



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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REPORT NO. **R 25 - 0 4 1 2**
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**REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

REPORT RE:

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSION

RENE MERCADO v. CHRISTOPHER BRANDES, et al.
LASC CASE NO. 22VECV02047

The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

(Re: Claim No. C22-01782)

Honorable Members:

This office recommends that discussions with, and advice from, legal counsel regarding the recommendation for Claims Board action in this pending litigation be scheduled and held in closed session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) requires you to state publicly prior to the closed session, what subdivision of this section authorizes the closed meeting, and that the closed session is being held to confer or discuss with, or receive advice from, legal counsel regarding pending litigation.

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This matter arises from a vehicle versus vehicle traffic accident on December 28, 2020, on Oxnard Street, at its intersection with Lindley Avenue, in the city of Los Angeles.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Lala Kahramanian, Deputy City Attorney at (213) 978-0399. She or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

By:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. H. Sassounian", with a horizontal line extending from the end.

DIKRAN H. SASSOUNIAN

Assistant Chief, Civil Litigation Branch

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cc: Board of Public Works Commission
Barbara Romero, Director and General Manager
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