit against the Department of Children and Family Services arises from alleged sexual abuse of the plaintiff that took place during the 1980's.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.e. in the amount of \$99,999.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

**f. Gabriel Felix, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 21STCV06285**

This lawsuit against the Internal Services Department alleges breach of contract.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.f. in the amount of \$66,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

**g. Celine Nunez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number 20STCV35066**

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident involving an Internal Services Department employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.g. in the amount of \$1,700,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Steve Robles, and Oscar Valdez
Noes: 1 – Adrienne M. Byers

**h. Victor Mora, et al. v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV21011**

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident involving a bus driven by a Sheriff's Department employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.h. in the amount of \$1,500,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

**i. Antwan Bridges v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number 21STCV26387**

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Department employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.i. in the amount of \$50,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

j. **Ruby Luna Xique v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No.: 21STCV06198

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident involving a Probation Department employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.j. in the amount of \$150,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

k. **Davin Ramos v. Antonio Canal; County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number 21STCV35356

This lawsuit arises from injuries plaintiff allegedly sustained in an automobile accident involving a Probation Department employee; settlement is recommended in the amount of \$30,000.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.k. in the amount of \$30,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

l. **Rosa Carrillo Lomeli for J.M., a minor v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No.: 2:20-CV-05865-DSF

This federal and state civil rights lawsuit against the Probation Department alleges negligent supervision during an emergency evacuation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.l. in the amount of \$590,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

m. **Bertha Mendez v. County of Los Angeles, et al**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV16925

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Probation Department was subjected to sexual harassment and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4.m. in the amount of \$85,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez, and Adrienne M. Byers

n. **Brande Sheree Cain McMurray, et al. v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No.: 21STCV38065

This class-action lawsuit against the Auditor-Controller concerns allegations that an employee had her wages garnished using the wrong statutory calculation.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4.I. in the amount of \$407,500.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Steve Robles, and Adrienne M. Byers
Recusal: 1 – Oscar Valdez

5. **Approval of the Minutes of the December 19, 2022, regular meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the Minutes of the December 19, 2022, regular meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Oscar Valdez and Adrienne M. Byers

6. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

By *Derek Stane*
Derek Stane
Claims Board Secretary