

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD
HELD IN PERSON AND ONLINE VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
ON MONDAY, May 4, 2026, AT 9:30 A.M.

Present: Chair Destiny Castro, Liliana Campos, and Oscar Valdez

- 1. Call to Order.**
- 2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Claims Board on items of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board.**

No member of the public appeared in person or on the public teleconference phone line to address the Claims Board.

- 3. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (a)).**

- a. Garcia, Teresa, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:24-cv-02492**

This federal lawsuit stems from the alleged federal and state civil rights violations following the death of Decedent at Men's Central Jail.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(a) in the amount of \$99,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

[See Supporting Document](#)

- b. Jane Doe v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:25-cv-00104**

This lawsuit concerns allegations of sexual assault by a Sheriff's Department employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(b) in the amount of \$38,395.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

[See Supporting Document](#)

**c. David Beas, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:24-cv-00744**

This lawsuit arises from a detention where Plaintiffs allege the Sheriff's Department violated Department policy and their constitutional rights.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(c) in the amount of \$200,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

[See Supporting Documents](#)

**d. Daniel Cortinas v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV29805**

This lawsuit arises from injuries Plaintiff allegedly sustained in a traffic collision involving a Sheriff's Department employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(d) in the amount of \$554,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

[See Supporting Documents](#)

**e. Carlos Lopez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV22284**

This lawsuit arises from injuries Plaintiff allegedly sustained in a traffic collision involving a Los Angeles County Fire Department employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4(e) in the amount of \$170,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

[See Supporting Documents](#)

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**f. Ismael Carbajal v. L.A. County Fire Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV02846**

This lawsuit arises from injuries Plaintiff allegedly sustained when two tires detached from a Fire Department truck and struck Plaintiff's vehicle.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(f) in the amount of \$2,000,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

[See Supporting Documents](#)

**g. James Singleton, Jr. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25SMCV03121**

This lawsuit arises from injuries Plaintiff allegedly sustained in a traffic collision involving a Department of Regional Planning employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 3(g) in the amount of \$120,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

[See Supporting Documents](#)

**h. Lina Pimentel v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV01287**

This lawsuit alleges that an employee of the Sheriff's Department was subjected to discrimination and harassment.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 3(h) in the amount of \$100,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Oscar Valdez, Liliana Campos, and Destiny Castro

4. Approval of the Minutes of the April 20, 2026, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the Minutes of the April 20, 2026, meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Destiny Castro and Liliana Campos
Abstention: Oscar Valdez

[See Supporting Document](#)

5. **Items not on the posted agenda, to be referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a further meeting of the Board, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting of the agenda.**

No such matters were discussed.

6. **Adjournment.**

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Garcia, Teresa, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:24-CV-02492
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	March 26, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department & Department Correctional Health Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 99,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	DAN STORMER Hadsell Stormer Renick & Dai LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	MINAS SAMUELIAN Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$99,000 inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a lawsuit filed by Teresa Garcia, Rodolfo Garcia and Lexy Garcia (Plaintiffs), the mother and children of Abel Garcia (Decedent), alleging federal and State civil rights violations. 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 \$99,000 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 83,166
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 30,125

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jane Doe v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:25-CV-00104
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	January 13, 2025
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ \$38,395
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	STEPHEN D. WEGMAN Wegman Law Offices
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	JOSEPH A. LANGTON Principal Deputy County Counsel Justice and Safety Division
	NICOLE ORTEGA Hurrell-LLC
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$38,395, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Jane Doe, aka Dede Diaz (Plaintiff) alleging that she was sexually assaulted by former Sheriff's Custody Assistant (CA) Robert Ponton while Plaintiff was incarcerated at the Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF). Given the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 54,836
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 2,720

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	David Beas, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:24-CV-00744-DSF-PVCx
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	January 29, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department & District Attorney's Office
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 200,000.00
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	GREGORY L. KIRAKOSIAN Kirikosuan Law, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	JOSEPH A. LANGTON Principal Deputy County Counsel Justice and Safety Division MARINA SAMSON Jones Mayer Law
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$200,000.00, this federal civil rights lawsuit brought by David Beas and his two-year-old daughter M.B., a minor by and through her Guardian ad Litem, Luciana Aguilar (Collectively Plaintiffs) against the County , Deputies Samuel Aldama and Wendy Escalante. The lawsuit arises from a detention where Plaintiffs allege the Deputies violated both LASD policy and their constitutional rights. Given the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 101,994
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 16,652



