STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD

HELD IN ROOM 648 OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION,

500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

ON MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016, AT 9:30 A.M.

Present: Chair John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

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 members of the public addressed the Claims Board.

3. **Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9).**

   a. **Californians Aware v. Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors**
   Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 155 259

   This lawsuit concerns allegations that the Board of Supervisors violated the Ralph M. Brown Act.

   Action Taken:

   The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of $26,310.

   Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

   See Supporting Document

   b. **Ashley Del Castillo, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
   Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 550 744

   This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving an on-duty Sheriff's Deputy.

   Action Taken:

   The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of $40,000.

   Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

   See Supporting Document

4. **Report of actions taken in Closed Session.**

The Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as indicated under Agenda Item No. 3 above.

5. **Approval of the minutes of the August 1, 2016, regular meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

See Supporting Document

6. **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 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.

7. **Adjournment.**

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME		Californians Aware v. County of Los Angeles, Board of Supervisors
CASE NUMBER		BS155259
COURT		Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED		May 8, 2015
COUNTY DEPARTMENT		Board of Supervisors
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	$	26,310
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF		Kelly Aviles
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY		Latayvius R. Alberty Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE		This is a recommendation to settle for $26,310 the writ of mandate brought by Plaintiff Californians Aware against the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, alleging that the Board violated the Ralph M. Brown Act by sending a five-signature letter to the State Legislature and Governor without first placing the matter on the Board's agenda for approval prior to execution. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid futher litigation cots. Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of $26,310 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	$	35,525
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	$	109

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME		Ashley Del Castillo, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER		BC 550744
COURT		Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED		July 8, 2014
COUNTY DEPARTMENT		Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	$	40,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF		Richard Chaskin and Drew Antablin
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY		Jenny Tam Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE		This lawsuit arises from a vehicle collision that occurred on May 7, 2013, on the 405 freeway when a County MCI bus that was transporting an inmate collided with plaintiffs' vehicle in the carpool lane when the bus attempted to cross the double yellow lines to enter the carpool lane. Four plaintiffs seek compensation for their alleged injuries from the accident. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	$	17,310
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	$	4,510

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 1, 2016

1. Call to Order.

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Claims Board Members present at the meeting were: Chair John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo.

Other persons in attendance at the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Edwin Lewis and Jessica Rivas; Sheriff's Department: Eric Strong, Joseph Gooden, Kevin Pearcy, Dominic Dannan, and Don Mueller.

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 members of the public addressed the Claims Board.

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

At 9:32 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(b) below.

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

At 9:43 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

a. <u>Carlos Sierra v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u>
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 477 258

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

<u>Action Taken</u>:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of $137,500.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

b. **Non-Litigated Claims of Dalia Gomez, Daisy Hernandez, and Daisy Morales**

These claims arise from alleged injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving an on-duty Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of $23,500.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

5. **Approval of the minutes of the July 18, 2016, regular meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Roger Granbo

6. **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 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.

7. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By _____
Sandra C. Ruiz