



Written Public Comment

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Greg Allan	<p>Coc accuses law enforcement of having gangs in their ranks proving that statement is so far un realized where's the statement s from law enforcement that gang members exist and their roll as a gang member 3 years of accuse ing law enforcement with no results is a abuse to law enforcement Coc established less than 5 years ago acquired supeona power and is using that power to abuse law enforcement mr huntsmen has yet to prove anything. And mr Bonner wants to threaten men who protect and serve this Citizens threats to put people in jail that go to work every day and protect citizens is a outrageous abuse of your new found power let's remember all commissioner's are appointed and have a left wing bias that is against law enforcement enough is enough find some one to testify or close the door on this matter put up mr huntsmen or shut up and stop slandering the men and women of law enforcement</p>
STEVE HILL	STEVE HILL I WOULD LIKE MY TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ABOUT THE SHOT CALLER FOR THE LASD
Ryan Gierach	<p>Sheriff Villanueva, you have consistently downplayed the reported existence of games operating inside your department. We know that you are up for election, so I would like to know what political benefit you see from stonewalling the public about the thugs in your employee.</p>
	<p>Anyone who is in American law enforcement is participating in an organization that comes from, and still conducts itself in the same manner as, "slave patrollers" and union busters. So, how can anyone with a conscience be a cop? If you are a cop, you are advancing a white supremacist imperial agenda, which explicitly does not include protecting citizens. Now that we have ample evidence of the LASD's participation in such activities, every refusal to be held accountable further confirms that you willfully uphold an inherently violent system. We've know for 93 years, when the first report came out on Chicago, that police are a problem. If you double down on this violence by also becoming part of an especially violent group within an inherently violent organization, you are surely among the most vile humans on the face of this planet, causing untold levels of harm. Maybe you thought you were doing the right thing, but there's no song called "Fuck the Fire Department" or "EMS Killer" for a good reason; you only join something like this torment and oppress others, presumably because you've got some serious emotional issues for which you do not yet have the tools to address with anything other than projection & violence. It's never too late to do the right thing and join the abolitionist movement; or, you can go down in history as being a variation of the KKK. Which will you chose, officers?</p>
	<p>It is disgusting that our taxes go to pay these employees to join gangs. What is even the point of these gangs? For them to feel superior to others? They already have the law backing them up even when they abuse those they supposedly serve and protect. I have heard police supporters, bootlickers, use the excuse that they are fighting fire with fire by fighting the gangs on the street with their own police gangs. How does that make any sense? LASD needs to be held to the same standard any other government employee would. Allowing them to have gangs, cliques, social clubs or whatever other term they want to use is ridiculous. They are supposed to serve a function of the government, not hang around intimidating and murdering people.</p>
	We need an injunction on LASD gang members.
	<p>Members of deputy gangs should be considered domestic terrorists. Law enforcement officers should be prohibited from joining deputy gangs, and any current gang members wanting to keep their tax-funded LEO jobs must pass a recertification process, affirm that they renounce gang membership, and remain in a probationary status for 2 years. A community oversight board must periodically audit each precinct to ensure that appropriate & equitable policing decisions are made, and that policy and chain of command are adhered to withhold undue influence from deputy gangs or other nefarious sources. Any LEO who already has identifying gang tattoos should have this information registered with LAPD/community oversight board, and these LEOs should be offered a reimbursement stipend for laser tattoo removal. Any LEOs who get gang tattoos in the future shall be terminated for affirming/promoting their gang affiliation.</p>
	<p>In my lifetime, policing in Los Angeles has had many, many scandals. Now, with knowledge of the Sheriff Department's complicity and involvement in widespread gang activity I've lost faith in the institution of policing in this town entirely. I'm unconvinced that there's a single good apple in the whole bunch,</p>

because if there were, that officer would be speaking out against the lawless actions of their fellow deputies. The wall of silence and refusal to comply with legal oversight condemns them all. One thing Los Angeles does not need are unaccountable and lawless gangs terrorizing our community with impunity, all on our dime as taxpayers.

Members of Canoga Park Alabama are my neighbors, no threat at all to me and my family living in the west valley. The greatest harm they cause is some graffiti. The LASD gangs, on the other hand, are a constant and persistent threat to me and my family's safety. If I saw a drug deal on my corner the last thing I'd do is call the police, because I don't need a rival gang member showing up armed with a firearm, legal immunity, and a chip on their shoulder; ready to turn my street into their warzone firing wildly and uncontrollably as is their tendency. I would never call 911 in this town for fear of getting myself or my daughter killed by the gangbanging agents of the state who might respond. In the words of Brendan Behan, "I have never seen a situation so dismal that a policeman couldn't make it worse."

It's time to end this Sheriff's reign of impunity, get access to all body cams and evidence legally allowed to this committee, and for heaven's sake get rid of these corrupt and dangerous deputies with known gang affiliations. That's a bare minimum to restore faith in the institution. From there, they can begin rebuilding our trust. Until then, this is a lawless place where we must protect our own communities with vigilante action, because the state has abandoned that responsibility. To allow this to continue is to invite anarchy.

Thank you.

