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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

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**CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION**

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NICOLE JUAREZ ZELAYA,  
Individually and as Successor-In-  
Interest to Decedent, JACOB JUAREZ  
CEDILLO,

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Plaintiff,

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v.

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES; DUSTIN  
RICHMOND; JOSEPH HUNT,

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Defendants.

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Case No. 2:20-cv-08382-ODW (MAAx)

**JOINT FINAL JUDGMENT**

The trial of this action began on October 10, 2023, in Courtroom 5D of the United States District Court, Central District of California, Honorable Otis D. Wright, II, presiding. Plaintiff Nicole Zelaya was represented at trial by attorneys Dale K. Galipo, Michael S. Carrillo, and Renee V. Masongsong. Defendants City of Los Angeles, Joseph Hunt, and Dustin Richmond were represented at trial by Thomas Hurrell and Diane Martinez.

A jury was regularly empaneled and sworn. Witnesses were sworn and testified. After hearing evidence and arguments of counsel, the jury was duly instructed by the Court and the case was submitted to the jury. The jury deliberated and thereafter returned a verdict as follows:

1 **QUESTION 1:** Did either of the officer defendants use excessive force or restraint  
2 against Jacobo Cedillo?

3 Dustin Richmond  YES  NO

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6 Joseph Hunt  YES  NO

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8 *If you answered YES to any Defendant(s) in Question No. 1, answer Question No.*  
9 *2 only as to that Defendant(s). If you answered NO as to all Defendants, then go*  
10 *to Question No. 3.*

11 **QUESTION 2:** Was the use of excessive force or restraint against Jacobo Cedillo  
12 by the officer defendant(s) a cause of harm, injury, damage, or death to Jacobo  
13 Cedillo?

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16 Dustin Richmond  YES  NO

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19 Joseph Hunt  YES  NO

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21 *Proceed to Question No. 3.*

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1 **QUESTION 3:** Did any of the officer defendants interfere with the Plaintiff's  
2 familial relationship with her father, Jacobo Cedillo?

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4 Dustin Richmond                        X     YES                                         NO

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6 Joseph Hunt                                X     YES                                         NO

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8 *Proceed to Question No. 4.*

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10 **QUESTION 4:** Did the City of Los Angeles fail to properly train Officers  
11 Richmond and/or Hunt with respect to the risks of prone restraint and/or the risks of  
12 positional and/or restraint asphyxia?

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14                          X     YES                                         NO

15 *If you answered YES to Question No. 4, answer Question No. 5. If you answered*  
16 *NO, go to the Instructions for Question No. 7.*

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18 **QUESTION 5:** Was the City of Los Angeles deliberately indifferent to the known  
19 or obvious consequence of its failure to train Officers Richmond and/or Hunt?

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23 *If you answered YES to Question No. 5, answer Question No. 6. If you answered*  
24 *NO, go to the Instructions above Question No. 7.*

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1 **QUESTION 6:** Was the City of Los Angeles' failure to train Officers Richmond  
2 and/or Hunt with respect to the risks of prone restraint and/or the risks of positional  
3 and/or restraint asphyxia a moving force behind the injury, damage, harm or death  
4 to Jacobo Cedillo?

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6  YES  NO

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8 *Please proceed to the Instructions above Question No. 7.*

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**DAMAGES**

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*Instructions: Answer Question No. 7 only if you answered YES to  
14 Questions Nos. 2 and/or 6.*

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**QUESTION 7:** What are Jacobo Cedillo's damages for his pre-death pain and  
17 suffering and loss of life?

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Pre-death pain and suffering      \$6,000,000

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Loss of life      \$6,000,000

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*Instructions: Answer Question No. 8 only if you answered YES to Question No. 3  
24 or Question No. 6.*

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1 **QUESTION 8:** What are Plaintiff Nicole Zelaya’s wrongful death damages for the  
2 loss of her father, Jacobo Cedillo?

3 Nicole Zelaya’s past wrongful death damages            \$1,000,000

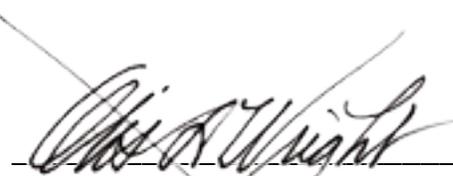
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5 Nicole Zelaya’s future wrongful death damages        \$500,000

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7 NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that  
8 final judgment in this action be entered as follows:

9            Total judgment in the sum of \$13,500,000, plus costs, pursuant to Federal  
10 Rule of Civil Procedure 54(d)(1), interest calculated from the date of the entry of  
11 judgment, at the rate specified by 28 U.S.C. §1961, and reasonable statutory  
12 attorneys’ fees and costs as may be awarded by the court, is entered against the City  
13 of Los Angeles, Dustin Richmond, and Joseph Hunt and in favor of Plaintiff Nicole  
14 Zelaya. Plaintiff Nicole Zelaya is the prevailing party and may apply to the court for  
15 an award of costs and reasonable statutory attorneys’ fees as permitted by federal  
16 and state law.

17            IT IS SO ORDERED.

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19 Dated: November 13, 2023

  
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Honorable O. D. Wright, II  
United States District Court  
Central District of California