



Written Public Comment
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of the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Civilian Oversight
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Agenda Item or Topic **Public Comment** Name 2A: LASD killing community members suffering mental health crises has been Agenda Items 2A, 2B, 2C, and Abby Cooper General Public Comment a pattern for years now. We do not forget the killings of Nicholas Burgos and Ruben Herrera at Harbor-UCLA, along with the murders of David Ordaz, Jasmyne Eng, Eric Briceno, and countless others at the hands of LASD, all of whom were suffering from various mental health crises. LASD is in no way trained or prepared to handle mental health crises. The County has spent nearly \$36,000,000 in contracting Sheriffs stationed at various Department of Health Services facilities. We demand these funds be reallocated toward creating additional dedicated de-escalation teams at each hospital, hiring community advocates who can focus on de-escalating conflict while working as patient advocates, investing in mental health services and response teams, and training private security, hospital staff, and providers in de-escalation, anti-racism, and trauma-informed care that is patient-centered and ethically sound. I have friends and family members who live with mental health conditions, and I know that in a crisis, sheriff presence would only escalate the situation. Non-law enforcement response will save lives and allow adequate and proper care to be provided to those who need it. We cannot wait any longer when lives are on the line. 2B: In November 2020, the people elected George Gascón as LA County's District Attorney. He promised to establish policies and practices based on science and data, not fear and emotion, with the ultimate objective of addressing racial disparities, injustice, and ending mass incarceration, which is a necessary departure from the former DA's policies. Still, we are not interested in nothing more than lip service from DA Gascón and will hold him accountable. We demand DA Gascón and his offices rescind any prior agreements that existed between LASD and DA Lacey which put the DA's Agenda Items 2A, 2B, 2C, and 2A: The US Supreme Court has ruled that killing offended with mental incisors Aegina Barnes General Public Comment is unconditional, yet LASD killing community members suffering mental health crises has been a pattern for years now. We do not forget the killings of Nicholas Burgos and Ruben Herrera at Harbor-UCLA, along with the murders of David Ordaz, Jasmyne Eng, Eric Briceno, and countless others at the hands of LASD, all of whom were suffering from various mental health crises. LASD is in no way trained or prepared to handle mental health crises. The County has spent nearly \$36,000,000 in contracting Sheriffs stationed at various Department of Health Services facilities. We demand these funds be reallocated toward creating additional dedicated de-escalation teams at each hospital, hiring community advocates who can focus on de-escalating conflict while working as patient advocates, investing in mental health services and response teams, and training private security, hospital staff, and providers in de-escalation, anti-racism, and trauma-informed care that is patient-centered and ethically sound. 2B: In November 2020, the people elected George Gascón as LA County's District Attorney. He promised to establish policies and practices based on science and data, not fear and emotion, with the ultimate objective of addressing racial disparities, injustice, and ending mass incarceration, which is a necessary departure from the former DA's policies. Still, we are not interested in nothing more than lip service from DA Gascón and will hold him accountable. We demand DA Gascón and his offices rescind any prior agreements that existed between LASD and DA Lacey which put the DA's office in the back seat while LASD investigates its own use of force incidents and actively support the community-led ATI initiatives both publicly and inside

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No other Sheriff in the last 20 years has been more dedicated the serving the Alejandra Dominguez needs of the Citizens of Los Angeles County and has done so with the utmost integrity.

As a Citizen of LA County, I am proud of Sheriff Alex Villanueva and the more that 11,000 brave Women and Men of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, who run toward danger while others run away.

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I am emailing in with my comments on Agenda items (2B, 2C, 2D, 2E & General Public Comments) for 4/15/21 meeting. I wanted to send these comments in support of the people of Los Angeles, my friends and family who live in LA, and as someone hoping to move their to join them soon [3]

Alison Agnew

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2E: We are now past a year since Measure R has been passed. We are beyond Alison Agnew the point of the people's mandate being fully accomplished and fulfilled. The Commission must play an active role in developing recommendations to reduce the jail population and must act immediately in drafting a plan to assess and reinvest cost-savings to more broadly support community-based public safety initiatives. Frankly, we need Measure R now. It's glaringly obvious there is a problem. Yet somehow, leaders continue to ignore systemic Racism in the police, the prison-industrial complex, and the justice system. Everyday, we wake up in a world where someone else has unnecessarily died at the hands of police violence, most frequently Black and Brown people. Everyday, we wake up in a world where someone is forced to sit in a jail cell simply because they cannot afford bail. And everyday we wake up to the populations of already incarcerated people being exploited for their labor in legal modern day slavery. Why are we waiting any longer to switch our budget priorities? Measure R is necessary now. Measure R can make substantial improvements by investing in care first and foremost. The sooner the people's money is spent on protecting them, the more tragedy can be prevented and the better life is for citizens of LA in the long term. And hopefully, your influence spreads across the United States.