There needs to be more retribution for officers affiliated with gangs and more regulation preventing this. These affiliations leave Angelenos at higher risk of violence and murder by officers hands.

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Garonzick
Hall Deputy Gang member Desoto (529461) falsely arrested me on 2/16/2022 in what was obviously a politically motivated planned arrest. Since then, I've been a victim of harassment, and intimidation. 3 of my Instagram accounts were hacked and used to conduct bitcoin scams (https://www.instagram.com/sarahjoe_901/). The government continues to gaslight the public. This is a government psyop that's an attempt to cover up criminal behavior by the special operation task force that operates our Pico Rivera and Norwalk sheriff's department.

Note: The complaint that was filed in the Downey court was not signed. It should have been signed by Domenic J Castanon but it in fact does not have any signature. If there is no signature then the case should have never been in front of the judge.

Case Number: 2DN00441
URN: 921-05960-1514-144
Citation: AC102416

Michelle
King Thank you for holding this special hearing. Villanueva's Chief of Staff and Grim Reaper Lawrence Del Mese's testimony was illuminating today, it's too bad that he couldn't recall so much. We all know that Villanueva fearing for his safety at this meeting is bs. He's threatened you, the OIG, the board of supervisors. We paid \$1.5 million dollars alone plus private security to the LA County CEO for his harassment. Are your continual motions for the county council to expeditiously enforce Villanueva's subpoena falling on deaf ears? Chief April Tardy's testimony on the strict criteria re: courts in order to label deputies as gang members is interesting considering that it only takes a zip code to label our community members as gang members on their suspect cards. Interested to hear the rest of her testimony at the next hearing.

You know the names of all of the community members whose lives were stolen by LASD, you've heard from their families. How many more lives must be stolen before there's accountability in the Sheriff's dept?

Tupe A	Deputy Gangs are a big issue in our justice system and this is why we need third party to be involved when it comes to the community and law enforcement. Too many incidents, crime are committed by these law enforcements that are supposed to uphold the law and protect the people but, instead they are creating rules within their network to keep those who make decisions in power to support this type of mess. It is sad and this needs to be changed. Support our community not corrupt law enforcement.
Kelley Dixon-Turner	Deputy gangs do exist.
Terry Lovett	Gangs don't need to be in Sheriff's Dept.

Ernest Moore	I am a victim of these "gangs" in the LA Superior courts Stanley Mosk courthouse. They will not accept my citizen's arrest and will not take any kind of police reports. They justify this by saying that Sheriff deputies do not have any jurisdiction in the courts. They also have not responded to my complaints to the inspector general.
Lyndsay Peters	I believe the LA County SD has been overrun with violent gangs that are killing civilians for officer ego. It must be stopped, and rerouting funding from LASD to services that reduce crime & criminilization is essential to moveLA forward.
MELVIN HILL	I WAS ARRESTED AND NO ONE WILL TELL ME WHY.
Deshawn Cabeza	If there are Gangs, this is way before Sherriff Villanueva became Sheriff. Furthermore, please don't allow this to tarnish the reputation of good law enforcement officers. Lastly, I wouldn't characterize this as a "GANG" as it is a strong word. I'D say fraternity of individuals that stick together and or a click within the departments like most place of employment. However, if crimes are being committed by Officers, it needs to be handled.
Patrick Miller	It's been over 2 since the execution of Andres Guardado by prospects for the Compton Executioners. LASD has done nothing but cover for the discgraced deputies accused of his murder & subsequent coverup and impede outside investigations. Please highlight how the Sheriff is dragging this case out to oblivion and demand action. No investigation this important should take 2 years.
Tropical Storm	Our communities are being riddled with psycho cops targeting those who've been recently released. Making up false reports of gun crimes on parolees then placing them under arrest, creating false witness statements and unable to produce a weapon in court. These innocent people has been placed under duress during court hearings and given extreme time sentences of up to twenty-two years with bail amounts at and over \$1,000,000.00 dollars. I don't know what else to call it?
Maria Tijerina	RECALL SHERIFF VILLANUEVA!!!
Marriam Mccabe	Supporter of Sheriff
William brown	The fact that there are still tattooed officer gang-like groups is a disgrace. The fact they still have any influence on promotions, assignments, benefits is a disgrace. We need leadership strong enough to bring this gang-era of the LA County Sherriff's Dept to an END.
Garonzick Hall	The sheriff department falsely arrested me on 2/16/2022 at 10:15 am in Pico Rivera based solely on the word of a paid informant who had an active warrant. The case was dismissed but the Downey division 3 judge (Benjamin P. Hernandez-Stern), is obstructing justice by delaying the release of the trial transcripts. I was initially promised that I would receive transcripts on 4/7/2022 the date that the case was dismissed but I've yet to receive anything. Case #2DN00441 URN: 92105960-1514-144
Andreea-Simona Cotofana	Together we can be strong not just in LA, in all world! When all people are together the hole nation can be more than one piece of the entire puzzle. We want a strong nation and uncorupted!
Erica Notter	Would love any knowledge on this topic .. I am a Mother concerned for my children in our world.today and myself .. Staying connected .Thank you for this oppurtunity. Sincerely , Erica Notter