



Written Public Comment

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Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission.

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	<p>Dear Internal Affairs, LA County OIG, and Sheriff Luna (cc: Oversight Commission),</p> <p>I am writing to express my concern regarding the LASD Internal Affairs form, which has a very limited character count. This restriction significantly limits the ability to provide thorough and detailed information. I respectfully request that this issue be reviewed and addressed.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter.</p>	
General Comment	-Caleb	Caleb Merendino

I am submitting this comment to request civilian oversight review of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department practices as they intersect with juvenile dependency proceedings.

In my family's case, law enforcement involvement and subsequent referrals contributed to a child welfare detention based primarily on unconfirmed toxicology allegations, despite the absence of clinical symptoms and prior to adjudication. These actions have had profound consequences for a family without the benefit of fully validated evidence being tested in court.

I respectfully urge the Commission to examine whether current LASD referral practices, documentation standards, and reliance on preliminary or investigatory medical information adequately protect due process rights when families are referred into dependency systems.

Oversight is especially critical where law enforcement actions may influence child detention outcomes before judicial findings are made. Transparency, evidentiary rigor, and clear safeguards are essential to prevent irreversible harm to children and families.

Oversight of Sheriff's Department referrals and investigative practices impacting dependency court proceedings

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your role in ensuring accountability and fairness in county law enforcement practices.

From: [REDACTED]
Date filed: January 13, 2026
To: Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight
Commission
Subject: Public comment for Los Angeles County
Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission Meeting
Thursday January 15, 2026

To whom it may concern,

ITEM 15 – NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS

Just like this Commission is having issues with the LASD regarding Subpoenas Duces Tecum over Force Reports, I too have been having issues getting the LASD to comply with public records laws. I submitted a public records request in December 2025 for an up to date personnel roster for all publicly sworn in deputies. The LASD initially stated it would provide responsive records by January 12, 2026. That day passed and then the LASD sends an email now stating it will maybe have a newly updated reply by January 15, 2026. I offered to compromise with the scope of the records I sought to help the agency process the responsive records in a reasonable timeframe as required by law. This good faith attempt was completely ignored. I worry that the LASD will simply continue shirking its ministerial duty and thus force me to seek judicial intervention in the form of a writ of mandate (or in the alternative declaratory injunctive relief). Judicial intervention is a final resort. Administrative relief is already well founded by the California Public Records Act, along with other relevant laws. I have no confidence the agency will operate in good faith but I will continue to patiently wait and accommodate the agency to exhaust all my administrative remedies, until such time that there are none.

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