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TO: EDWARD YEN
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FROM: TIMOTHY J. KRAL 
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda
County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund
Claims Board Recommendation
Martinez, Anastasia v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 22-CV-06589**



Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board's recommendation in the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary and the Summary Corrective Action Plan for the case.

It is requested that this recommendation, the Case Summary, and the Summary Corrective Action Plan be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachment

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Settlement for Matter Entitled Martinez, Anastasia v. County of Los Angeles, et al. United States District Court Case No. 22-CV-06589.

Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board's recommendation: Authorized Settlement of the matter entitled **Martinez, Anastasia v. County of Los Angeles, et al.** United States District Court Case No. 22-CV-06589 in the amount of \$2,340,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department Contract Cities Trust Fund's budget.

This lawsuit concerns allegations of sexual abuse and civil rights violations involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Anastasia Martinez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	22-CV-06589
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	September 14, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 2,340,000
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF	Olu K. Orange, Esq. Orange Law Offices Dan Stormer Hadsell, Stormer & Renick
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$2,340,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by Anastasia Martinez alleging her civil rights were violated when she was sexually assaulted by a Los Angeles Sheriff's Department 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 \$2,340,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 321,621
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 27,147



Summary Corrective Action Plan

The intent of this form is to assist departments in writing a corrective action plan summary for attachment to the settlement documents developed for the Board of Supervisors and/or the County of Los Angeles Claims Board. The summary should be a specific overview of the claims/lawsuits' identified root causes and corrective actions (status, time frame, and responsible party). This summary does not replace the Corrective Action Plan form. If there is a question related to confidentiality, please consult County Counsel.

Date of incident/event:	August 14, 2021, approximately 1:45 a.m.
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p style="text-align: center;">Summary Corrective Action Plan 2023-181</p> <p>Details in this document summarize the incident. The information provided is a culmination of various sources to provide an abstract of the incident.</p> <p>Multiple investigative reports indicate on August 13, 2021, at approximately 2244 hours, Deputy One responded to a call for service at the Commerce Casino & Hotel (Casino) regarding a verbal altercation between the Plaintiff and her boyfriend. The boyfriend was no longer at the location when Deputy One arrived.</p> <p>Deputy One's body worn camera footage showed the Plaintiff telling him she was involved in an argument with her boyfriend. The Plaintiff admitted she had been drinking to the point of being intoxicated. The Plaintiff was visibly crying and highly emotional over her fight with her boyfriend and appeared to gain some comfort by speaking with Deputy One. Deputy One obtained the Plaintiff's cell phone number when he documented her personal information related to the call for service.</p> <p>After Deputy One completed the call for service, he exited the Casino. Later, Deputy One contacted the Plaintiff via cellphone. The Plaintiff and Deputy One exchanged text messages. The Plaintiff responded with a "heart" emoji when Deputy One texted, "I'll give you a call in a bit to follow up."</p> <p>Approximately two hours after the initial response to the call for service, Deputy One returned to the Casino by himself, still in uniform. He called the Plaintiff and knocked on her hotel room door. The Plaintiff opened the hotel room door while holding a beer, and she could be seen smiling. The Plaintiff paralleled her body with the door as to let Deputy One inside the room. Deputy One entered the Plaintiff's hotel room while in his full LASD uniform and while wearing a badge and firearm.</p> <p>Deputy One stayed inside the Plaintiff's hotel room for approximately 14 minutes, at which time an alleged sexual assault occurred. Later, the Plaintiff accompanied Deputy One as he exited the hotel room. The Plaintiff smiled and closed the door.</p>

	<p>Approximately two hours later, the Plaintiff's mother called the East Los Angeles Station and alleged Deputy One coerced her into engaging in a sexual act.</p> <p>The Casino surveillance footage showed the Plaintiff leave her hotel room after the alleged sexual assault. She did not show signs of emotional distress. In some of the surveillance footage, the Plaintiff was smiling and laughing while holding a beer at a Casino bar.</p> <p>A sergeant arrived at the Plaintiff's hotel room to interview the Plaintiff regarding the allegation and transported the Plaintiff to a hospital in a marked patrol vehicle for a sexual assault examination.</p> <p>Approximately a few days or a week after the incident, the Plaintiff was seen on Instagram drinking and celebrating with her best friend to the song, "When I'm Rich." In her deposition testimony, the Plaintiff admitted that she was singing the lyrics to, "When I'm rich," in response to the Casino incident involving Deputy One.</p> <p>A criminal investigation was conducted by the Department's Internal Criminal Investigations Bureau. Deputy One admitted to having sexual contact with the Plaintiff but described it as consensual.</p>
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1. Briefly describe the **root cause(s)** of the claim/lawsuit:

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputy One's sexual contact with the Plaintiff while he was on-duty.

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

Criminal Investigation

The incident was investigated by the Sheriff's Department Internal Criminal Investigations Bureau. The results of their investigation were submitted to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Justice System Integrity Division. On September 18, 2024, the District Attorney's Office declined to file charges, concluding the evidence examined was insufficient to prove a lack of consent beyond a reasonable doubt.

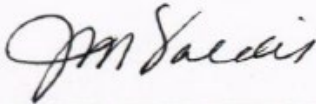
Administrative Investigation

Deputy One has been on administrative leave since the incident. Any further administrative action will be determined upon the completion of the investigation.

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


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Signature: 	Date: 05/09/2025

Name: (Department Head) Myron Johnson, Assistant Sheriff Patrol Operations	
Signature: 	Date: 5/28/25

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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: Betty Karmirlian (Risk Management Inspector General)	
Signature: 	Date: 5/29/2025