



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ONLINE AT THE LINK BELOW:**

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Thursday, October 15, 2020

Attachment: **[Video](#)**

Present: Chair Lael Rubin, Vice-Chair Hernan Vera, Robert Bonner, Patti Giggans, James P. Harris, Sean Kennedy, Priscilla Ocen, Casimiro Tolentino and Executive Director Brian K. Williams.

Absent: Xavier Thompson

1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lael Rubin at 9:01 am.

Chair Rubin acknowledged October 12, 2020, as Indigenous Peoples Day. She welcomed everyone and announced November 19, 2020 as the next Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) meeting date. Chair Rubin announced that the alleged person who shot the two Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) deputies in Compton was apprehended and charged. Chair Rubin expressed well wishes to the deputies and to all victims of violence.

Chair Rubin informed the Commission that item 2b was resolved and will not be discussed. She went on to express the importance of voting and encouraged everyone to get out and vote. Chair Rubin then requested staff member Ingrid Williams to take roll, and Commissioner Sean Kennedy to lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the Pledge, Chair Rubin provided an overview of the virtual meeting guidelines.

- Approval of September 17, 2020 meeting minutes

On a motion by Commissioner James P. Harris, seconded by Commissioner Casimiro Tolentino there being no objection, the September 17, 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

[SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS](#)

There was no public comment on this item. Chair Rubin moved on to item 2a.

2. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- 2a. Discussion regarding the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Budget
Chair Rubin introduced Sheila Williams of the Chief Executive Office (CEO) and the LASD Administrative Services Director to provide guidance and clarification of the Sheriff Department's budget. Ms. Williams provided a detailed overview of funds allocated to the LASD and how they are distributed.

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Following Ms. Williams' presentation, the Sheriff's Department Division Director of Administrative Services Division, Conrad Meredith, provided a brief overview of the Sheriff's Department budget. Meredith noted that over the last three years, the department was over budget, and the last fiscal year the deficit was reduced. Mr. Meredith reported that LASD is currently negotiating with the CEO regarding the budget for the current fiscal year.

Following Mr. Meredith's comments, the floor was opened for Commissioner comments regarding the LASD budget.

Following Commissioner comments, Chair Rubin moved to public comment.

There were fourteen members of the public who addressed the Commission.

Chair Rubin called on Captain John McBride of the LASD to address the Commission on the LASD budget. Captain McBride informed the Commission that LASD is currently working to resolve some of the budget issues discussed today. He noted that LASD is working with the CEO on a weekly basis and asked to report back to the Commission on a future date. Chair Rubin thanked Captain McBride for his input.

Following Captain McBride's comments, Chair Rubin reiterated for the record that item 2b has been resolved and removed from the agenda.

Commissioner Robert Bonner requested the CEO or the LASD provide the Commission with the total number of funded deputies by their assignment before the next meeting. Following this request, Chair Rubin then moved to item 2c.

- 2c. Discussion regarding the Office of the Inspector General (OIG)'s Analysis of the Criminal Investigation of the Alleged Assault by the Banditos

Inspector General Max Huntsman provided an overview of how criminal gang investigations are conducted. He reported that his staff had conducted a comprehensive analysis of the Banditos investigation at Kennedy Hall. Mr. Huntsman shared with the Commission that during the analysis it was determined that the Banditos investigation was not investigated thoroughly. Mr. Huntsman reported that during the investigation, 23 deputies were not required to provide a statement, which is against LASD policy. Mr. Huntsman shared that additional information related to this issue can be found on the OIG website.

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Following the Inspector General's comments, Chair Rubin called on Lieutenant Mark Lopez from LASD.

Lieutenant Lopez shared that he would be reading a letter addressed to the Inspector General on behalf of the Sheriff in response to the OIG's Analysis of the Criminal Investigation of the Alleged Assault by the Banditos. He reported that he would not be answering any questions but will monitor the meeting for questions and take them back to the Sheriff.

Chair Rubin thanked Lieutenant Lopez for his input and noted the importance of the Sheriff's presence to have dialogue with the COC.

Following Chair Rubin's comments, the floor was opened for Commissioner questions and comments.

