

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

November 10, 2020

Ensuring Transparency and Affirming Subpoena Power Under AB 1185

On September 30, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom approved AB 1185, *Creating a Sheriff Oversight Board or Office of the Inspector General*, which empowers county boards of supervisors to establish mechanisms for Sheriff oversight. AB 1185 mandates that, if created, inspector generals and civilian oversight bodies shall have independent subpoena power. AB 1185 further establishes a procedure for the issuance and enforcement of these subpoenas.

The Los Angeles County (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) had already established robust oversight through the creation of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) (Ridley-Thomas motion [October 12, 2012](#)) and finalized in 2014 ([August 12, 2014](#)), and the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) in 2016 (Ridley-Thomas/Solis motion, [January 12, 2016](#);). In 2019, the Board amended the COC ordinance to grant subpoena power to the COC (Ridley-Thomas/Kuehl motion, [October 15, 2019](#)). AB 1185 is consistent with this Board's efforts to maintain effective oversight of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD), and AB 1185 codifies and reinforces the Board's already-existing authority to do so. Considering the Sheriff's persistent resistance to oversight, the OIG and COC must be able to use all tools available to ensure transparency and accountability.

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I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Affirm and declare, consistent with AB 1185, *Creating a Sheriff Oversight Board or Office of the Inspector General*, that effective January 1, 2021, the Los Angeles County Inspector General and the Los Angeles County Civilian Oversight Commission have subpoena power, as delineated in California Government Code section 25303.7.; and
2. Direct County Counsel to prepare and send a letter to notify the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Office of Inspector General and County Civilian Oversight Commission of the County's affirmation of AB 1185.

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