Summary Corrective Action Plan

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Date of incident/event:	July 27, 2023
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Summary Corrective Action Plan 2025-252 Details in this document summarize the incident. The information provided is a culmination of various sources to provide an abstract of the incident. Based on multiple investigative reports, two uniformed deputy sheriffs in a marked patrol vehicle observed a vehicle fail to stop at a red light and fail to signal, in violation of California Vehicle Code (CVC) Sections 21453(a) and 22108, respectively. The deputies conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle and contacted the driver (Plaintiff). The deputies smelled the odor of marijuana and observed an open glass container commonly used to transport marijuana inside the vehicle, a violation of CVC Section 23222(b). The Plaintiff did not have his driver's license in his possession; he was detained for driving without a valid driver's license, a violation of CVC Section 12951(a), and for a narcotics investigation. The Plaintiff's two-year old child was secured in the back seat of the vehicle in a car seat; the deputies allowed the Plaintiff to stand outside his vehicle to watch his child. Deputy One observed what appeared to be the grip of a handgun in the center console of the vehicle. Deputy One then walked the Plaintiff to the patrol vehicle and secured him in the back seat. Deputy Two realized her BWC had not been activated and she turned it on. Deputy Two walked around the Plaintiff's vehicle, which captured on BWC that all four windows of the vehicle were rolled down. The Plaintiff's child remained in the back seat of the Plaintiff's vehicle with the windows rolled down. Deputy One continually monitored the child's wellbeing.

	Deputy One confirmed the handgun was an air soft pistol and not an actual firearm. Deputy One returned to the patrol vehicle and retrieved his BWC that had been charging in the vehicle; Deputy one activated his body worn camera. After completing the search of the Plaintiff's vehicle, Deputy one utilized the Mobile Digital Computer (MDC) to verify the Plaintiff's identify. Deputy Two called the station secretary to obtain more information regarding the MDC returns, which took several minutes. Deputy One confirmed the Plaintiff did not have any outstanding warrants. The Plaintiff was removed from the backseat of the patrol vehicle and was free to leave. The Plaintiff was not issued a citation.
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1. Briefly describe the **root cause(s)** of the claim/lawsuit:

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the failure of the deputies to activate their Body Worn Cameras (BWC) at the onset of the traffic stop. Activating their BWC could have confirmed the deputies' observations and the Plaintiff's failure to provide his driver's license.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the deputies' failure to issue a citation. This would have supported the vehicle code violations observed which initiated the traffic stop, and the possession of marijuana in an open container inside the Plaintiff's vehicle.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the deputies' delay in clearing the call related to the traffic stop until after their shift concluded. The failure to immediately clear the call created the appearance that the action was intentional and not consistent with the timeline of the stop.

A **non-Department** root cause in this incident was the Plaintiff's failure to have his driver's license in his possession as required by law. The identification process and traffic stop were delayed by the Plaintiff's failure to provide a photo identification.

A **non-Department** root cause in this incident was the Plaintiff's possession of an air soft pistol, that appeared to be a handgun inside his vehicle. This heightened the Deputies' safety concerns, influencing their decision to detain the Plaintiff in the back seat of their patrol vehicle, prolonging the detention and further removing the Plaintiff away from his young child inside his vehicle.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

Administrative Review

This incident was investigated by Industry Station to determine if any misconduct occurred. Appropriate administrative action was taken. Both deputies attended training related to this incident.

Station Briefings

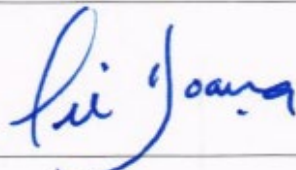
During the month of August of 2024, Industry Station conduct training briefings relating to the Department's Body Worn Camera policies.

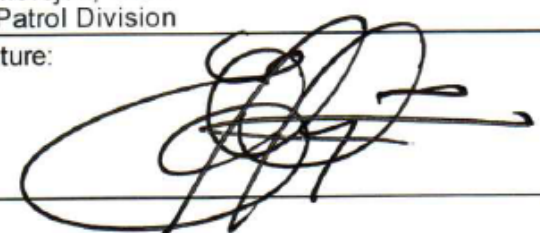
Industry Station conducted briefings related to logging field activities; deputies were reminded to clear each call for service in a timely manner.