Commissioner Robert Bonner expressed disappointment of the Sheriff's absence. He called for a vote to subpoena the Sheriff to be present at the next COC meeting to address issues related to the Banditos of the East L.A. Sheriff's station, in addition to what has been done to enforce his policy prohibiting membership and deputy cliques. He also requested the Sheriff's Department provide the COC with a copy of the Administrative Investigation report on the Banditos.

Commissioner Priscilla Ocen noted how imperative it is to have independent investigations to ensure transparency. She went on to second Commissioner Bonner's call for a vote to subpoena the Sheriff.

Following Commissioner comments on item 2c, Chair Rubin called for a 15-minute recess.

The meeting recessed at 11:35 am.

Open session reconvened at 11:50 am.

Present were Chair Lael Rubin, Vice-Chair Hernan Vera, Robert Bonner, Patti Giggans, James P. Harris, Sean Kennedy, Priscilla Ocen, Casimiro Tolentino and Executive Director Brian K. Williams.

Following the recess, Chair Rubin continued with Commissioner comments.

Commissioner Ocen questioned why the OIG access to LASD database terminals to monitor discipline was suspended and whether OIG will be given access to pertinent information again.

Lieutenant Lopez responded to inform the Commission that he will share all questions with the Sheriff and report back to the Commission.

Following Lieutenant Lopez's response, Chair Rubin moved to public comment.

There were fifteen members of the public who commented on item 2c.

Following public comment, Chair Rubin moved to item 2d.

- 2d.** Discussion and update regarding the Resolution regarding the Los Angeles County Sheriff

Chair Rubin reported during the last meeting that the Commission agreed to have the Resolution Ad Hoc Committee develop a resolution regarding the Sheriff's leadership. She thanked the committee for their efforts.

Commissioner Patti Giggans thanked Commissioners Priscilla Ocen, Robert Bonner, James P. Harris and staff member Erick Montalban for their input. She shared with the Commission the grave concerns expressed by the community and the Commission with regards to the Sheriff's leadership. Commissioner Giggans stated the goal of the resolution is to express concerns and ultimately work together with the Sheriff.

Commissioner Bonner requested to disassociate himself from the 4th whereas clause of the resolution that applauds the Sheriff for banning transfers to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Commissioner Ocen expressed several concerns over the lack of confidence and the leadership of the Sheriff. She provided a list of actions exhibited by the Sheriff that led to the resolution.

Commissioner Casimiro Tolentino motioned to amend the resolution to add "no confidence," the motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Vera.

Following Commissioner comments, Chair Rubin moved to public comment.

There were eleven members of the public who commented on this item.

Following public comment, Chair Rubin expressed her displeasure with the Sheriff's failure to appear at the COC meetings and instead sending a representative to read a letter on his behalf. She noted that the Sheriff appears to have no desire to work with the Commission and urged the Commission to call for his resignation.

Commissioner Sean Kennedy motioned to amend the resolution to call for the Sheriff's resignation, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Ocen.

Commissioner Ocen suggested clarifying language to the resolution to include "no confidence" and to call for the Sheriff to resign.

Chair Rubin informed the Commission that two meetings were held with the Sheriff and the Undersheriff. She noted a third meeting was scheduled, however, after the last COC meeting, it was communicated that the scheduled meeting and any upcoming meetings are cancelled.

Commissioner Ocen provided clarifying language to the amended resolution.

Following Commissioner Ocen's comments, Chair Rubin moved to general public comment.

There were eleven members of the public who addressed the Commission.

Following public comment, Commissioner Ocen confirmed changes to the resolution. Chair Rubin called for a vote on the final resolution as amended. The motion passed unanimously with an 8-0 vote.

Attachments: [Proposed Resolution](#)
[Final Resolution](#)

Chair Rubin referred the motion made by Commissioner Robert Bonner to subpoena the Sheriff to be present at the next COC meeting to the subpoena ad hoc committee.

Chair Rubin called the meeting to adjournment.

3. COMMISSION UPDATES

Due to time constraints, item 3 was not discussed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Due to time constraints, item 4 was deferred.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

- Adjournment

Chair Rubin adjourned the COC meeting at 1:37 p.m.