General Comment: For decades, LASD has been rife with corruption, abuse of power, and impunity. From the moment he was elected, Sheriff Villanueva has utterly failed to fulfill his campaign promises to reform LASD. He has violated LASD's own policies, allowed sheriff's deputies to get away with impunity, tolerated deputy gangs, and stonewalled independent investigations into sheriff's deputies' June 18 killing of 18-year-old Andres Guardado. I appreciate

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2C: In the summer of 2020, the Board of Supervisors voted to create a plan for Anita Gomez the closure of Men's Central Jail (MCJ) within a year. We are coming up on a year of this plan being set in motion, yet little has been done by the County. That commitment towards a Care First vision is an empty promise without investing in proven diversion models, like ODR's FIST (Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial) program. Even the state of California agrees with this Care First vision and has offered LA County nearly \$200 million this year for the Community Care Demonstration Project, and \$137 million of ongoing funding every year. The Board cannot in good conscience reject hundreds of millions of dollars that would support our most vulnerable community members. Investing in care first solutions is important to me because I want to see the promise of a better world happen in time to protect those who have been a target of police violence before we lose another life!

General Comment: Sheriff Villanueva is unfit for his job. A recent Inspector General report revealed that LASD shootings under Villanueva's tenure dramatically increased compared to 2017 and 2018. In 2019, shootings increased 27% from 2017-18 levels: in 2020, 45%. Since the public execution of George Floyd on May 25, LASD has killed at least 18 community members, almost all of which were Black and Latinx and all in South LA, East LA, and the Antelope Valley. These are the very areas with LASD stations riddled with deputy gangs that perpetrate violence against the community. Enough is enough. We need to eradicate these deputy gangs and stop LASD from killing us. We urge you to agendize this issue for your next meeting and bring concrete recommendations for Board of Supervisors action immediately.

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Carolyn Stein

Recently, in Denver, officials sent mental health workers in the place of hundreds of 911 calls. During that time, no arrests were made and situations were handled much more effectively and efficiently (source: USAToday). If Denver can do it, then so can LA. Mental health workers make our communities safer, not cops.

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2C: In the summer of 2020, the Board of Supervisors voted to create a plan for Cecilia Gomez the closure of Men's Central Jail (MCJ) within a year. We are coming up on a year of this plan being set in motion, yet little has been done by the County. That commitment towards a Care First vision is an empty promise without investing in proven diversion models, like ODR's FIST (Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial) program. Even the state of California agrees with this Care First vision and has offered LA County nearly \$200 million this year for the Community Care Demonstration Project, and \$137 million of ongoing funding every year. The Board cannot in good conscience reject hundreds of millions of dollars that would support our most vulnerable community members. Investing in care first solutions is important to me because I want to see the promise of a better world happen in time to protect those who have been a target of police violence before we lose another life!

General Comment: Sheriff Villanueva is unfit for his job. A recent Inspector General report revealed that LASD shootings under Villanueva's tenure dramatically increased compared to 2017 and 2018. In 2019, shootings increased 27% from 2017-18 levels: in 2020, 45%. Since the public execution of George Floyd on May 25, LASD has killed at least 18 community members, almost all of which were Black and Latinx and all in South LA, East LA, and the Antelope Valley. These are the very areas with LASD stations riddled with deputy gangs that perpetrate violence against the community. Enough is enough. We need to eradicate these deputy gangs and stop LASD from killing us. We urge you to agendize this issue for your next meeting and bring concrete recommendations for Board of Supervisors action immediately.

