



**United States District Court
for the Central District of California**

Cline v. West Los Angeles College, et al.

Case No. 2:22-cv-02335-MWF

Class Action Notice

Authorized by the U.S. District Court

To all persons who have a disability that affects their mobility and who would like access to programs, services, and activities on the campus at West Los Angeles College:

There is a proposed settlement of a lawsuit that provides for a shuttle service on the West Los Angeles College campus for people with disabilities that affect their mobility.

Please read this notice to understand your rights if you may be affected by this settlement.

Important things to know:

- You have the right to submit comments or objections to the court about the proposed settlement. If the settlement is approved by the federal court, you will be bound by the settlement terms.
- This class settlement does not include monetary compensation for settlement class members, and does not impact your right to monetary compensation if you have been individually injured.

You can learn more at: <https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/cases/cline-v-west-la-college>.

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About This Notice

Why did I get this notice?

This notice discusses the settlement of a class action lawsuit, *Cline v. West Los Angeles College, et al.* The lawsuit was brought on behalf of people who have disabilities that make it difficult to navigate long distances, inclines, or uneven terrain, and who attend or would like to attend on-campus classes or events at West Los Angeles College. **You received this notice because you may be a member of the group of people affected, called the “class.”** This notice gives you a summary of the terms of the proposed settlement agreement, explains what rights class members have, and helps class members make informed decisions about what action to take.

What do I do next?

Read this notice to understand the settlement and to determine if you are a class member. Then, decide if you want to:

Options	More information about each option
Do Nothing	If the Court approves the settlement, you will be bound by the settlement, which requires that WLAC provide on an ongoing basis a shuttle service on the campus of WLAC to be available to people with disabilities that affect their mobility.
Object	Tell the Court why you don't like the settlement. If the Court approves the settlement, you will still be bound by the settlement.

Read on to understand the specifics of the settlement and what each choice would mean for you.

What are the most important dates?

Your deadline to object: **June 9, 2026**

Settlement approval hearing: **July 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.**

Learning About the Lawsuit

What is this lawsuit about?

Plaintiff Robin Cline, a student at West Los Angeles College, filed a lawsuit in 2022 alleging that this college and the Los Angeles Community College District violated federal and state anti-discrimination laws by failing to provide reasonable accommodations such as a transportation system on campus to all individuals who have disabilities that make it difficult for them to navigate long distances, up inclines, and/or uneven terrain, and attend, would like to attend, or will attend on-campus classes or events at West Los Angeles College.

Defendants West Los Angeles College and the Los Angeles Community College District deny that they violated any laws or did anything wrong.

Where can I learn more?

You can get a complete copy of the proposed settlement and other key documents in this lawsuit at:

<https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/cases/cline-v-west-la-college>

Why is there a settlement in this lawsuit?

In 2024 West Los Angeles College and the Los Angeles Community College District instituted a transportation service on the West Los Angeles College campus for students with disabilities that affect their mobility. In 2025, the parties agreed to settle, which means they have reached an agreement to resolve the lawsuit. Both sides want to avoid the risk and expense of further litigation.

The settlement is on behalf of the student who brought the case and all members of the settlement class. The Court has not decided this case in favor of either side.

What is a class action settlement?

A class action settlement is an agreement between the parties to resolve and end the case. Settlements like this one provide changes to the practices that caused the harm.

What happens next in this lawsuit?

The Court will hold a Fairness hearing to decide whether to approve the settlement. The hearing will be held at:

Where: United States District Court for the Central District of California, 350 West 1st Street, Courtroom 5A, Los Angeles, California.

When: 10:00 a.m. on July 20, 2026.

The Court has directed the parties to send you this notice about the proposed settlement. Because the settlement of a class action decides the rights of all members of the proposed class, the Court must give final approval to the settlement before it can take effect.

You do not have to attend the Fairness hearing, but you may attend the hearing. You may also ask the Court for

permission to speak and express your opinion about the settlement. You need to make that request by June 9, 2026. If the Court approves the settlement, all class members will be bound by the terms of the settlement. If the Court does not approve the settlement, it will be void and the lawsuit will continue. The date of the hearing may change without further notice to members of the class. To learn more and confirm the hearing date, go to <https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/cases/cline-v-west-la-college>.

Learning About the Settlement

What does the settlement provide?

