



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

500 WEST TEMPLE STREET  
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, **December 11, 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

Cudahy City Hall, 5220 Santa Ana St. Cudahy, CA 90201 | (323) 773-5143

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

Paramount City Hall, 16400 Colorado Ave., Paramount, CA 90723 | (562) 220-2000

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

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 December 10, 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. Flores, Marla et al. v. Arreola, Samantha et al. Department, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV23297  
  
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. Torres, Heaven v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV30710  
  
This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.
  - b. Byram, Ursula v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-09285  
  
This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations, false imprisonment, and excessive force involving Sheriff's Deputies.

- c. Halliday, Dimieari, et al. v. County of Los Angeles. et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-09285

This lawsuit concerns allegations of unlawful detainment and unlawful search and seizure involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

- 5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
- 6. Approval of Minutes for the November 13, 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	Marla Flores, et al. vs. Samantha Arreola, et al.
CASE NUMBER	22STCV23297
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	July 19, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 85,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	ELENA SABERI Harris Personal Injury Lawyers, Inc.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	LATASHA N. CORRY Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On February 28, 2022, Deputy Arreola, while responding Code-3 with lights and sirens activated, ran a red light and collided with Ms. Flores' vehicle. Ms. Pelayo was a front-seated passenger in Ms. Flores' vehicle. Ms. Flores and Ms. Pelayo allege injuries as a result of the accident.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$85,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 25,830
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 12,226

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CLAIMS BOARD**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

November 13, 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 11:13 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, Vice Chair; Bryan Cook, At-Large; James Bozajian, North Division; John Moreno, South Division; Jennifer Perez, At-Large; Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director; **Alternate:** Thaddeus McCormack, South Division; Alfonso Noyola, Central Division; John Erickson, North Division; Kelly Honig, At-Large; Daniel Jordan, East Division; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Tim Kral, Acting Assistant County Counsel; Richard Hsueh, Senior Deputy County Counsel; Jamie Lopez, Deputy County Counsel; Irene Lee, Deputy County Counsel; Melissa McCaverty, Deputy County Counsel; Destiny Castro, ACEO County of Los Angeles; Robert Chavez, ACEO County of Los Angeles; Andrew Cruz, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Thomas Kim, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Erick Martinez, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Donald Moore, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Francisco Quintero, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Dan Holguin, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Terrence Bell, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Chris Kusayanagi, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Lorena Rosales, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Jeffrey S. Rhea, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; **Attendees:** Fred Groehler, Protelligent, Inc.; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance; Chris Gray, Alliant Insurance; Jordan Stern, Outside Counsel; Marina Samson, Outside Counsel; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles: California JPIA:** Alex Smith, Chief Executive Officer; Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk; Edith Avina, Administrative Analyst; and Paul Zeglovitch, Claims and Insurance Director.

**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 11:16 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. Alvarez, Mark Anthony v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV3545

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 \$850,000.00.

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

- b. Estrada, Efen Esparza v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCV06622

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 \$42,500.00.

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

- c. 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 and excessive force involving Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$250,000.00.

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

- d. Gonzalez, Fernando v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV20966

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

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$95,000.00.

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

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

This lawsuit concerns allegations of unlawful search and seizure and fabrication and suppression of evidence 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 \$90,000.00.

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

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

- a. Byram, Ursula v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-09285

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

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Torres, Heaven v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 22STCV30710

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 1:12 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 October 2, 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, John Moreno, Marcel Rodarte, Alternate Daniel Jordan, and Alternate Alfonso Noyola.

**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 1:13 p.m.

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*Stephanie Rodriguez*  
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