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Cheryl Auger

2a, 2b, 2c, and General Comments Comments on 2A: The LA Sheriff's dept has been killing community members chris cohen who are experiencing mental health crises for years now. We will never forget the killings of Nicholas Burgos and Ruben Herrera at Harbor-UCLA, along with the murders of David Ordaz, Jasmyne Eng, Eric Briceno, and countless others at the hands of LASD, all of whom were suffering from various mental health crises. LASD is not trained or prepared to handle mental health crises. The County has spent nearly \$36,000,000 in contracting Sheriffs stationed at various Department of Health Services facilities. We demand these funds be reallocated toward creating additional dedicated de-escalation teams at each hospital, hiring community advocates who can focus on de-escalating conflict while working as patient advocates, investing in mental health services and response teams, and training private security, hospital staff, and providers in de-escalation, anti-racism, and trauma-informed care that is patient-centered and ethically sound. Mental health crises should be responded to mental health workers. As someone who suffers from depression I know that I am not always at my best and when approached by aggressive people like the Sheriff's Dept, I often respond with fear and erratic behavior.

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Christian Wales

No other Sheriff in the last 20 years has been more dedicated the serving the needs of the Citizens of Los Angeles County and has done so with the utmost integrity.

As a Citizen of LA County, I am proud of Sheriff Alex Villanueva and the more that 11,000 brave Women and Men of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, who run toward danger while others run away.

Please include this "Statement of Support" in the Public Comments for the 4/14/2021 Civilian Oversight Commission meeting, as my show of support for Sheriff Alex Villanueva and the Woman and Men of the LA County Sheriff's Department.

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#### Thank you.

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Mr Gascon should not be letting these criminals out of jail if they've killed someone, raped someone or is a pedophile and has been charged, or committed robbery and intent to harm some one by committing harmful crimes. They do the crime and need to service the time! Especially those that got Life sentences.

Why do you think they could handle being in the real world after being incarcerated most of their life's. And do you really think family need to take care of them and need another mouth to feed?

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### General Public Comment

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#### **General Comment**

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Thank you for your Leadership.

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2C: In the summer of 2020, the Board of Supervisors voted to create a plan for Ellen Giesy the closure of Men's Central Jail (MCJ) within a year. We are coming up on a year of this plan being set in motion, yet little has been done by the County. That commitment towards a Care First vision is an empty promise without investing in proven diversion models, like ODR's FIST (Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial) program. Even the state of California agrees with this Care First vision and has offered LA County nearly \$200 million this year for the Community Care Demonstration Project, and \$137 million of ongoing funding every year. The Board cannot in good conscience reject hundreds of millions of dollars that would support our most vulnerable community members. Investing in care first solutions is important to me because I want to see the promise of a better world happen in time to protect those who have been a target of police violence before we lose another life!

General Comment: Sheriff Villanueva is unfit for his job. A recent Inspector General report revealed that LASD shootings under Villanueva's tenure dramatically increased compared to 2017 and 2018. In 2019, shootings increased 27% from 2017-18 levels: in 2020, 45%. Since the public execution of George Floyd on May 25, LASD has killed at least 18 community members, almost all of which were Black and Latinx and all in South LA, East LA, and the Antelope Valley. These are the very areas with LASD stations riddled with deputy gangs that perpetrate violence against the community. Enough is enough. We need to eradicate these deputy gangs and stop LASD from killing us. We urge you to agendize this issue for your next meeting and bring concrete recommendations for Board of Supervisors action immediately.

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Ellen Giesy

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For me, removing law enforcement from mental health issues would put my mind at ease. I have relatives with mental health challenges who've had terrifying encounters with law enforcement. If we took a care first approach, I could sleep better at night.

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Gina Brownstein

3d Los Angeles County Sheriff's Update

Two years ago I attended a presentation that involved Sheriff's, C.O.C and other personnel on improving communications and overall relationships with law enforcement. In this presentation there was a training exercise that explained how Sheriff's would take mental health crises calls that would include a specialist or professional on scene and methods to de-escalate the situation. Tell me why this was not exercised two weeks ago in the deputyinvolved shooting of a Cudahy resident, who is in the spectrum of autism and shot on the back while already restrained? Where's the Sheriff's integrity in providing a press release/news briefing on the matter and how will the Sheriff's commit that justice be done for the individual and family?

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Isabel Gomez

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**CLIQUES** 

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Jan Beattie

INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS OF DEPUTY RELATED FATAL USES OF FORCE

Can a bank robber investigate him or herself? Can a murderer investigate him Jan Beattie or herself? What about a Pedophile? So how can officers investigate an officer who has committed an egregious act and arrive at an independent and bias conclusion? More importantly the committee has to be non-directly involved with law enforcement.

