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Dear Ms. Halsey:

# RESPONSE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE COMMENTS ON THE COUNTY'S STOPS: NOTIFICATION BY PEACE OFFICERS TEST CLAIM

The County of Los Angeles ("Claimant") submits the attached Comments in response to the Department of Finance's comments on our *Stops: Notification by Peace Officers*, 24-TC-03 Test Claim.

If you have any questions please call me, or your staff may contact Fernando Lemus at (213) 974-0324 or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:flemus@auditor.lacounty.gov">flemus@auditor.lacounty.gov</a>.

Very truly yours.

Oscar Valdez
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## RESPONSE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE COMMENTS ON THE COUNTY'S STOPS: NOTIFICATION BY PEACE OFFICERS TEST CLAIM

The County of Los Angeles (Claimant) has reviewed the comments from the Department of Finance (Finance) related to Test Claim 24-TC-03.

Assembly Bill (AB) 2773 requires local law enforcement agencies to modify their traffic stop procedures to include providing the reason for the stop to the person stopped and documenting the reason on any citation or report. Claimant has incurred costs to implement AB 2773 and has determined that the \$13,618.75 in costs related to printing new citation forms and the \$84,412.87 in costs related to training and developing procedures are one-time costs. Claimant agrees with Finance that these costs should not be considered ongoing.

Finance states that the \$13,662.57 in costs related to stating the reason for the stop and documenting the reason on the citation is not a new or higher level of service. This contradicts the plain reading of AB 2773 as codified in Vehicle Code § 2806.5, which requires the officer to state the reason for the stop, before engaging in questioning, and to document the reason given. Claimant was not required to perform these activities and did not perform these activities until AB 2773 became effective. Furthermore, Claimant has been able to reasonably quantify and distinguish these new activities from the previous activities prior to AB 2773 through the use of body-worn cameras.

Claimant requests that the Commission grant this test claim. AB 2773 imposed one-time costs on Claimant for the implementation of new traffic procedures and citations. In addition, Claimant has and will continue to have ongoing costs resulting from the actual traffic stop and the activities required in AB 2773 to state the reason for the stop and document the stop accordingly on the citation.

#### **DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY EMAIL**

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am a resident of the County of Sacramento and I am over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action. My place of employment is 980 Ninth Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95814.

On April 8, 2025, I served the:

- Current Mailing List dated February 28, 2025
- Claimant's Rebuttal Comments filed April 7, 2025

Stops: Notification by Peace Officers, 24-TC-03 Statutes 2022, Chapter 805, Section 5 (AB 2773); Vehicle Code Section 2806.5 County of Los Angeles, Claimant

by making it available on the Commission's website and providing notice of how to locate it to the email addresses provided on the attached mailing list.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on April 8, 2025 at Sacramento, California.

Ƴavid Chavez

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