

City of La Quinta

<u>CITY</u> / SA/ HA/ FA MEETING DATE: October 7, 2014 ITEM TITLE: DENIAL OF CLAIM FOR DAMAGES FILED BY: ADRIAN JIMENEZ; DATE OF LOSS – AUGUST 12, 2014

AGENDA CATEGORY: BUSINESS SESSION: CONSENT CALENDAR: 6 STUDY SESSION: PUBLIC HEARING:

# **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Deny the claim for damages of Adrian Jimenez in its entirety.

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

- A claim was filed by Adrian Jimenez with a reported date of loss of August 12, 2014.
- 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 \$2,700.

# BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The claim is for vehicle damages resulting from the claimant driving into a tree that fell over from the median into the roadway on Avenue 50, west of Park Avenue.

# 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 due to simple driver error. Therefore, staff does not recommend an alternative action.

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