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Hahn, Barger Propose Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Safety

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY –Supervisors Janice Hahn and Kathryn Barger have announced that they will introduce a motion, at the August 15th board meeting which will establish a “Blue-Ribbon Commission on Public Safety” to explore innovative solutions to criminal justice challenges resulting from statewide reforms.

The motion builds on a previous motion unanimously approved by the Board on February 21, 2017 which was also by Supervisors Barger and Hahn. The February motion requested a report on the murder of Whittier Police Officer Keith Boyer by a “Post Released Supervised Person,” including an historical analysis of the gunman’s involvement with the state parole system, his probation supervision, as well as recommendations for policies and procedures to help identify risk factors and ensure the highest level of public safety.

“The tragic murder of Whittier Police Officer Keith Boyer has raised real questions about how the County has adapted to statewide reforms,” said Supervisor Hahn. “Public safety is our first priority. This commission would give us an opportunity to have this long-overdue conversation and allow us to take a critical look at our public safety policies.”

“Moving forward, Supervisor Hahn and I will be calling on our colleagues to support us on our collective goals of delivering meaningful treatment programs as well as enhancing public safety, including for our brave men and women in law enforcement,” said Barger. “We have an opportunity to work collaboratively with all of our stakeholders to identify and implement lasting and meaningful solutions to these important goals which are not mutually exclusive.”

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