



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board will hold its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, **January 17, 2024, 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

2221 Rim Road, Duarte, CA 91008 | (626) 818-9821

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

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

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 vruiz@cjpia.org or by mail to: Attention: Contract Cities Claims Board Agenda, Executive Office, County Counsel, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012.

Written public comment or documentation must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 16, 2024. 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: 846 3516 2538; Passcode 250873.

Zoom Meeting Link

<https://cjpia.zoom.us/j/84635162538?pwd=fhGdlAcNpPG8esryGSpOzaEYj6YTyH.1&from=addon>

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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. Barraza, Johanna v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV07377

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Non-Litigated Claim of United Financial Casualty ASO Imelda Ledesma
CRM No. 22-4403971*003

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- c. Olivas, Andre v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-09509

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force arising out of Plaintiff's detention and arrest.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- d. Rodriguez, Emma v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV21846

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. Bradley, James Jr. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-05623

This lawsuit concerns allegations of detention and excessive force during a stolen vehicle investigation by Sheriff's Deputies.

- b. 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.

- c. Curiel, Antonio v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV39326

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

- d. Gaines, Raymond v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-02801

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, excessive force when he was unreasonably and unlawfully pulled over.

- e. Numaan, Ajmal v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV21331

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

- 5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
- 6. Approval of Minutes for the December 13, 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	Johanna Villaney Barraza, et al. vs County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	22STCV07377
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	05/10/2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 50,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Narbeh Shirvanian, Esq. The Shirvanian Law Firm
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Michael J. Gordon Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On March 11, 2020, a vehicle driven by Plaintiff Johanna Villaney Barraza and a Sheriff's Department patrol car collided in the intersection of 6th Street East and Palmdale Boulevard in the City of Palmdale. Plaintiffs Ms. Barraza and Josh Andrew Barraza allege the collision caused injuries for which they seek compensation.</p> <p>Given the risked and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$50,000 is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 18,413
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 3,992

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Claim of United Financial Casualty ASO Ismelda Ledesma
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff-South Patrol Division-Pico Rivera-Station
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 30,307.24
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Edwin A. Lewis Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	Claimant alleges that the Sheriff's Department car ran a red light and hit her car which had the right of way.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Olivas, Andre v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:21-CV-09509
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	December 8, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 750,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	V. James DeSimone
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Minas Samuelian Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$750,000 inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal and State civil rights lawsuit filed by Andrew Olivas ("Plaintiff"), alleging excessive force arising out of Plaintiff's detention and arrest.</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 \$750,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 106,414
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 5,128

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Emma Rodriguez vs. County of Los Angeles, et. al.
CASE NUMBER	21STCV21846
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	September 7, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 185,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Marc J. Katzman, Esq. Marc Katzman Law
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kelly Ward, Esq. Kjar, McKenna & Stockalper Melissa McCaverty Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This incident occurred on December 16, 2019, when LASD Deputy Solis's County 2016 Ford Explorer rear ended Ms. Rodriguez' 2008 Ford Escape on the Interstate 105 freeway. Plaintiff alleges she sustained injuries and damages.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$185,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 18,543.50
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 2,084.05

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CLAIMS BOARD**

MINUTES OF MEETING

December 13, 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; Bryan Cook, At-Large; James Bozajian, North Division; Jennifer Perez, At Large; **Alternate:** Thaddeus McCormick, South Division; Michael Davitt, Central Division; Daniel Jordan, East Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Melissa McCaverty, Deputy County Counsel; Millicent L. Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Joseph Langton, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Destiny Castro, 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; Donald Moore, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Thomas Kim, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Erick Martinez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance; Angela Powell, Ivie, McNeill & Wyatt; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** **California JPIA:** Alex Smith, Chief Executive Office; 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. 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.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$65,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Chris Constantin, and Alternate Thaddeus McCormack.

- 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.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$300,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 8-2 – James Bozajian, Bryan Cook, Margaret Finlay, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, and Alternate Thaddeus McCormack.

Nays: Chris Constantin, Patrick Kearney.

- 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.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$800,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Chris Constantin, and Alternate Thaddeus McCormack.

- 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.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$25,000.00 (Cedric Paul Urbiztondo - \$15,000.00 and Angelica Rowena Urbiztondo - \$10,000)

Vote: Ayes: 10-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Chris Constantin, and Alternate Thaddeus McCormack.

- 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.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$80,000.00 (Celia Marquez - \$40,000.00 and Jose Luis Gonzales Terreros - \$40,000)

Vote: Ayes: 10-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Chris Constantin, and Alternate Thaddeus McCormack.

- 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.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$70,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 9-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek and Chris Constantin.

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.

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- 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.

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- 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.

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- d. 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.

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 1:10 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 November 8, 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: 10-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez, Mark Waronek, Chris Constantin, and Alternate Thaddeus McCormack.

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

None

8. Other Business

None

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

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