3. Are the corrective actions addressing Department-wide system issues?

- ☐ Yes – The corrective actions address Department-wide system issues.
☒ No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)	
Tri T. Hoang, Captain Risk Management Bureau	
Signature: 	Date: 4.1.26

Name: (Department Head)	
Elier Morejon, Chief East Patrol Division	
Signature: 	Date: 4.8.26

Chief Executive Office Risk Management Inspector General USE ONLY

Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?

- ☐ Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.
- ☒ No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this Department.

Name: Betty Karmirlian (Risk Management Inspector General)

Signature:

Betty Karmirlian

Date:

4/9/26

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Daniel Cortinas vs. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
CASE NUMBER	23STCV29805
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	December 6, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 554,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	PAUL S. ZUCKERMAN, ESQ. Carpenter & Zuckerman
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	KEVIN ENGELIEN, ESQ. Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is an auto-liability lawsuit which arises from a traffic collision that occurred on December 13, 2022. Plaintiff claims he suffered injuries and damages as a result of 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	\$ 93,835
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 52,325



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Date of incident/event:	December 13, 2022
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Summary Corrective Action Plan 2025-284 Details in this document summarize the incident. The information provided is a culmination of various sources to provide an abstract of the incident. Based on multiple investigative reports, on December 13, 2022, at approximately 5:05 p.m., the Plaintiff was driving southbound on a roadway toward an uncontrolled intersection for northbound and southbound traffic; the perpendicular cross street he was approaching is controlled by a stop sign. As the Plaintiff's vehicle reached the intersection, Deputy One, after having stopped at the stop sign, proceeded into the intersection without yielding the right of way to the Plaintiff. Deputy One's patrol vehicle collided with the driver's side of Plaintiff's vehicle. The California Highway Patrol responded to the scene and investigated the collision. It was determined Deputy One caused the collision by failing to yield at the stop sign in violation of California Vehicle Code § 21802 (a).

1. Briefly describe the **root cause(s)** of the claim/lawsuit:

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputy One entered into the intersection and failed to yield the right of way, after stopping at a posted stop sign.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

Traffic Investigation

The collision investigation concluded Deputy One caused the collision when she failed to yield the right of way to the Plaintiff's vehicle, in violation of California Vehicle Code Section 21802(a). Appropriate administrative action was taken.

Traffic Collision Assessment

As a result of this collision, the station conducted an assessment of traffic collisions for the past five years. The review revealed there has been a decrease in preventable collisions since 2021.

To improve employee safety and reduce the Department's liability exposure, the station continually schedules personnel to attend driver training courses.

Sheriff's Department Announcement - Department Wide Driver's Safety Broadcast

Safety messages are broadcast to remind personnel of their responsibilities when entering intersections and their duties to drive in a safe manner and clear intersections lane by lane.

Sheriff Department Announcement - Department Wide Re-brief

Department wide briefings of policies related to safe driving practices were issued to remind Department personnel that the safety of Department members and the public is paramount when engaged in routine driving and Code 3 responses.

3. Are the corrective actions addressing Department-wide system issues?

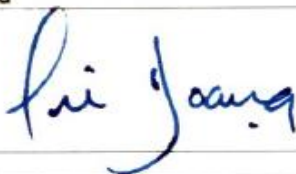
- ☐ Yes – The corrective actions address Department-wide system issues.
☒ No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)

Tri T. Hoang, Captain
Risk Management Bureau

Signature:



Date:

4.8.26

Name: (Department Head)

Yolanda R. Figueroa, Chief
Central Patrol Division

Signature:



Date:

4/15/2024

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Name: Betty Karmirlian (Risk Management Inspector General)

Signature:

Betty Karmirlian

Date:

4/15/26

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Carlos Lopez vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	23STCV22284
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	September 15, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Fire Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 170,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	LENORE KELLY, ESQ. Kern, Segal & Murray
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	KEVIN J. ENGELIEN Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This case arises from a traffic collision that occurred involving Plaintiff and Fire Department employee Aaron Walsh. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 5,900
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 2,363



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Date of incident/event:	October 27, 2022
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	On October 27, 2022, a Facilities Project Manager I (FPM) was operating the Fire Department's 2010 Ford Ranger. FPM was driving behind a 2019 Hyundai Tucson, which was being operated by Plaintiff. Plaintiff stopped his vehicle due to traffic ahead of him. FPM attempted to bring the Department's vehicle to a stop but was unable to do so in time. FPM subsequently rear-ended Plaintiff's vehicle. The force of this collision pushed Plaintiff's vehicle into the vehicle in front of him. All parties exchanged information and reported the collision to law enforcement; however, law enforcement did not respond to the scene of the incident as there were no reports of injuries or property damage. Both Plaintiff and FPM Walsh were able to drive their vehicles from the scene. Prior to the incident, Plaintiff allegedly suffered from minor chronic neck and upper back pain. He alleges that, after the incident, his back pain was exacerbated.

