



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

500 WEST TEMPLE STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012-2713

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### NOTICE OF MEETING

The County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board will hold its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, **December 13, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., in the City of Monterey Park, Posada Ballroom at Luminarias Restaurant, 3500 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California 91754 and Via Teleconference.**

### TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS

**City of Calabasas, 100 Civic Center Way Calabasas, CA 91302 | (818) 224-1600**

**City of Lakewood, 5050 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, CA 90712 | (562) 866-9771**

**City of Norwalk, 12700 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650 | (562) 929-5700**

**City of Pico Rivera, 6615 Passons Boulevard Pico Rivera, CA 90660 | (562) 942-2000**

**City of Santa Clarita, 23920 Valencia Blvd, Santa Clarita, CA 91355 | (661) 259-2489**

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

You may submit public comment by e-mail at [vrui@cjpia.org](mailto:vrui@cjpia.org) or by mail to: Attention: Contract Cities Claims Board Agenda, Executive Office, County Counsel, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012.

Written public comment or documentation must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 12, 2023. Please include the Agenda item and meeting date in your correspondence. Comments and any other written submissions will become part of the official record of the meeting.

Members of the public wishing to listen to open sessions of the meeting may call the California JPIA's teleconference number at **1(253) 215-8782**,  
**Enter Meeting ID: 851 6653 0334; Passcode 070205.**

**Zoom Meeting Link**

<https://cjpia.zoom.us/j/85166530334?pwd=V1d4U05pcG5mVWJTV0ptRmFaRFJlQT09&from=addon>

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order.
2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Claims Board on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board.
3. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.

- a. Jones, Adonis v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV41715

This lawsuit concerns allegations from the detention of Mr. Jones during a burglary investigation in Carson.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Medina, Jesus v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-05285

This lawsuit concerns allegations of unlawful arrest and excessive force during a traffic stop.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- c. Montes, Mesalina v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV30333

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- d. Non-Litigated Claim of Cedric Paul Urbiztondo  
CRM No. 22-4393441\*001-002

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- e. Non-Litigated Claim of Celia Marquez and Jose Luis Gonzales Terreros  
CRM #22-4393541\*001 to 002

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- f. Ramirez, Jason v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22AVC00346

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

- a. Castro, Regina v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-02810

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

- b. Martinez, Cynthia v. Target Corporation, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-1237

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

- c. Moreno, Austin Richard v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV40269

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

R., H., a minor, by Johnson, Raylene v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2-22-CV-05706

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

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
6. Approval of Minutes for the October 11, 2023, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

[See Supporting Document](#)

7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Adonis Jones v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	19STCV41715
COURT	Los Angeles County Superior Court
DATE FILED	October 4, 2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 65,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Davis Vincent
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard Hsueh , Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$65,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, the State court lawsuit filed by Adonis Jones against the County of Los Angeles and three Sheriff's Department deputies in connection with his detention when the deputies responded to a burglary in progress call involving a United States Postal Service mail delivery vehicle.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 171,042
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 3,818

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jesus Medina, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:22-CV-05285
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	May 17, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 300,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Bart A. Seemen, Esq Williams & Seemen, A.P.L.C.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard Hsueh Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$300,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, the federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Jesus Medina and Omar Medina (collectively "Plaintiffs") against the County of Los Angeles and two Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department ("LASD") deputies alleging unlawful arrest and excessive force during a traffic stop.</p> <p>Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$300,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 81,843
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 24,920

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Mesalina Montes, et al. vs. County of Los Angeles, et. al.
CASE NUMBER	20STCV30333
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	August 11, 2020
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 800,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	John Glantz, Esq. Glantz Law, APLC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Janet L. Keuper, Esq. Seki, Nishimura & Waste, LLP  Melissa McCaverty Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	On January 20, 2019, Defendant was responding to a call for service regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. As he approached the intersection of Bouquet Canyon Road and Espuella Drive, he entered the intersection against a solid red light and collided with Plaintiffs' vehicle. As a result of this accident, Plaintiffs allege they sustained injuries and damages. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$800,000 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 32,190.00
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 49,918.65

