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Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Public Comment		Favor	Super Man	There are too many women in leadership. Men will take over soon. All 5 positions in the LA County board of supervisors composed of women is laughable, at best, and tragic with the lack of leadership in our recent emergencies, at worst. Women are not fit to lead society, go back to your book clubs and tea parties.
		Other	Cedric Meyers	Dear Honorable Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, In light of the devastating wildfires that have recently displaced so many residents, I urge the Board to consider updating building codes to allow single-staircase apartment buildings in appropriate areas. Given the urgent need for efficient, high-quality, and context-sensitive housing solutions, revisiting restrictions on single-exit residential buildings could enable faster and more cost-effective rebuilding efforts—especially in wildfire-affected communities struggling to recover. Many cities worldwide, including Seattle, have embraced thoughtfully designed, safe, and beautiful single-staircase apartment buildings, demonstrating that such designs can enhance housing supply without compromising safety. In Seattle, these buildings provide affordable, human-scaled housing that integrates well into established neighborhoods, creating walkable and livable communities. With proper fire safety measures—including fire-resistant materials, enhanced smoke ventilation, and sprinkler systems—single-exit buildings can be both safe and a vital tool to combat the housing crisis. Los Angeles County's housing crisis is worsening, and with recent wildfires further depleting the region's already limited housing stock, the time to act is now. Allowing single-staircase apartment buildings—particularly on properties devastated by fire and in need of swift redevelopment—would enable architecturally sound, space-efficient, and more affordable housing solutions. I respectfully request that the Board explore how Seattle's housing policies on single-exit residential buildings could inform targeted updates to LA County's building codes, ensuring we balance safety with the urgent need to rebuild. This is an opportunity to adopt modern, globally accepted best practices that support both wildfire recovery and long-term housing affordability. Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue.
				Judith Wyle



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As our local government makes these announcements trying to reassure the shocked, desperate and jittery burn area stakeholders that they are on the case, "Public Safety" is now taking a back seat to "Recovery."

Officials are already sounding off on how the building codes saved lives, (just not buildings!). Obviously, the aggregate planning, zoning, infrastructure and building codes failed to secure these properties, exposing owners and stakeholders to disaster with yet-to-be-determined financial consequences. Nonetheless, the city and county officials keep reiterating that property owners will be able to build back these failed structures, as they were, without explicitly alerting them to needed changes that may be required to make these already failed buildings and neighborhoods safer, let alone safe.

Planning is not being discussed, or is being dismissed as an unnecessary burden. Needed fire safety code reform is being relegated to "guidelines." The suitability assessment, whether some of these lots will even be safe to build on once the clean-up is done, is being ignored. The reeling property owners are being lead down a "garden path" to the point of being mislead. Who among the unincorporated county property owners are aware that the "like for like" streamlined permitting process may be limited to buildings permitted after 2020? And, are the fire prevention measures of the 2020 code cycle sufficient? Who will reinvest in these properties if they can't be insured? Who will insure these properties if they are no safer than they were before? The real question is: What will it take to make these buildings and communities insurable now that we know what the real danger is?

A "free for all," "every man for himself," piecemeal, "willy-nilly" "fire resilience optional" approach to re-building, lot by lot, will undermine the fire-resilient/resistant "herd immunity" needed to make these neighborhoods insurable and safe. Meaningful fire resistance and resilience can only be achieved with planning and code reforms specific to these burn areas. These are not drawn out community plan revisions being proposed, but very specific public safety measures, and an understanding that these displaced communities may welcome more robust fire safety codes. They may welcome the addition of multi-family housing solutions. We should be enabling stakeholders to repopulate their communities in building types that better suit their near future needs. Architects can and should be playing a central role in working these issues through. It is really just a scaling up of what they do every day.