West Los Angeles College and Los Angeles Community College District will continue to provide transportation assistance through use of an accessible vehicle to transport individuals with disabilities that affect their mobility to specified locations on the West Los Angeles College campus on an ongoing basis. The settlement contains specific requirements regarding the operation of a shuttle service. The full terms of the settlement can be found here: <https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/cases/cline-v-west-la-college>.

Public information about the shuttle service, including information about how to use it, is and will continue to be posted on West Los Angeles College's website, and will be available in the College's office of Disabled Student Services and Programs ("DSPS office"). Information about the Shuttle Service will also be provided to students with disabilities that affect their mobility by the DSPS office and routinely offered as an accommodation when such students initially register with the DSPS office. Information about the Shuttle Service

will also be provided and routinely offered to employees with disabilities that affect their mobility who receive accommodations by the College's ADA Officer. Information regarding the Shuttle Service shall be provided by the Office of Student Services to visitors with disabilities that affect their mobility and routinely offered as an accommodation when such visitors inquire about accommodations for disabilities that affect mobility.

All Shuttle Service drivers who operate the vehicles used in the Shuttle Service shall be appropriately licensed and trained to ensure safe, respectful, and effective operation of the service for persons in the Settlement Class.

Class members will "release" their legal claim regarding transportation assistance on West Los Angeles College campus as part of this settlement. This means that class members are bound by this class settlement in that they cannot sue West Los Angeles College or Los Angeles Community College District to address the issues in this lawsuit regarding the alleged prior lack of transportation assistance on campus.

The full terms of the release can be found here:

<https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/cases/cline-v-west-la-college>.

How do I know if I am part of this settlement?

If you are a person with a disability that makes it difficult to navigate long distances, inclines, or uneven terrain, and who attends, would like to attend, or will attend on-campus classes or events at West Los Angeles College, you are part of this settlement.

If you are unsure of whether you are part of this settlement, contact Class Counsel at (916) 504-5893.

Do I have a lawyer in this lawsuit?

In a class action, lawyers who file the lawsuit can ask the Court to approve them as lawyers for the entire class, called "Class Counsel." For this settlement, the Court has approved the following lawyers as Class Counsel: Law Office of Autumn Elliott; Disability Rights California; Law Office of Aaron J. Fischer; and Disability Rights Advocates. These are the lawyers who negotiated this settlement.

If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

Do I have to pay the lawyers in this lawsuit?

You will not have to pay Class Counsel for their work on the lawsuit.

To date, Class Counsel have not received any money for their work or the expenses that they have paid for the case. To pay for their time and risk in bringing this case without any guarantee of payment unless they were successful, Class Counsel will request, as part of the final approval of this Settlement, that the Court approve a payment of up to \$2.45 million in attorneys' fees plus the reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses. Any such award will be paid by the Los Angeles Community College District. You will not be required to pay any portion of such award.

Lawyers' fees and expenses will only be awarded if approved by the Court as a fair and reasonable amount. You have the right to object to the lawyers' fees even if you think the settlement terms are fair.

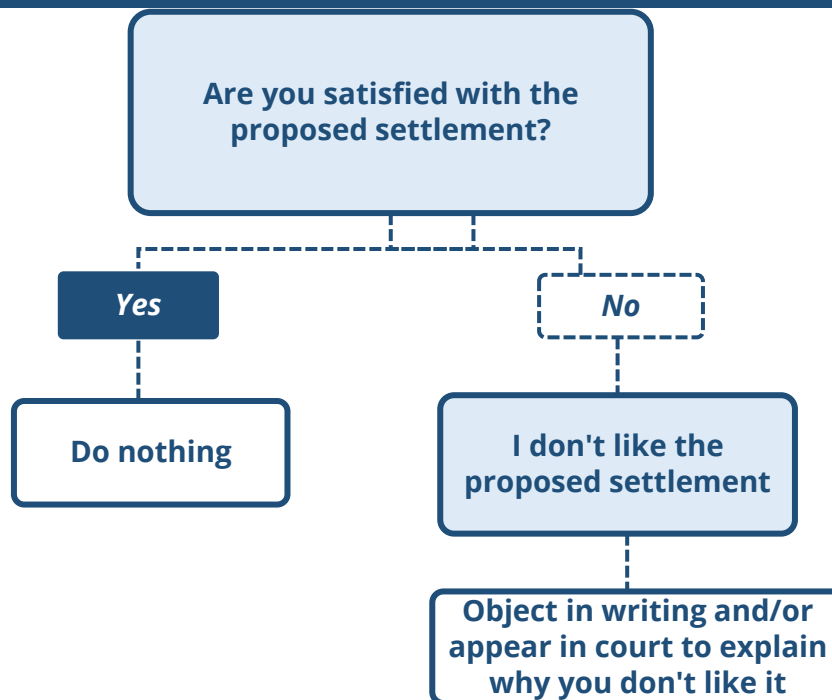
What do I do if I want monetary compensation?

