



Written Public Comment

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| Meeting September 21, 2023 | <p>There is an inherent calling for leadership, a Hail to Justice in Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department to protect our most revered men and women, our Deputies. Then our deputies, in turn can do their jobs to serve and protect the public at large. Deputies are human beings with families and feelings of the real world consequences of the bureaucracy. When I got notice of the tragedy, the loss of life of Deputy Ryan Clinkunbroomer it hurt more than the the last tragic deputy shooting. With a heavy heart, my condolences to the Clinkunbroomer Family and the Sheriffs' Family/Department. I wanted to comment on transparency re: gangs in Uniform. There is a lot of value in public comment. The leaders who choose to protect our deputies, my hat's off to you all.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use of taser guns discussion has been plausible in this platform. Tasers will mitigate the risk of getting hit and killed by a stray bullet. 2. Sheriff deputies do not belong in public schools enforcing school policies. They are not are not school hall monitors. School Administrators need to integrate adaptive curriculum strategies to mitigate excessive discipline measures in public school districts. Have community outreach programs promoting fitness activities with enthusiasm Hire coaches/youth mentors with emergency teaching credentials that are motivated to work with our youth, our students. Incentivize the profession. 3. Transparency in gangs in uniform. This topic needs to be better understood as an evolving Los Angeles culture still rooted with the past; from the lens of a sociologist. There are no gangs in LASD. <p>My initial thoughts were that the lawyers, public officials and constituents attending this open forum want a judgement to validate that gangs deputies exist. The investigators did their job by providing a professional report to the stakeholders. Studies are in need to gain better understanding regarding the working relationships between LASD, judicial employees, and the public at large in the Judicial branch. The Civil Service Unit in the courts can have direct impact to public safety. The unit can assist with oversight regarding new court cases. The community depends upon the Sheriff to faithfully execute his ministerial duties as an officer of the court, There are some non-ministerial court cases opened in the Superior Courts by attorneys or Court clerk who lack integrity when neglecting to apply court rules. Court rules are internal controls that manage homeland security and public safeguard interests. These acts or lack thereof, to follow the court rules will have a direct negative impact on the longevity of LASD operations. Law enforcement in general has taken a toll, as petty theft remains rampant in our region. To this end, WE are Americans: sworn officers, public officials, and public servants on the same team. Honored are the humans from both military & civil life who pledge to loyalty, an Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America. us</p> | Eric Somilleda |
| Sheriffs Discipline | <p>The Sheriffs Department should have a legal department that oversee compliance in regards to court room officials following court rules. Over zealous attorneys that use the law to commit crimes puts Los Angeles County Sheriffs in precarious situations. Judges are no longer elected they are appointed by the Supervisor judge. The last election was during COVID-19 in 2020 the bad unlawful judges taking bribes indirectly, remain on the bench. The Local Child Support Agencies do whatever they want and find ways to embezzle money through complex layers of larceny, Most people will have their heads spinning in circles after the first two layers and quit trying to follow the money trail. Extortion and human trafficking of children continue. Many are handled by private child support collectors with</p> | Eric S. |

no oversight. Transparency oversight committee for child support services is a need not a want, A big concern for the Homeland Security Financial Division. When a frivolous child support case is open on Domestic Violence with attorney forging tactics the Judicial Branch doesn't care. Only when money over justice for personal gain. Unless you are White/Caucasian with blue eyes. There are repercussions that occur because that attorney lied only to open up a child support case in arrears. It is a Free for all for RICO. Then when the clouds hit the fan with a federal audit.... The stacks of paper trails are endless.

At the end people get frustrated and pass the buck, white collar crime. When the sheriffs get involved the attorneys or paralegal are only concerned about self gains. Sheriffs are human beings of integrity, respect, and honor. When one of our Sherrifs goes rogue it a sign that there is flaw in the judicial system integrity Division. The Los Angeles Board of Supervisors over stepping a boundary bereft of political business acumen. Being a Sheriff in Los Angeles County is one of the toughest jobs in the world. Meeting the needs of the bureaucracy day in, a day out is not worth it. The dedicated men of LASD are leaving because wearing the green and beige uniform is inherently becoming a liability. Los Angeles needs to demonstrate a United front to the world before LA2028 International Olympics Games. Life is short create good happy memories stay fit and eat healthy foods. We are a country thriving and searching for excellence, staying fit will help us get there. The Baliffs should have all people rise when the honorable Judge enters the courtroom. Does anybody still recite the pledge of allegiance in U.S. courtroom anymore? Thank you

hoping to see homelessness addressed in every meeting

1. since the sheriff's department is involved in the issue of homelessness, i would hope to see this issue on every COC agenda.
 2. I was involved in the cleanup of an encampment in LA 90049 - the Sheriff's Department was helpful. But it came to light that there is a ONE YEAR wait for a POSTED encampment cleanup ("Full Encampment Cleanup with Removal"). In the meantime, the encampments get temporary cleanups, and residents return - as they are allowed by law - and continue to grow. WHAT ACTION - IF ANY - IS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TAKING TO INCENTIVIZE THE RESPONSIBLE CITY OR COUNTY DEPARTMENT TO DO POSTED CLEANUPS IN A TIMELY MANNER. It is not enough to say, "not my department" and wait for permanent cleanups as the encampments grow.