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Not having located a copy of the actual letter, I have read several news articles about a letter from Dist. Atty. George Gascón requesting the police agencies in the county provide Brady Lists. Language used in these articles to indicate which Police Officers should be included on the Brady List includes "history of," "accused," and "officers who have engaged in acts of moral turpitude." I note that if the articles are accurate, the designation of "those with sustained findings of tampering with evidence, misappropriating property, dishonesty, family violence and other wrongdoing" is included as a subgroup under "officers who have engaged in acts of moral turpitude." I have two questions for District Attorney Gascon:

- 1) What is the level of proof for a police officer to be included on the Brady List?
- 2) What is the definition of "acts of moral turpitude" if that language was included in the letter?

Thank you, Janet West

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Janet West

Deputy Cliques Item 2b., 2c and 2d. Sheriff Alex Villanueva is the FIRST Los Angeles County Sheriff to successfully Jason Barnette

implement a policy banning "deputy cliques." The policy went into effect in February 2020, and a video reinforcing his message was recently released to the Department. All sworn Department members have been briefed and are being held accountable. This is what culture change within the organization looks like.

No other Sheriff in the last 20 years has been more dedicated the serving the needs of the Citizens of Los Angeles County and has done so with the utmost integrity.

As a Citizen of LA County, I am proud of Sheriff Alex Villanueva and the more that 11,000 brave Women and Men of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, who run toward danger while others run away.

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mail is taking so long not only for inmates to receive but for outgoing mail as well, and why when mail is rejected, why are inmates not notified and parcels not returned to the sender? Perhaps it isn't rejected even, which has been the case to my knowledge at this time, but 2 months ago I sent my loved one a postcard and 2 letters and a card and he still has not received it and has been given no notification of its rejection, neither have I.

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For decades, LASD has been rife with corruption, abuse of power, and impunity. From the moment he was elected, Sheriff Villanueva has utterly failed to fulfill his campaign promises to reform LASD. He has violated LASD's own policies, allowed sheriff's deputies to get away with impunity, tolerated deputy gangs, and stonewalled independent investigations into sheriff's deputies' June 18 killing of 18-year-old Andres Guardado. I appreciate this Commission's push for Villanueva's resignation, yet he is still Sheriff of LASD and further steps must be taken to remove him from office. I demand you stress the importance of his resignation to the Board, so that they may carry out a plan of action for his removal.

Joan Harper

Thank you, I am grateful for your leadership,

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We have a chance to advance justice right now for the more than 17,000 incarcerated people in Los Angeles County. These are people from our communities — our friends, our family, our neighbors — who are living in cages. The vast majority of whom are suffering from serious mental illness, addiction, and homelessness.

jon walter mocey-hanton

please dramatically decrease the funding that the sheriffs department receives to militarize their force and instead reallocate those funds to improve mental health response and care for individuals

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Hello, thank you for providing this forum. I attended the first hour of today's Joseph Bobman commission meeting but had to leave for work. I had already submitted a public comment yesterday evening but wanted to follow up from the LASD Chief's presentation with a few concerns.

First, part of my work role is preparing reports, presentations and visualizations, and so I'm especially interested in seeing these. I was concerned by the LASD Chief's presentation (I apologize, I forgot the name of the Chief who was presenting from LASD). He included an image of LA County with 30 other cities displayed inside the boundary. While he didn't state this outright, it was clear that he intended for this image to support his claim that LASD needed more county funding, and emphasized this by including this same slide twice. It is inaccurate if not irresponsible to claim that the needs of policing several large areas of national forest are equivalent to a providing safety to a city like Atlanta. The use of this image immediately raised a flag for me, and I hope that everyone is bringing a thoughtful lens to the understanding his presentation, for example to misleading claims about how Measure J will reduce specific LASD budget items.

Second, I'm concerned by LASD asking for increased funding and couching it as part of a Care First agenda. There is evidence across the country that Body Cameras, police youth programs, and other similar LASD ATI programs have little impact in keeping our communities safe.

As a specific example, in 2019-2020, the County spent \$35,724,000 in contracting Sheriffs stationed at various Department of Health Services facilities, only to have LASD violate established protocol and cause the death

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Juliane Crump

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2B: I support a Care First budget. The LASD wastes money and causes terrible Katelyn Hempstead harm, and as a tax payer and voter I'd rather the Commission prioritize funding alternatives to incarceration and community-based systems of care. Spend that money on de-escalation teams at hospitals and mental health professionals and community advocates who will actually keep patients and staff safe. I want the dangerous LASD out of Department of Health Services facilities, for the safety of my neighbors and myself.

