



# 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, **October 2, 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**

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

La Cañada Flintridge City Hall (Rose Conference Room), One Civic Center Drive, La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011 | (818) 790-8880

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

Pico Rivera City Hall, 6615 Passons Blvd, Pico Rivera, CA 90660 | (562) 942-2000

Santa Clarita City Hall, 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](mailto: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 October 1, 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. Assiff, Joshua v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-05367

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

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Flores, Joshua A., et al. v. Molina, Deputy Adonay, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV19167

This lawsuit concerns allegations of wrongful death shooting by Sheriff's Deputies and Bane Act violations.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- c. Gamboa, Abraham, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-2654

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false arrest, wrongful death, unlawful detention, and denial of medical care and due process involving Sheriff's Deputies.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- d. Hayes, Tiffany, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-03671

This lawsuit concerns allegations of wrongful death, excessive force and due process involving Sheriff's Deputies.

[See Supporting Document](#)

- 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 Bane Civil Rights Act violations, excessive force, unreasonable search and seizure, and failure to summon immediate medical care involving Sheriff's Deputies.

[See Supporting Document](#)

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

- a. Barello, Brea v. County of Los Angeles et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-01909

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

- b. Dalton, Brandon, et al. v. Reta, Ricardo, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 22STCV18686

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

- c. Garcia, Salvador, et al. v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 20STCV00967

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations and wrongful death shooting involving Sheriff's Deputies.

- d. Gonzalez, Alejandra v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case no. 21STCV01995

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

- e. Martinez, Adrian v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case no. 23SMCV04047

This lawsuit concerns allegations of negligence and excessive force involving Sheriff's Deputies.

- 5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
- 6. Approval of Minutes for the September 11, 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	Assiff, Joshua v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:22-CV-05367
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	August 3, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 400,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Thomas M. Ferlauto
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Minas Samuelian Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$400,000 inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Joshua Assiff ("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 \$400,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 5,332
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 89,610

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Joshua Flores, et al. v. Deputy Adonay Molina, et al.
CASE NUMBER	23STCV19167
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	August 11, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 100,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Gregory L. Kirakosian Raffi S. Batanian Kirakosian Law, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$100,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, the civil rights lawsuit filed by Joshua A. Flores and Jeremiah A. Flores ("Plaintiffs"), the adult children of decedent Ramiro Lozano ("Mr. Lozano") after he was fatally shot by a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department ("LASD") deputy.</p> <p>Given the 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 \$100,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 107,759
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 10,381

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Abraham Gamboa v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:23-CV-02654
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	April 7, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 500,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Dale K. Galipo, Esq. Law Offices of Dale K. Galipo
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$500,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by the five adult children of decedent Alvaro Gamboa. Mr. Gamboa was being detained by Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Deputies when Joana Lomeli drove a Chevy Suburban into Mr. Gamboa and a Deputy, killing Mr. Gamboa almost immediately and injuring the Deputy.</p> <p>Given the 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 \$500,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 62,159
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 3,487

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Tiffany Hayes, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:22-CV-03671
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	March 21, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 975,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Dale Galipo Law Offices of Dale K. Galipo
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard Hsueh Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Plaintiff Tiffany Hayes and her two minor children against the County of Los Angeles, former Sheriff Alex Villanueva, and three Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department deputies arising from the detention and death of Richard Hayes when the deputies responded to a call for service at his residence in March 2021.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 130,144
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 115,863



## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	McCoy, Kristopher v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:21-CV-09705
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	December 15, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 87,500
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Kaveh Navab, Esq. Navab Law, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$87,500, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Kristopher McCoy ("Plaintiff") against the County and Los Angeles Sheriff's Department deputies.</p> <p>Given the 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 \$87,500 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 161,576
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 44,666

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

September 11, 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 Margaret Finlay at 11:14 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; Bryan Cook, At-Large; James Bozajian, North Division; John Moreno, South Division; Mark Waronek, Central Division; Jennifer Perez, At-Large; Jennifer Vasquez, Central Division; **Alternate:** Gustavo Camacho, South Division; Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Alfonso Noyola, Central Division; Michael Davitt, East Division; Daniel Jordan, East Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Elizabeth D. Miller, Assistant County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Melissa McCaverty, Deputy County Counsel; Caroline Shahinian, Deputy County Counsel; Irene Lee, Deputy County Counsel; Erin Chang, Deputy County Counsel; Nena Vuong, Deputy County Counsel; Destiny Castro, ACEO County of Los Angeles; Robert Chavez, ACEO County of Los Angeles; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Francisco Quintero, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Erick Martinez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Donald Moore, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance; Raymond Sakai, Outside Counsel; Joseph Esposito, Outside Counsel; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA:** Alex Smith, Chief Executive Officer; 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 11:17 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. Antonio Curiel 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:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$99,000.00.

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

- b. Jose Luis Martinez v. Laina Mai Do, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV38476

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 \$47,500.00.

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

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

- a. Garcia, Salvador, et al. v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 20STCV00967

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations and wrongful death shooting involving Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Landgrave, Samuel, et al. v. Magallanes, Richard, JR., et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 23STCV03959

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

Action Taken:  
No reportable action taken.

- c. Washington, Dominique v. Lopez, Deputy D., et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-08319

This lawsuit concerns allegations of federal civil rights violations (First and Fourteenth Amendments) involving 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 12:18 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 August 14, 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 – Margaret Finlay, Ken Striplin, James Bozajian, Patrick Kearney, John Moreno, Mark Waronek, Bryan Cook, Jennifer Perez, Jennifer Vasquez, and Alternate Daniel Jordan.

**7. Approval of the Biennial Review of the Liability Trust Fund Claims Board Conflict of Interest Code.**

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the Conflict of Interest Code Biennial Review.

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

**8. 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

**9. Other Business**

None

**10. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
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*Stephanie Rodriguez*  
STEPHANIE RODRIGUEZ