



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS  
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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
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106-G.	71	Favor	Jovita Angel	Black and Brown parents and community members from South LA would love to see schools where our children are received with respect, dignity and humanizing interactions instead of harsh policing practices. We want to see students being supported before it ever gets to point for a school resource deputy to step in, we need interventions not incarceration.
		Oppose	Linda Storli	We desperately need our REOs on our campuses. I am the school Board President and I was teaching when we first brought REOs on the campuses. The students first encounter with LEOs was a pleasant one. Relationships were built and the success of the program has proved itself many times over. Please keep our beloved Sheriffs on our campuses. They prevent so many bad things by their presence. Please keep the peace in our district.
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71.		Favor	aakash ahuja	I believe that SRO program has been very beneficial for our William S Hart School District and other school districts of Santa Clarita, CA. I hope that Board will take into account the positive relations which Law enforcement has built over the years with the school staff, students and community members and will approve the contract. Thank you Respectfully Dr. Aakash Ahuja
			Alicia Zamora	Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, My name is Alicia Zamora with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition. I thank Supervisor Mitchen for her leadership and for bringing forward Item #71, which addresses amending the Agreements for School Law Enforcement Services. The presence of School Resource Deputies (SRDs) in LA County schools often exacerbates disparities and leads to negative outcomes for Black, Native American, and disabled students, pushing many young people towards the juvenile justice system. Data on SRDs reveals troubling patterns of bias and the escalation of minor issues into criminal matters. Additionally, mental health crises should be managed by trained professionals, not law enforcement. I ask the Board to amend the SRD contract to protect students. By limiting the role of SRDs and aligning the contract with these priorities, we can help ensure a more supportive educational environment for all students. Sincerely, Alicia Zamora



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71.		<b>Favor</b>	Chloe Carr	I'm a student in High School in SCV area. I am writing today to express how important it is to continue having our Sheriff on campus. I feel safer in my school environment with them on campus. We experienced a tragedy years ago at Saugus and I think having our SROs on campus is helpful to feel safe so I can continue focusing on my academics.
			David D Miles	<p>Distinguished members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>I write today in strong support of the School Law Enforcement Services Agreement. This collaborative program represents a crucial step towards continued safety and well-being within our schools.</p> <p>The cornerstone of this initiative is partnership. SRD programs foster open dialogue between law enforcement, schools, and the community. This shared commitment to student safety allows for proactive problem-solving and effective crime prevention strategies.</p> <p>It's essential to highlight that SRDs are uniquely qualified for their role. Rigorous training in childhood development, de-escalation, and cultural competence equips them to navigate complex school environments with empathy and understanding. Beyond law enforcement, SRDs serve as educators and mentors, building bridges of trust between students and authorities.</p> <p>Concerns about over-policing are understandable. However, it's crucial to emphasize that routine discipline remains the purview of school administrators. SRDs act as a supportive resource, guiding students towards positive outcomes without resorting to punitive legal actions whenever possible.</p> <p>Moreover, SRDs play a vital role in emergency preparedness and response. Their in-depth knowledge of campus layout and student population enables swift and effective action during crises. Our school has directly benefited from their expertise in responding to active shooter drills, medical emergencies, and violent altercations. Their immediate presence and coordinated response have undoubtedly saved lives.</p> <p>I urge you to support the School Law Enforcement Services Agreement. By investing in this program, we are investing in the safety and future of our children.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
			Esther Mejia	Our school resource deputy not only connects the sheriff's department with our school peace officers but, most importantly, builds a positive relationship with our students.



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71.		<b>Favor</b>	Genevieve N Peterson Henry	Please keep this. As a Principal of a high school in the Hart School District, I can not do my job and keep my campus safe without the valuable support of my school resource officer. Daily my parents and students interact positively with my SRO. He is there at lunch and brunch to make positive connections with staff and students. He is there to help support my admin team as we work to keep our campus safe. Please do not take away my SRO. This would be a big mistake.
			Gwyn Carr	This is a vital program at our schools in the community. We as a community are very much supportive of our SROs and all they provide for our students safety and wellbeing as well as our staff safety and wellbeing. We are deeply committed to continuing the SRO program!! In favor of the priceless and immeasurable impactful benefits the program has at our schools. Vote IN FAVOR ?? IN FAVOR
			Jacqueline Roofener	In favor of protecting our students and staff. Maintaining a safe environment is important in this day in age.
			John Contreras	Having a SRO at our schools brings safety to our students and staff. It also opens up a positive relationship with students and law enforcement that extends into the community. Please renew the agreement. Thank you
			Kevin Roberts	Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, My name is Kevin Roberts with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition. I thank Supervisor Mitchen for her leadership and for bringing forward Item #71, which addresses amending the Agreements for School Law Enforcement Services. The presence of School Resource Deputies (SRDs) in LA County schools often exacerbates disparities and leads to negative outcomes for Black, Native American, and disabled students, pushing many young people towards the juvenile justice system. Data on SRDs reveals troubling patterns of bias and the escalation of minor issues into criminal matters. Additionally, mental health crises should be managed by trained professionals, not law enforcement. I ask the Board to amend the SRD contract to protect students. By limiting the role of SRDs and aligning the contract with these priorities, we can help ensure a more supportive educational environment for all students. Sincerely, Kevin Roberts