2C: At this point, Sheriff Villanueva is a national embarrassment for LA. He enables deputy gangs to terrorize and hunt citizens. I ask the Commission to bring concrete recommendations to the Board to eliminate these gangs and get control over the LASD.

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2E: Measure R still hasn't been implemented. What is this Commission doing to fulfill the people's mandate? It's past time you develop a plan to reduce the jail population in LA and re-invest in community-based public safety initiatives.

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As a adult education teacher, I have spent many years working with students who struggle with mental health and who have been incarcerated. I have seen and heard the stories of how my students are harmed by law enforcement over and over. They need support, not more policing.

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Non-law enforcement responses to mental health crises are important to me because people with mental illness are 16 times more likely to be killed during a police encounter, and, according to the Treatment Advocacy Center, "make up a disproportionate number of those killed at the very first step of the criminal justice process: while being approached or stopped by a law enforcement officer in the community."

Data collected from a wide range of programs that substitute police response with that of a trained health worker prove that de-escalation can be done without the use of excessive force. Plus, our doctors and nurses, bless all of them, should not have to use the little free time they have to protest against unnecessary murder at the hands of police officers incapable and unwilling to

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> Health professionals respond to mental health crises without killing the patient. Guns do not have a place in mental health crises response. Law enforcement are not trained for mental health crises response, nor do they want to respond to those calls due to lack of training- they just fear losing funding-that's not leadership.

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Showing support for Alex Villanueva

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Please include this "Statement of Support" in the Public Comments for the 4/15/2021 Civilian Oversight Commission meeting, as my show of support for Sheriff Alex Villanueva and the Woman and Men of the LA County Sheriff's Department.

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Lucas O'Connor

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As a citizen of Los Angeles County I am extremely proud and impressed with all the men and women of the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department and the the Sheriff himself. I feel safe, protected and represented by the Sheriffs Department.

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c. Discussion regarding proposed policy and preamble on Deputy Cliques and presentation of Loyola Law School Report

While the proposed "LASD POLICY PROHIBITING DEPUTY CLIQUES" prohibits deputy gang membership, which is essential, it fails to prescribe how the LASD will monitor the admonition. The implication is that LASD will devise some way of identifying, tracking, and possibly disciplining its department members who join internal gangs. However, the report accompanying the recommendations points out how previous LASD sheriffs have all but ignored deputy gangs' problems within its ranks. To what extent does the proposed policy change anything?

Another option is to cast the public's eyes and ears on Sheriff's operations and obtain their aid at remediating deputy gangs' problems while improving service delivery. After all, the Compton public is the Sheriff's end customer, and you must not minimize the public safety co-production role of its residents.

Toward transparency and improved public safety, the Concerned Citizens of Compton proposed the attached letter, of which you are copied. The letter, dated March 18, 2021, to Craig J. Cornwell, Compton City Manager, describes what they believe is, in part, a solution to deputy gangs and a plethora of other law enforcement concerns. The Concerned Citizens effort places the public front and center and empowers Compton community members to identify and focus on problems that may or may not be crime-related. Compton4COPS and the Teen Intervention Program support the Concerned Citizens of Compton's initiative to make Compton safer.

We ask that your Commission also voice support for the content of the March 18, 2021 letter to Mr. Cornwell.

### D.A. George Gascon

Last year a wave of so-called Progressive trends started to sweep across the country after protests over the killings of blacks occurred. CBSNews.com did a 2-part series called "Black People Killed by Police in the U.S. in 2020". Although many view CBS as slightly Left-leaning, it actually did a wonderful job describing what some of these people were doing to be shot... something that seemed to allude the mainstream media. I'm not saying all of the shootings or killings were justified, but CBS's series told the other side of the story. And I bring this series up because Mr. Gascon has implemented directives and policy that, once you read the CBS articles at

https://www.cbsnews.com/pictures/black-people-killed-by-police-in-the-u-s-in-2020/

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you can see how violent people with guns and knives would be allowed a light sentence and be back on the street when you can't include certain enhancements.

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Sarah Bowers

Rather than continuing to provide more funding to LASD, we can give more funding to FIST and MIST programs, to Measure J (which is what the County is supposed to be doing anyway), to community-based systems of care, to combatting houselessness.