1. Briefly describe the root cause(s) of the claim/lawsuit:

FPM's failure to travel at a safe speed and distance behind the Plaintiff's vehicle caused a preventable accident.

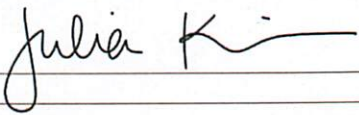
2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

The Department's Safety Officer reviewed the incident and deemed the incident to be preventable. The FPM has been driving for the County for over 12 years and has been involved in two collisions (the first was non-preventable and the FPM was rear-ended by another driver; the second was the subject incident). The FPM was assigned and completed Defensive Driver Enrichment (4 hours and 25 minutes) on August 1, 2023.

3. Are the corrective actions addressing department-wide system issues?

- ☐ Yes – The corrective actions address department-wide system issues.
- ☒ No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

County of Los Angeles
Summary Corrective Action Plan

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator) Julia Kim	
Signature: 	Date: April 7, 2026

Name: (Department Head) ANTHONY C. MARRONE	
Signature: 	Date: 4-8-26

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Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?

- ☒ Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.
☐ No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department.

Name: (Risk Management Inspector General) Betty Karmirlian	
Signature: 	Date: 4/9/26

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Ismael Carbajal v. L.A. County Fire Department, et al.
CASE NUMBER	22STCV02846
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	January 24, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Fire Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 2,000,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	GARY DORDICK, ESQ. Dordick Law Corporation
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	MELISSA A. MCCAERTY Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This incident occurred on September 29, 2021, when a Los Angeles County Fire Department vehicle had two of its tires become detached and roll into traffic striking the vehicle Plaintiff was driving. Plaintiff alleges he sustained injuries and damages. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$2,000,000 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 92,878
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 102,244



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Date of incident/event:	September 29, 2021
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	On September 29, 2021, a Fire Fighting Construction Equipment Operator (FFCEO), was driving eastbound on State Route Highway 126 at Chiquito Canyon Road in the City of Castaic in a 2017 Dodge Ram 4500 ("Dozer Tender") when he felt a vibration. The Dozer Tender dropped towards the left corner and began to veer out of control. The FFCEO slowed down, gained control, and slowly drove towards the right shoulder of the road. As the Dozer Tender was coming to a stop, two tires dislodged from the Dozer Tender and rolled eastbound on the highway. As vehicles swerved to avoid the rolling tires, one of the tires hit another oncoming vehicle. At the same time, Plaintiff was driving westbound on State Route Highway 126, in the far-right lane and observed two tires bouncing towards his vehicle. Plaintiff was driving a 2005 Ford Explorer and was traveling approximately 55 to 60 MPH (the speed limit at this location is 60 MPH). Plaintiff applied his brakes, but one of the tires struck the front of his truck. The truck pulled to the left, crossed all lanes, rolled over, and came to rest on its side near the guardrail. Plaintiff was wearing his seatbelt at the time of the accident and was able to self-extricate from his vehicle. There was no airbag deployment and Plaintiff was ambulatory at the scene. He was transported BLS to the hospital by ambulance where he complained of pain to his head, neck, and back. He was prescribed medication and released later that day. CHP also responded to this incident. The CHP investigation determined the Dozer's left rear tire wheel nuts stripped from the bolts causing the tires to detach.

1. Briefly describe the root cause(s) of the claim/lawsuit:

The Dozer Tender's left rear tire wheel lug nuts stripped from the studs.

The FFCEO failed to recognize signs of loose lug nuts or wheel during an apparatus check on the morning of the incident.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

1. The Department now requires that lug nuts must be torqued to manufacturing specs by qualified personnel. Thus, when tires are changed in the field by vehicle operators, a final torque must be completed by Fleet Mechanics with calibrated wrenches.

The maintenance of the wheels and tires as well as ensuring the lug nuts were properly secured to the wheel studs is the responsibility of the Department. This was completed in August 2025.

2. The Department initiated an internal investigation into the incident on November 14, 2022. The Department reviewed the incident and determined that the FFCEO appropriately conducted the requisite visual inspections of the wheels and tires (including the rims and lug nuts) for the entire month of September 2021. Given this and his personnel history, he was issued a Notice of Instruction on November 29, 2022.