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71.		<b>Favor</b>	Mary M OKeefe	I have worked with youth in our area for over two decades. Our SRO has been invaluable in supporting our students. It has not been about arrests, it has always been about supporting the most vulnerable students. Our CVHS and Rosemont SROs have supported clubs, like the Bridges Program, that support students, they have identified serious issues students face, and they make it easy for students to approach them on a variety of issues including drug misuse. As a reporter I have worked closely with SROs to help educate the community on trends like vaping and fentanyl. Our community has been enhanced by our SROs, especially Dep. Scott Shinagawa who has shown respect to students and have gained their trusts.I would hate to see this asset for our students to disappear.
			Megan Cunico	Please keep our LEO on our campuses to keep our kids safe! The one place our children feel safe, let's keep it that way!



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71.		<b>Favor</b>	Michael J Vierra	<p>As a 35-year educator who has worked as classroom teacher, site and district administrator in two school districts in Los Angeles County with SRD contracts, I know firsthand the invaluable resources it provides to schools and districts. In my current role as Interim Superintendent of the William S. Hart Union High School District, I want to provide my full support for the continuation of the School Law Enforcement Services Agreement.</p> <p>The Hart District has a very collaborative SRD Program in conjunction with our local Sheriff's Station. The relationship is built on shared goals and open communication with the district, students, our community and law enforcement that supports our students. This partnership approach has led to effective problem-solving, safe schools/community that promotes positive interactions with law enforcement and our students and community.</p> <p>Specifically, our SRDs receive training in childhood and adolescent development, disability and special education issues, conflict resolution, de-escalation techniques, and cultural competence. This showcases the specialized skills SRDs bring to the school environment that supports the work of schools and our community. SRDs are not a law enforcement presence, they also serve as educators and mentors for students of different genders and ethnicities. This helps build trust and improve communication between students and law enforcement.</p> <p>On a practical note for concerns regarding law enforcement on school campuses, discipline in our schools remains the responsibility of school staff and SRDs work hard to create a partnership to help and support students outside of any punitive, legal actions. The SRD Program also supports our district and school sites in emergency planning and response, especially when there is a need to to coordinate with other agencies during crises.</p> <p>The SRD Program has supported our district in a variety of ways for many years from the most complex and terrible on-site event, to training, mentoring, planning and supporting collaborative dialogue.</p> <p>In closing, thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for the School Law Enforcement Service Agreement. I understand the concerns from some, but the benefits of the program that is supported through local funds, is immense. I also believe that the concerns presented regarding law enforcement on school campuses can be better combated by the positive interactions and modeling of law enforcement rather than enhancing the divide by ending the program.</p>



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			Nina Zamora	Our school resource officers build relationships with at risk students at my continuation high school. This helps students make better decisions that impact their lives. I have worked with several different resource officers and they have all been great additions to our campus, especially related to the safety of our school. This partnership benefits students. They have been actively involved with school threats, helping us prevent fights and altercations, and play an integral role in emergency planning, medical emergencies, and substance abuse issues. Please keep them in our schools - they are essential!
			Robert Fisher	School Resource officers are vital to ensuring the safety and security of our campus. The School Resource officers serve as educators and mentors to our students. This dual role helps build trust and improve communication between students and law enforcement. Our school resource officer is vital in crisis response situations. Last year, our SRO was impactful in allowing us to quickly initiate a lockdown when the threat of a gun on campus was reported. This agreement should be approved and continued.
			Sal Frias	
			Shellie Holcombe	
			Tyrique Shipp	My name is Tyrique with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition. I thank Supervisor Mitchen for her leadership and for bringing forward Item #71, which addresses amending the Agreements for School Law Enforcement Services. The presence of School Resource Deputies (SRDs) in LA County schools often exacerbates disparities and leads to negative outcomes for Black, Native American, and disabled students, pushing many young people towards the juvenile justice system. Data on SRDs reveals troubling patterns of bias and the escalation of minor issues into criminal matters. Additionally, mental health crises should be managed by trained professionals, not law enforcement. I ask the Board to amend the SRD contract to protect students. By limiting the role of SRDs and aligning the contract with these priorities, we can help ensure a more supportive educational environment for all.  Thanks Tyrique
		<b>Other</b>	Linda Storli	We desperately need our REOs on our campuses. I am the school Board President and I was teaching when we first brought REOs on the campuses. The students first encounter with LEOs was a pleasant one. Relationships were built and the success of the program has proved itself many times over. Please keep our beloved Sheriff on our campuses. They prevent so many bad things by their presence. Please keep the peace in our district!
		<b>Item Total</b>	<b>20</b>	

<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>22</b>	
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