

# RESOLUTION OF THE SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

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## **RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DISCLOSE DATA REGARDING DISCIPLINE, SHOOTINGS AND OTHER USES OF FORCE, AND CITIZEN COMPLAINTS ON A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE**

The Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (Commission) of the County of Los Angeles, California, hereby resolves as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Commission believes that law enforcement agencies, such as the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD), should be open, transparent and accountable to the people they serve;

**WHEREAS**, the Los Angeles County Sheriff can and should continue to build trust within the community and enhance the LASD's accountability by taking actions to increase its transparency;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission believes that the LASD should provide data, consistent with best practices of other law enforcement agencies, which includes information relating to deputy discipline, shootings and other categories of use of force, and citizen complaints through a publicly accessible website, to the extent permitted by the Public Safety Officer Bill of Rights (POBR) and related statutes;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commission recommends that the Los Angeles County Sheriff adopt as part of his transparency goals a plan to publicly disclose through a publicly accessible website, such as lasd.org or a listed link thereto, on a quarterly basis, the following data:

- A compilation of data that reflects the total number of deputies and custody assistants disciplined by the LASD, broken down by categories of misconduct and levels of discipline imposed.
- Deputy-involved shootings, with all legally disclosable information including a brief narrative of the event, with discipline information to the extent not prohibited by POBR or related statutes.
- All reportable Category 3 uses of force, including head strikes with weapons, knees or shod feet, canine bites, and any force resulting in broken bones, hospital admittance or death. As with shootings, all relevant legally disclosable information and brief narratives (in significant cases) should be included, with discipline information, to the extent not prohibited by POBR or related statutes.
- Composite information regarding civilian complaints against LASD personnel, types of complaints and disposition of complaints.

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- Average daily inmate population within the Los Angeles County jail system and in-custody deaths from all causes, including suicide.
- Information compiled by the LASD regarding crime statistics and other activities compiled by stations and divisions.
- Where not prohibited by law, privacy concerns or interference with an active investigation, video of incidents of significant public concern.

The Commission recommends that the foregoing recommendations be implemented and that the Sheriff appear before the Commission 60 days hence with a report on their progress. In addition, data should be provided for three to five years, depending on availability, to enable the public to place the data in context and form its own opinions about year to year changes and trends.

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Robert C. Bonner, Chair

Brian K. Williams, Executive Director, Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, does hereby certify that the above is true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted by the Commission at its meeting held on May 25, 2017, and as same appears of record in the official Statement of Proceedings of said Commission.

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Brian K. Williams, Executive Director