

Court Approved Legal Notice

Star Joshua v. The County of Contra Costa, et al.
Case No. C23-01684 (Contra Costa Superior Court)

If You Received a Notice From The County of Contra Costa On or About May 10, 2023 Concerning a Data Incident, You May be Eligible For Benefits From a Class Action Settlement.

*A Court has authorized this notice. It is not a solicitation from a lawyer.
Para una notificación en Español, visitar www.ContraCostaSettlement.com.*

A settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit related to a September 20, 2022 email phishing incident that potentially resulted in unauthorized access to emails and attachments in two County of Contra Costa employee email accounts (the “Data Incident”). Upon learning of the Data Incident, Contra Costa secured the accounts and launched an investigation. This investigation determined that an unauthorized party may have accessed email accounts of two Contra Costa employees between September 19, 2022 and September 20, 2022.

Who Is Included? You are in the Settlement Class if you had a California address and were mailed a letter sent from the County of Contra Costa entitled “NOTICE OF DATA BREACH” on or about May 10, 2023. This settlement is related to the Data Incident. An investigation determined that approximately 15,591 individuals were potentially impacted.

What Does The Settlement Provide? Settlement Class Members can claim:

(1) **Ordinary Expenses** of up to \$500 for reimbursement for documented expenses fairly traceable to the Data Incident, including **Lost Time**, at the rate of \$25 per hour for up to 4 hours, for a total of up to \$100.00, which can be combined with reimbursement for other Ordinary Expenses and are subject to the single total aggregate cap of \$500.00 per Settlement Class Member,

(2) **Extraordinary Expenses** of up to \$5,000 for reimbursement for certain documented losses resulting from actual identity theft or fraud, and

(3) Settlement Class Members may claim two (2) years of three-bureau **Credit Monitoring Services**.

To claim reimbursement for documented **Ordinary** and **Extraordinary Expenses**, you must provide related documentation with the Claim Form.

More information about the benefits provided by this settlement can be found in the Long Notice and Settlement Agreement available on the Settlement Website or by calling 1-888-306-4738.

How To Get Benefits. The only way to receive benefits is to file a claim. To file your claim online, or to get a paper Claim Form, visit the website at www.ContraCostaSettlement.com or call 1-888-306-4738. To be eligible, you must complete and submit a valid Claim Form, postmarked or submitted online, on or before **January 20, 2026**.

Your Other Options. If you do nothing, you will remain in the class, you will not be eligible for benefits, and you will be bound by the decisions of the Court and give up your rights to sue Defendants for the claims resolved by this settlement. If you do not want to be legally bound by the settlement, you must exclude yourself by **December 22, 2025**. If you stay in the settlement, you may object to it by **December 22, 2025**. A more detailed notice is available to explain how to exclude yourself or object. Please visit the Settlement Website at www.ContraCostaSettlement.com or call 1-888-306-4738 for a copy of the more detailed notice.

The Final Fairness Hearing. The Court has scheduled a hearing in this case, *Star Joshua v. The County of Contra Costa, et. al.* Case No. C23-01684 (County of Contra Costa Superior Court), for **February 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**, to consider: whether to approve the settlement, service award, attorneys' fees and expenses, as well as any objections. You or your attorney may attend and ask to appear at the hearing, but you are not required to do so.

More Information. Complete information about your rights and options, as well as the Claim Form, the Long Notice, and Settlement Agreement, are available at www.ContraCostaSettlement.com, or by calling toll free 1-888-306-4738.

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