



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, **June 12, 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

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

City of Cudahy, 5220 Santa Ana Street, Cudahy, CA 90201 | (323) 773-5143

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

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City of Pico Rivera, 6615 Passons Blvd., Pico Rivera, CA 90660 (562) 942-2000

City of Westlake Village, 31200 Oak Crest Dr, Westlake Village, CA 91361 | (818) 706-1613

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

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(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 June 11, 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. Ismael Gomez vs. Peter Justin Gomez, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23PSCV03562

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Romelia Chaidez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV37845

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- c. S. D., a minor, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:19-CV-10712

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal and state civil rights violations, including excessive force arising out of Plaintiffs' detention by deputies.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- d. Yogi Grantz vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number 22STCV29768

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. Nava, Rosa, et al. v. County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number 22STCV18914

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

- b. Zapotitla, Raphael Pariente v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
L.A. County Central Court Case Number 22STCV07401

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 May 15, 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	Ismael Gomez vs. Peter Justin Gomez, et al.
CASE NUMBER	23PSCV03562
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	November 15, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ \$49,999
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Kari Kadomatsu, Esq. Seki, Nishimura & Watase, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kevin J. Engelen Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On April 10, 2023, a vehicle driven by Plaintiff Ismael Gomez and a Sheriff's Department patrol unit collided in the southbound lanes of Azuza 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 \$49,999 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 2,825
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 0

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Romelia Chaidez, et al. vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	21STCV37845
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	March 23, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 17,200,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Brian Panish, Esq. Panish, Shea, Ravipudi, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Kevin J. Engelen Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This case occurred from a traffic collision involving Plaintiffs Romelia Chaidez, Sunny Chaidez, Rey Chaidez, and Celestial Chaidez and Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Deputy Nicholas Baudino. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 182,590
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 158,147

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	S., D., A Minor By Collins, Tammi, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	2:19-CV-10712
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	October 26, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 175,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Robert S. Brown, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Minas Samuelian Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$175,000 inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal and state civil rights lawsuit filed by D.S, a minor by and through his guardian ad litem, Tammi Collins, M.G., a minor by and through his guardian ad litem, Derrick Gray, and Titus Gist ("Plaintiffs"), alleging excessive force arising out of Plaintiffs' detention.</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 \$175,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 58,443
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 7,904

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Yogi Grantz vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	22STCV29768
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	September 13, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 115,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	NAEMA RHAMANI, ESQ. West Coast Trial Lawyers, APLC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	MELISSA A. MCCAVERTY Deputy County Counsel KARI C. KADOMATSU, ESQ. Seki, Nishimura, & Watase, LLP
NATURE OF CASE	This case involves a vehicle collision between a Sheriff's Department Explorer and a BMW, driven by the Plaintiff, that occurred on November 2, 2021 at the intersection of Bouquet Canyon Road and a Lowe's parking lot entrance in the City of Santa Clarita. 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	\$ 15,563
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 7,854

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MINUTES OF MEETING

May 15, 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 11:19 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; Ken Striplin, North Division; Chris Constantin, East Division; Bryan Cook, At-Large; James Bozajian, North Division; John Moreno, South Division; Mark Waronek, Central Division; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; **Alternate:** Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Daniel Jordan, East Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Millicent L. Rolon, Principal Deputy County Counsel; Melissa McCaverty, Deputy County Counsel; Kevin Engeliem; Senior Deputy County Counsel; Minas Samuelian, Deputy County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Lana Choi, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Destiny Castro, ACEO County of Los Angeles; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; John Haynes, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Brian Jones, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Thomas Kim, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Erick Martinez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jose Aguirre, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance; Thomas C. Hurrell, Hurrell & Cantrall, LLP.; Alfonso Noyola, City of Cudahy; Kari Kadomatsu, Seki, Nishimura, & Watase, LLP; Jill Williams, Carpenter, Rothans, Dumont, LLP; Raymond Fuentes, Fuentes & McNally, LLP; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA:** Alex Smith, Chief Executive Office; Paul Zeglovitch, Claims and Insurance Director; Jim Thyden, Insurance Programs Manager; 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 11:22 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)

There are no settlement proposals for this meeting.

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

- a. Anglin, Shana v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV17381

This lawsuit concerns allegations of Civil Rights violations when they were wrongfully evicted from their rental unit by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- 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.

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- c. Gutierrez, Jose v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-08223

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, including excessive force, substantive due process violation, and *Monell* liability pursuant to 42 U.S.C. section 1983.

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- d. Herrera, Samuel v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-06589

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

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- e. McCoy, Kristopher v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-09705

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, assault and battery, sexual assault, and excessive force when he was unreasonably and unlawfully stopped by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- f. Ramorino, Denise v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-00090

This lawsuit concerns allegations that she was wrongfully arrested and subjected to excessive force (various alleged instances of handcuffs being placed too tightly) which aggravated her pre-existing condition necessitating carpal tunnel surgeries for her wrists/hands.

Action Taken:
No reportable action taken.

- g. 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.

- h. Zamora-Ontiveros v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV38123

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 1:08 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 April 10, 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: 9-0 – James Bozajian, Margaret Finlay, Patrick Kearney, Ken Striplin, Jennifer Vasquez, Bryan Cook, John Moreno, Mark Waronek, Chris Constantin.

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 1:10 p.m.

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