This settlement does not include monetary compensation for settlement class members. This means that if you are a settlement class member you will not receive monetary compensation as part of this settlement.

If you believe that you may have a claim for monetary compensation against West Los Angeles College or Los Angeles Community College District, this settlement does not prevent you from filing a lawsuit seeking monetary compensation only.

Deciding What to Do

What is the best path for me?



Process to Object

What if I want to object to the settlement?

If you disagree with any part of the settlement (including the lawyers' fees), you may submit an “objection” to the Court. You have the right to ask the Court not to approve the settlement. You must give reasons why you think the Court should not approve it and say whether your objection applies to just you, a part of the class, or the entire class. The Court will consider your views. The Court can only approve or deny the settlement — it cannot change the terms of the settlement or exclude you from the settlement. You may, but don't need to, hire your own lawyer to help you with this process.

To object, you must send a letter to the Court that:

- (1) is postmarked by June 9, 2026;
- (2) includes the case name and number: *Cline v. West Los Angeles College, et al.*, U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, Case No. 2:22-cv-02335-MWF
- (3) includes your full name, address and telephone number, and email address (if you have one);
- (4) states the reasons for your objection;
- (5) says whether either you or your lawyer intend to appear at the final approval hearing and your lawyer's name;
- (6) your signature.

Mail the letter to the Court at the address below. Do not send objections to Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendants, or Defendants' lawyers.

Clerk of the United States District Court
Central District of California
350 West First Street
Los Angeles, California 90012
Reference: *Cline v. West Los Angeles College, et al.*, U.S. District
Court for the Central District of California, Case No. 2:22-cv-
02335-MWF

What happens if I object and the Court approves the settlement?

Whether you object to the settlement or not, if the Court approves the class settlement, if you have a disability which affects your mobility and register with the DSPS office (if you are a student) or with the ADA Officer (if you are an employee of the College) or if you are a visitor with a disability that affects your mobility, you, (along with all class members) will still be able to use the shuttle service and benefit from it.

Key Resources

How do I get more information?

This notice is a summary of the proposed settlement. The complete settlement with all its terms can be found here: <https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/cases/cline-v-west-la-college>. To get a copy of the settlement agreement or get answers to your questions:

- contact Class Counsel (information below)
- visit <https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/cases/cline-v-west-la-college>

- access the Court Electronic Records (PACER) system online at <https://pacer.uscourts.gov/> or by visiting the Records Department of the Court (address below).

Resource	Contact Information
Case website	https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/cases/cline-v-west-la-college
Class Counsel	<p>To reach any of the class counsel, you may call (916) 504-5893 and leave a message or send an email to: Cline.vWLACVM@disabilityrightsca.org</p> <p>Autumn M. Elliott LAW OFFICE OF AUTUMN ELLIOTT 325 N. Larchmont Blvd, Ste 307 Los Angeles, California 90004</p> <p>Alexandra Robertson DISABILITY RIGHTS CALIFORNIA 888 W. Sixth Street, Suite 700 Los Angeles, California 90017</p> <p>Aaron J. Fischer LAW OFFICE OF AARON J. FISCHER 1400 Shattuck Avenue, Suite 12-#344 Berkeley, California 94709</p> <p>Amelia Evard DISABILITY RIGHTS ADVOCATES 2001 Center Street, 3rd Floor Berkeley, California 94704</p>

Court	<p>Public Computer Terminal:</p> <p>United States District Court Central District of California Edward R. Roybal Center and Federal Building Records Department 255 East Temple Street, Suite 180 Los Angeles, California 90012</p> <p>Address for Records Requests:</p> <p>Central District of California Western Division Los Angeles Courthouse Attention Correspondence Clerk 255 East Temple Street, Suite TS-134 Los Angeles, CA 90012</p> <p>E-mail for Records Requests: records_cacd@cacd.uscourts.gov</p> <p>Online Court Electronic Records (PACER): https://pacer.uscourts.gov/</p> <p>Information regarding reasonable accommodations to persons with communications disabilities in court proceedings: https://www.cacd.uscourts.gov/interpreters</p>
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