



City of La Quinta

CITY / SA/ HA/ FA MEETING DATE: June 3, 2014

ITEM TITLE: DENIAL OF CLAIM FOR DAMAGES FILED BY: DAVID PLOUFFE; DATE OF LOSS – NOVEMBER 16, 2013

AGENDA CATEGORY:

BUSINESS SESSION:

CONSENT CALENDAR: 5

STUDY SESSION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Deny the claim for damages of David Plouffe in its entirety.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- A claim was filed by David and Patricia Lawser with a reported date of loss of November 16, 2013.
- It was forwarded to Carl Warren & Company, the City's claims administrator.
- Carl Warren reviewed the claim and recommends denial.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Stated damages are in excess of \$25,000.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The claim is for personal injuries resulting from an automobile collision that involved a City of La Quinta Police Department patrol vehicle. As the City contracts with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department for police services, Carl Warren will be forwarding the claim to the County.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City's claims administrator is relied on to perform an accurate and thorough

preliminary assessment of the claim from a liability standpoint and has recommended rejection of this claim because the City's police services contract charges the County with the responsibility to handle claims related to accidents involving patrol vehicles. Staff does not, therefore, recommend an alternative action.

Report prepared by: Terry Deeringer, Human Resources, General Services Manager
Report approved for submission by: Frank J. Spevacek, City Manager