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Claim of Cedric Paul Urbiztondo and Angelica Rowena Urbiztondo
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff-Central Patrol Division-Century Station
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ \$25,000 (Cedric Paul Urbiztondo - \$15,000 and Angelica Rowena Urbiztondo - \$10,000)
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Edwin A. Lewis Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	Claimant allegedly was rear ended while at a complete stop.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0



## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Claim of Celia Marquez and Jose Luis Gonzales Terreros
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff-East-Patrol Division-Industry Station
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ \$80,000 (Celia Marquez - \$40,000 and Jose Luis Gonzales Terreros - \$40,000)
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Edwin A. Lewis Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	Claimant alleges Sheriff's Department car ran a red light hitting claimant's vehicle with a passenger inside. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the claims is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jason Ramirez v. County of Los Angeles, et al. .
CASE NUMBER	22AVC00346
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	January 14, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 70,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	A&T Legal Group, APLC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kevin Engelen, Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This case arises from a traffic collision that occurred involving Plaintiff Jason and County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Deputy Jeremiah Nurse.</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	\$ 9,247
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 166

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND  
CLAIMS BOARD**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

November 8, 2023

**1. Call to Order**

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was called to order by Patrick Kearney at 11:10 a.m. The meeting was held at **Luminarias Restaurant, Posada Room, 3700 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California 91754 and via-teleconference.**

**Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members:** Patrick Kearney, Chair; Margaret Finlay, East Division; Chris Constantin, East Division; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; Mark Waronek, South Division; John Moreno, South Division; Bryan Cook, At-Large; Jennifer Perez, At Large; James Bozajian, North Division; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director; **Alternate:** Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Edgar Cisneros, Central Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Melissa McCaverty, Deputy County Counsel; Millicent L. Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Michael Gordon, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Carrie Clarke, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Richard Kudo, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Sanjay Athalye, Deputy County Counsel; Destiny Castro, ACEO County of Los Angeles; Steve Robles, ACEO County of Los Angeles; John Haynes, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Shawnee Hinchman, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Brian Jones, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Donald Moore, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance; Tom Hurrell, Hurrell & Cantrall, LLP; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Sylvia Hernandez, Claims Manager; **California JPIA:** Paul Zeglovitch, Claims and Insurance Director; Jennifer Torres, Administrative Assistant; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk.

**2. Public Comment**

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

At 11:11 a.m., the Chair adjourned the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board into Closed Session.

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

- a. Amber Marie Doyle v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV00015

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$40,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek.

- b. Reaven Colmore v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV36684

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$30,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek.

- c. Saravia, Anthony v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV14785

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$87,500.00.

Vote: Ayes: 9-1 – Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek.

Nays: James Bozajian

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

- a. Abelar, Adrian v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-01606

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

Action Taken:  
No reportable action taken.

- b. Aaron, Malik, et al. v. Target Corporation, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-cv-1237

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

Action Taken:  
No reportable action taken.

- c. Allen, Jayshawn R. et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-09475

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force, unlawful search, conspiracy and battery by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:  
No reportable action taken.

- d. Gamboa, Abraham v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV05046

This lawsuit concerns allegations of unlawful detention and arrest, denial of medical care, state created danger, failure to protect, interference with family integrity, negligence resulting in wrongful death, *Monell* based on failure to train and policy, and false arrest/imprisonment by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:  
No reportable action taken.

- e. Louis Luzanilla & Cindy Le v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22AVC00653

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

Action Taken:  
No reportable action taken.

- f Dorantes-Reyna, Sonia Jose v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV05955

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

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

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 12:48 p.m. No action was taken in Closed Session which required a public report pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1.

**6. Approval of the Minutes for October 11, 2023, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 11 – Chris Constantin, James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez Marcel Rodarte, Mark Waronek.

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

None

**8. Other Business**

None

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

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