3. The Department issued an Executive Action to establish a standardized procedure to ensure that vehicle tires are properly secured after service, reinforcing expectations for follow-up torque checks, documentation of the mechanical verifications, and oversight practices.

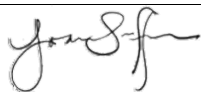
The Executive Action directly addresses the mechanical factors that contributed to the wheel separation and supports operator awareness by reinforcing the importance of monitoring vehicle condition and reporting tire changes promptly so that follow-up checks can occur.

3. Are the corrective actions addressing department-wide system issues?

- ☒ Yes – The corrective actions address department-wide system issues.
☐ No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)
Joanne Schaeffer

Signature:



Date: 4/23/26

Name: (Department Head) /
Julia Kim on behalf of Fire Chief Anthony C. Marrone

Signature:



Date:
4/23/2026

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Name: (Risk Management Inspector General)
Betty Karmirlian

Signature:
Betty Karmirlian

Date:
4/23/26

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	James Singleton, Jr. vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	25SMCV03121
COURT	Santa Monica Courthouse
DATE FILED	June 18, 2025
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Regional Planning
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 120,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Azin Barzin Makkabi Law Group, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Nena Vuong Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	On July 27, 2023, a collision between a County vehicle driven by Brian Paul McGinnis and Plaintiff's automobile occurred on the No. 4 Lane of the southbound 405 freeway, south of Jefferson Blvd in Culver City. Plaintiff alleges the collision caused injuries for which he seeks compensation. Given the risk and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$120,000 is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 9,523
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 99



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Date of incident/event:	July 27, 2023
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	On Thursday, July 27, 2023, at approximately 4:15 p.m., the employee was operating a County-owned 2019 Ford Explorer while returning to the office from a field visit. While traveling southbound on the I-405 South Freeway in Culver City, the employee was driving in stop-and-go traffic conditions. Traffic speeds were intermittently fluctuating between a complete stop and approximately 30 miles per hour. As he approached an on-ramp area with merging vehicles, the employee initiated a lane-change maneuver. After checking his mirrors, he turned to check his blind spot. During this moment, the vehicle directly ahead came to a sudden stop. The employee was unable to stop in time and rear-ended the vehicle in front of him, a 2003 Mercedes C240, which was subsequently pushed into a 2007 Toyota Camry. The County vehicle's seatbelt restraint system engaged and the airbag deployed. Following the collision, the employee exited the vehicle when it was safe to do so and checked on the occupants of the other vehicles. All parties involved reported no injuries at the scene, including the employee. The County vehicle sustained damage and exhibited a fluid leak consistent with coolant. The Plaintiff's vehicle sustained damage to the rear bumper and rear windshield, while no visible damage was reported to the Toyota Camry. The employee was able to move the County vehicle out of the travel lane to allow traffic to proceed. The employee exchanged information with the other drivers and documented the scene with photographs. California Highway Patrol responded to the scene, collected driver information, and obtained statements from all parties involved. After being cleared by the officer, the employee resumed travel toward the Southwest Field Office. Approximately two miles from the collision site, the employee observed that the County vehicle's engine temperature had risen above normal levels. He safely pulled over and arranged for a tow of the County vehicle to LA County Centerra Repair Facility located at 1104 N. Eastern Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90063.

1. Briefly describe the root cause(s) of the claim/lawsuit:

Case Name: JAMES SINGLETON, JR. V. COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Root Cause A: Collision was caused by the employee traveling at an unsafe speed based on traffic conditions.

Root Cause B: Collision was caused by the employee's momentary inattention while checking his blind spot, which prevented him from timely braking when the vehicle in front of him stopped suddenly.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:

(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

Conduct internal review of incident to determine appropriate corrective action steps. This was completed on October 10, 2023. The accident was determined to be preventable resulting in the employee being disciplined and completing multiple on-line Defensive Driving-Safe Driving trainings.

Employees designated as mileage or occasional mileage permittees must complete the County's online Defensive Driver Training on TalentWorks every two years. The Department also reinforces safe driving and will distribute annual CEO Safety Bulletins (e.g., distracted driving, rear-end collision prevention) each January alongside the Mileage Reimbursement Program Update and certification form, posting Risk Management Safety Bulletins on The Planners Zone, and having HR present driver safety videos annually at Land Use Regulation/Zoning Enforcement meetings to support field staff.

