



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

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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, **April 10, 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 Rd., Duarte, CA 91009 | (626) 818-9821

**Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego, CA 92128
(855) 574-5356**

**The Westin Desert Willow Villas, 75 Willow Ridge, Palm Desert, CA 92260
(760) 636-7000**

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

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 the 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 April 9, 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=fhGdlAcNpPG8esryGSpOzaEYj6YTtYH.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. Ajmal, Numaan 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.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Camargo, Inez Mendez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV16461

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- c. Non-Litigated Claims of Mercury Insurance Company ASO
Ismael Gomez
CRM # 23-4418213*002

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

4. Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9).

- a. Coyazo, Eric v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV10736

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

- b. 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.

- c. Martinez, Anastasia v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23AHCv00724

This lawsuit concerns allegations her civil rights were violated when she was sexually assaulted by Los Angeles Sheriff's Department ("LASD") Deputy Daniel Banuelos.

5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

6. Approval of Minutes for the March 6, 2024, 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	Ajmal, Numaan vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	22STCV21331
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	June 30, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 50,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Michael Domingo, Esq. Law Offices of Jacob Emrani, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	MELISSA A. McCAVERTY Deputy County Counsel GEORGE L. MALLORY, JR., ESQ. George L. Mallory, Jr. & Associates
NATURE OF CASE	This automobile collision occurred on October 29, 2019, when a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputy ran a red light and collided into Plaintiff's vehicle. Plaintiff claims to have suffered injuries and damages from the collision. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 12,292
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 10,110

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Mendez Camargo, Inez vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	22STCV16461
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	May 18, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 25,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Erin Dunkerly, Esq. Collins + Collins, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kevin J. Engelen Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On May 24, 2021, a vehicle driven by Plaintiff Inez Mendez Camargo and a Sheriff's Department patrol unit collided in the southbound lanes of Willow Avenue in the City of La Puente. Plaintiff alleges the collision caused injuries for which he seeks compensation.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$25,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 22,123
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 3,071

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Claim of Mercury Insurance Company ASO Ismael Gomez
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	N/A
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 22,215
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Mark W. Lomax, Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This claim involves property damage sustained when a Sheriff's vehicle collided with the claimant's insured's vehicle. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the matter is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ -0-
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ -0-

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CLAIMS BOARD**

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 6, 2024

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 11:30 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: Margaret Finlay, Chair; Patrick Kearney, Central Division; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; Ken Striplin, North Division; Bryan Cook, At-Large; James Bozajian, North Division; John Moreno, South Division; Jennifer Perez, At Large; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director; **Alternate:** Kelly Honig, At-Large; Michael Davitt, Central Division; Daniel Jordan, East Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Lana Choi, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Melissa McCaverty, Deputy County Counsel; Edwin Lewis, Principal Deputy County Counsel; LaTasha Curry, Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engelen; Senior Deputy County Counsel; Destiny Castro, ACEO County of Los Angeles; John Haynes, 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; Myron Johnson, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Julia Valdes, 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; Danielle Foster, Carpenter & Rothans; Thomas C. Hurrell, Hurrell & Cantrall, LLP.; Mike Demattei, Acturial Study; **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 11:31 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. Marquez, Sandy v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23NWCV00385

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 \$24,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez, John Moreno, Marcel Rodarte, and Alternate Daniel Jordan.

- b. Non-litigated Claims of Bristol West ASO Sylvia Rubio
CRM #22-4411590*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 \$22,023.65.

Vote: Ayes: 10-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez, John Moreno, Marcel Rodarte, and Alternate Daniel Jordan.

- c. Otero-Carrero, Sandra v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV12854

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 \$150,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: 10-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez, John Moreno, Marcel Rodarte, and Alternate Daniel Jordan.

- d. Rodriguez, Antonio v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-06574

This lawsuit concerns allegations of Plaintiff's detention civil rights violations, excessive force and accidental shooting by 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, John Moreno, Marcel Rodarte, and Alternate Daniel Jordan.

- e. 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.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$185,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: **10-0** – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez, John Moreno, Marcel Rodarte, and Alternate Daniel Jordan.

- f. Vargas, Randy v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court No. 22STCV13854

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 \$45,000.00.

Vote: Ayes: **10-0** – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez, John Moreno, Marcel Rodarte, and Alternate Daniel Jordan.

- g. Travelers Indemnity Company of Connecticut ASO Home Organizers, Inc.
CRM #22-4400270*001

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 \$67,750.77.

Vote: Ayes: 10-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Perez, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Vasquez, John Moreno, Marcel Rodarte, and Alternate Daniel Jordan.

**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, excessive force shooting by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Perkins, Soloman v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV44865

This lawsuit concerns allegations against the School District and Principal Nolte, including negligence, negligent hiring, supervision, training and/or retention, intentional infliction of emotional distress, disability discrimination, violation of equal protection, and false imprisonment.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- c. Rubio, Sylvia v. County of Los Angeles, et al
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23AHCV00724

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- d. Zapotitla, Raphael Pariente v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV07401

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 12:45 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 January 17, 2024, 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, John Moreno, Marcel Rodarte, and Alternate Daniel Jordan.

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 12:46 p.m.

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