

# Office of the City Attorney

## Interdepartmental Memo

**To:** Office of the City Clerk

**From:** Strefan Fauble, Assistant City Attorney  
Office of the City Attorney 

**CC:** Kathleen Kenealy, Chief – Civil Litigation Branch

**Date:** May 21, 2026

**Subject:** **REQUEST THAT COUNCIL ACTION BE MADE PUBLIC**  
**CF 26-0246 – Jennifer Ryan v. City of Los Angeles et al.**  
**LASC Case No. 23STCV02137**

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Please be advised that the above-entitled matter has settled. Please make Council's action, including the motion, closed session vote, and Mayor's concurrence letter public on the Council File Management System.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 978-8100.

Mayor's Time Stamp  
2026 MAR-16 AM 11:40  
MAYOR  
BY [Signature]

City Clerk's Time Stamp  
2026 MAR-16 AM 11:40  
CITY CLERK  
BY [Signature]

SUBJECT TO THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL

COUNCIL FILE NO. 26-0246

COUNCIL DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE MARCH 11, 2026

RE: THE CASE ENTITLED Jennifer Ryan v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV02137

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT MARCH 26, 2026  
(10 Day Charter requirement as per Charter Section 341)

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APPROVED

[Signature]

\*DISAPPROVED

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\*Transmit objections in writing  
pursuant to Charter Section 341

DATE OF MAYOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL 3/25/26

[Signature]  
MAYOR

**MOTION**

I HEREBY MOVE that the Council ADOPT the following recommendations in order to effect settlement in the case entitled Jennifer Ryan v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV02137. (This matter arises from a March 5, 2022 incident when Plaintiff tripped and fell on a portion of sidewalk located in front of 6081 Cashio Street in Los Angeles, California.), **SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:**

1. REJECT the Plaintiff's offer of settlement (California Code of Civil Procedure, Section 998) in the amount of \$15,000,000.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney's Office to counter the demand and present a California Code of Civil Procedure, Section 998 Offer to Compromise (998 Counter Offer) in the amount **up to \$5,000,000**; and, to expend **up to \$5,000,000** in settlement of the above-entitled matter.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller's Office to transfer **up to \$5,000,000** upon the Plaintiff's acceptance of the 998 Counter Offer, from the Liability Claims Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009798, Miscellaneous Liability Payouts, to Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009795, Public Works, Street Services Liability Payouts.
4. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to draw a demand from Fund No. 100/59, Account No. 009795, Public Works, Street Services Liability Payouts, as follows: Ardalan & Associates and Jennifer Ryan in the amount **up to \$5,000,000**.
5. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to make necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

This matter was recommended for approval by the Budget and Finance Committee (Yaroslavsky – Blumenfield – Hutt – McOskey – Hernandez: "Yes) at its meeting held on March 3, 2026, in Closed Session as permitted by Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

PRESENTED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
KATY YAROSLAVSKY  
Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
BOB BLUMENFIELD  
Councilmember, 3rd District