3. Are the corrective actions addressing department-wide system issues?

- ☒ Yes – The corrective actions address department-wide system issues.
☐ No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)
Kari Rodriguez

Signature:

Kari Rodriguez

Date:

4/16/2026

Name: (Department Head)
Amy J. Bodek

Signature:

Amy J. Bodek

Date:

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Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?

- ☒ Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.
- ☐ No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department.

Name: (Risk Management Inspector General)
Betty Karmirlian

Signature:
Betty Karmirlian

Date:
4/16/26

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

April 20, 2026

1. Call to Order.

The meeting of the Los Angeles County Claims Board was called to order at 9:31 a.m. The meeting was held virtually with Claims Board Chair Destiny Castro, Claims Board Member Liliana Campos, and Claims Board Administrator Thomas Finley participating in person at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Sixth Floor, Conference Room C, Los Angeles, California 90012. Claims Board Member Oscar Valdez was absent.

All other participants at the Claims Board meeting appeared virtually: Sanjay Athalye, Candace Wong, Melissa McCaverty, Thomas Fagan, Katherine Bowser, Lisa Salazar, Minas Samuelian, Natalie Luongo, Marissa B. Dagdagand and Pirjo L. Ranasinghe appeared for the Office of the County Counsel. Marian Bellard appeared for the Internal Services Department. Christina Lee, Jennifer Zidow, Lorena Moya-Rivas, and Veronica Pawlowski appeared for the Department of Children and Family Services. Stephanie Lara, Stacey Drake, Glen Joe, Deputy Nancy Madarasz, Lieutenant Jennifer Roth, Lieutenant David Berry Jr, Lieutenant Arthur Liberda Jr., Commander Richard Ruiz, Commander Christine Coles, Captain Richard Cartmill, and Chief Jose Mendoza appeared for the Sheriff's Department. Tomas Guterres appeared for Collins + Collins, LLP. Justin Clark appeared for Lawrence Beach Allen & Choi, PC. Marie B. Maurice appeared for Ivie McNeill Wyatt Purcell & Diggs.

2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Claims Board on items of interest within the subject-matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board.

No member of the public appeared in person or on the public teleconference phone line to address the Claims Board.

3. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (a)).

At 9:32 a.m., Claims Board Chair Destiny Castro convened the meeting in closed session to discuss the items listed below as 4(a) through 4(k).

4. Report on Actions Taken in Closed Session.

No member of the public appeared in person or on the public teleconference phone line to hear the reportable actions of the Claims Board.

At 11:11 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session via video conference and reported the actions taken in closed session as follows:

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a. **Juan Felix v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STLC06342

This lawsuit arises from injuries Plaintiff allegedly sustained in a traffic collision involving an Internal Services Department employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4(a) in the amount of \$29,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Destiny Castro and Liliana Campos
Absent: Oscar Valdez

b. **Non-Litigated Claims of Daniel Felix, et al.**

This claim arises from injuries Claimants allegedly sustained in a traffic collision involving a Sheriff's Department employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4(b) in the amount of \$31,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Destiny Castro and Liliana Campos
Absent: Oscar Valdez

c. **David Michael Sabo, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24AVCV01088

This lawsuit arises from injuries Plaintiffs allegedly sustained in a traffic collision involving a Sheriff's Department employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4(c) in the amount of \$100,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Destiny Castro and Liliana Campos
Absent: Oscar Valdez

d. **Jane BM Doe v. County of Los Angeles, et al**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24NWCV01083

This lawsuit concerns allegations of sexual assault by a former Department of Children and Family Services employee.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of Item 4(d) in the amount of \$100,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Destiny Castro and Liliana Campos
Absent: Oscar Valdez

- e. **Sammy Newman, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-03467
Edward Malloy v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:22-CV-04836

These federal civil rights lawsuits allege Plaintiffs were unconstitutionally group searched by Sheriff's Department jail staff at the Men's Central Jail.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4(e) in the amount of \$1,500,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Destiny Castro and Liliana Campos
Absent: Oscar Valdez

- f. **Gracie Duenas v. County of Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV16874

This federal lawsuit alleges Plaintiff sustained physical and emotional injuries by a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputy.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors settlement of Item 4(f) in the amount of \$190,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Destiny Castro and Liliana Campos
Absent: Oscar Valdez

5. Approval of the Minutes of the April 6, 2026, regular meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the Minutes of the April 6, 2026, meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 2 – Destiny Castro and Liliana Campos
Absent: Oscar Valdez

6. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

By



Thomas Finley
Claims Board Administrator
Office of the County Counsel