School Resource Deputy Report

As a taxpaying and law abiding citizen of the Antelope Valley, we need to remove School Resource Officers from the schools of Lancaster and Palmdale. We need to train the security there too. There is a need for more accountability of our leaders at these schools. The reality is - officers on campuses show no actually positive outcomes for children. They are not mentors, they are not counselors, they are not parental substitutes. The antelope valley is a republican white and right wing maga town who all loves the cops - THERE IS A NEED FOR CHANGE. Care first jails last. Stop playing with our children and families.

Shawn Cannon

SROs

As an educator of 22 years, I have only witnessed school police officers cause harm to students, particularly Black and Brown youth. They have no other purpose on our campus other to intimidate, punish, and escalate what would otherwise be a minor infraction. I've seen police handcuff and push my 8th grade Black male student against the wall after he was fighting, was already calm and was talking to me as his teacher. I've had to intervene another instance when an officer was incredible insensitive to a student who was self-harming and basically accused her of doing it for attention. An officer even followed me into my classroom after I was given permission to support my students' right to protest gun violence. My students were traumatized thinking I was going to be arrested.

Lucia Reyes

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| | <p>Time again, biased and culturally ignorant administrators and educators have used police as weapons of fear against students. It creates a culture of anxiety, violence and trauma. It is counterproductive to all the work we as educators put in with our kids. Police are not trained to work with youth, they are inherently dangerous institutions known to harbor racism and police gangs, especially in the Antelope Valley. Not to mention the hundreds of thousands+ dollars spent on police could be better spent on counselors, teacher pay, community events, student resources and supplies. There is ZERO evidence that SROs have any positive effect on schools, on kids, on learning, etc. but there are mountains of studies showing the harm they cause. So, what are you waiting for?</p> <p>#cancelthecontract</p> | |
| <p>3(a) - Ad Hoc Committee's School Resource Deputy Report</p> | <p>Thank you to the Quality of Life Ad Hoc Committee for their report and recommendations on LASD's school resource deputy program. As a legal advocate for Antelope Valley students, I have seen the harm, trauma, and needless criminalization inflicted on students of color and students with disabilities by law enforcement officers stationed at schools. The problem with having police in schools is that they can too easily conflate childish, disability-related, and developmentally-appropriate behavior as criminal lawbreaking. The role of police was never intended to be teacher, counselor, or mentor; cops are trained to be cops, and they will act like cops in whatever setting they are in. Cops are trained to "keep peace" by force, by arrests, by citations, and by searches--these are the tools that police are trained to use and trained to reach for when conflicts arise. The de-escalation techniques and interventions that children, especially children with disabilities, require are not among those tools.</p> <p>While the justification for law enforcement presence on school campuses has typically been something along the lines of protection from outside intruders, police in fact do very little to prevent that danger and end up inflicting generational harm on schools' most vulnerable students. Students in grades K-12 are having daily contact with law enforcement in their places of learning, which undermines the purpose of public education and stunts child development. I had a client as young as 8 years old who was given an unlawful criminal citation for battery by a school resource officer for grabbing a student's hood during a game of tag. I had a 14-year-old client who was taken from his classroom multiple times a day to be searched by law enforcement. I had a 17-year-old client with disabilities who was called a racial slur by an officer and accused of being a gang member for having an earring he got with his grandmother. I appreciate the recommendations that were suggested, particularly the recommendations for a system of SRD monitoring available to the public and the clear definition of roles and responsibilities within SRD MOUs. While I do not believe that police have any business being stationed at school, I do appreciate the moves this body is making towards increased accountability for school-based law enforcement and the administrators that divest disciplinary authority to these officers.</p> | <p>Chelsea Helena</p> |
| <p>1 and 2.</p> | <p>We the public continue to see gang member sheriff's roaming around our streets! People are tired of telling the commission , the county board of supervisors. And our cities to find alternatives to gang member sheriff's! We want alternatives! We don't need gang member sheriff's on our streets nor our schools! It seems that no entity likes to hear what people have been saying since the 90s ! On top of that you have not given us answer as to how you are to hold these gang member sheriff's accountable? Who the active gang member sheriff's in higher rank ? Why does this continue? We want alternatives to policing!</p> | <p>EJ MEDAL</p> |