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Good evening Sir,

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In response to your request:

On February 18, 2021, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Detectives served a search warrant for records on the offices of Peace Over Violence and LA Metro. The search warrant was signed by a judge in connection to an on-going criminal investigation. We are unable to offer further comment at this time, in order to preserve the integrity of this active investigation.

Take care, John

John Satterfield, Ed.D, MPA Deputy Sheriff (Lieutenant) Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Sheriff's Information Bureau Hall of Justice - 1st Floor 211 W. Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

"Do What Is Right and Just, No Matter What the Personal Cost" Colonel Donald G. Cook, USMC (ret), Medal of Honor Recipient

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Sheriff Alex Villanueva is the FIRST Los Angeles County Sheriff to successfully Silence Dogood implement a policy banning "deputy cliques." The policy went into effect in February 2020, and a video reinforcing his message was recently released to the Department. All sworn Department members have been briefed and are being held accountable. This is what culture change within the organization looks like.

No other Sheriff in the last 20 years has been more dedicated the serving the Citizens of Los Angeles County and has done so with the utmost integrity. As a Citizen of LA County, I am proud of Alex Villanueva and the more that 11,000 brave Women and Men of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, who run toward danger while others run away. Please include this statement as my show of support for Sheriff Villanueva and the woman and men of the LA County Sheriffs Department.

The Deputy Click Policy reads:

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LAPD Budgegt Hello Tara

I am a long time resident of Los Angeles and I am writing out of grave concern for how my tax dollars are being spent. Armed, untrained police are not the proper or appropriate response to many of the situations they are used in. A mental health crisis, a person experiencing homelessness, people performing sex work, traffic incidents, and several other non-violent engagements do not require and in fact worsen when the cops with guns get there. They are not trained to provide appropriate care for the several and abundant social, economic, health, and mental health problems of Los Angeles.

I want my money spent on professionals trained to improve our social and personal ills. Doctors and social workers for those in need of mental health resources. Affordable and accessible housing for those in need. Food security. Healthcare. Rehabilitation for people with substance abuse problems. Decriminalization of sex work and the social and economic resources to liberate those who are engaged in it unwillingly.

Our city so clearly needs help. We need care. We need more opportunities. No more police.

Please. Help us.

Villanueva

Increase in shootings under Sheriff This is a general public comment for LASD Civilian Oversight Commission meeting of 3-18-21 re:increase in shootings under Sheriff Villanueva: I have come to believe Sheriff Villanueva is truly unfit for office and needs to be removed. I follow news in LA closely because I have Latino family members living there. I was alarmed to read about a recent Inspector General report that revealed LASD shootings under Villanueva's tenure dramatically increased compared to 2017 and 2018. In 2019, shootings increased 27% from 2017-18 levels; in 2020, 45%. Even if the pandemic has increased crime, there is no excuse for these disturbing numbers: since George Floyd died on May 25, 2020, LASD has killed at least 18 community members, almost all of which were Black and Latino and all in South LA, East LA, and the Antelope Valley. What is going on with deputies at LASD stations in those particular areas? Enough is enough. We need to stop LASD from killing our family members. These deputies are acting as execution squads, not keepers of the peace. I urge you to agendize this issue for your next meeting and bring concrete

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter of public safety.

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Sincerely, Tara Sotter

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#### General Public Comment

General Comment: I have no memory of a meeting where this body has not discussed in some way how Sheriff Villanueva is unfit for his job. I have sat through meeting after meeting listening to multiple COC members give ongoing account of he and his deputies crimes. You all are familiar with the Inspector General report revealing LASD shootings under Villanueva's tenure have dramatically increased compared to 2017 and 2018. You all know that in 2019, shootings increased 27% from 2017-18 levels; in 2020, 45%. Since the public execution of George Floyd on May 25, LASD has killed at least 18 community members, almost all of which were Black and Latinx and all in South LA, East LA, and the Antelope Valley. You all are aware that these are the very areas where LASD stations are riddled with deputy gangs that perpetrate violence against the community. Enough is enough. We need to eradicate these deputy gangs and stop LASD from its lawless killing. I am urging you to immediately agendize this issue for your next meeting and bring concrete recommendations for Board of Supervisors action.

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Thank you, I am grateful for your leadership,

**Kelly Young** 

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#### Recall Gascon

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	Please include this "Statement of Support" in the Public Comments for the
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