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	<p>EVERY aspect of building, from: underlying geology; topography; non-discretionary environmental considerations; local planning; surveying; easements; infrastructure interfaces; building codes; engineering (civil, structural, mechanical, etc.) design; materials; consultants; contractors, interior and exterior finishes, hardscape and landscape, etc.</p> <p>They are trained and licensed to deal with every one of the above issues and professions. Every single building that goes up, from the humblest bungalow to multi-family structures and even whole subdivisions will be affected by the complex swirl of issues that face us in rebuilding these areas more safely. Architects are accustomed to being the interface between regulations, services, infrastructure and essential building specialties. Architects guide their clients through this process. They can, and should, be central to guiding the City and County of Los Angeles too.</p> <p>The unique and central position that architects hold is vitally important to the planning of how to build back safely and insurably. They can help the county and the city get on track in a sensible and insurable manner.</p> <p>Efforts being made to rebuild exactly what was there before risk ending up on the scrapheap of false starts, reducing the available resources of those already suffering from the ravages of these fires.</p> <p>The clean-up is now expected to take 18 months. That's 18 months until the 1st rebuilding shovels can hit the ground. Lets get this right using the only professionals that are accustomed to dealing with every aspect of our built environments, architects.</p> <p>They are already hard at work, and engaged in defining what will be needed to effectively address the rebuilding process. The AIA LA Wildfire Recovery Committee is off to a robust beginning. Its members are forming committees, attending events, and conferring with experts, and each other, to determine the paths forward that will be needed to rebuild safe and insurable communities. Do not overlook what architects have to offer the Los Angeles community at this critical juncture.</p>
Judith Wyle	<p>There is a schism between our government's assurances of expeditious permitting efforts and the reality of what it will take to rebuild the fire ravaged areas. The city and county's pronouncements are paying lip service to issues of public safety and fire resilience, while seemingly acting as if they are optional measures. Granted, the latter requires actual work and analysis-hardly sound bite material. Without going into every potential reason why a property owner may not be able to achieve the promised "like for like" permits, due to: changed topography; emergent geological problems; lot elimination for reconfigured roadways and infrastructure, etc.....let alone the financial issues, property owners are already spending money engaging professionals to help them navigate an ill-defined process rife with contradictions.</p> <p>As our local government makes these announcements trying to reassure the</p>



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MELVIN S HILL	ALEX VILLANUEVA HAD ME ARRESTED
Michael Ackerman	<p>Dear Supervisors,</p> <p>Please ask the Governor to send criminal investigators from the National Guard to look into malfeasance by local law-enforcement, especially by the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation. I ask you to issue a public statement that you've made this request, and that you do it yourselves and not delegate the task to staff.</p> <p>Two local police departments have refused to seriously investigate criminal allegations, have failed to make required records, and have refused to send reports to prosecutors. CPRA requests have failed to produce records they have.</p> <p>In 2024, the Governor deployed lawyers from the National Guard to serve as prosecutors in San Francisco and Alameda counties. This would be similar to that action.</p>



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			<p>This request will have no cost to County residents. Even if I were wrong (I'm not) it would demonstrate that you care about residents and officers who might be under duress.</p> <p>Sincerely, Michael Ackerman</p>
		<p>Monisha Parker</p>	<p>Rebuilding a community using modular construction homes that are fire and water-resistant in Altadena, California involves several key steps. Here's a comprehensive guide to help you navigate this process, focusing on affordability and sustainability:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research and Planning <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Understand Local Regulations Zoning Laws: Review local zoning regulations and building codes in Altadena to ensure compliance. Permits: Identify necessary permits for modular construction and assess any unique regulations related to fire-resistant materials or flood zones. b. Community Engagement Conduct Surveys: Gather input from community members on their preferences for housing types, aesthetic considerations, and affordability. Workshops: Organize workshops or meetings to educate the community about the benefits of modular homes, especially fire and water resistance. c. Identify Funding Sources Grants and Loans: Look into state and federal grants that support affordable housing and disaster recovery. Public-Private Partnerships: Explore partnerships with local businesses or non-profits focused on community development. 2. Designing Modular Homes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Choose a Modular Builder Research Builders: Look for reputable modular home manufacturers experienced in fire and water-resistant designs. Evaluate Options: Compare designs, materials, and prices to find a builder that fits the community's needs and budget. b. Fire and Water Resistance Features Materials: Use fire-retardant materials like steel, concrete, or treated wood for structure and siding. For example, consider using fiber cement siding or stucco. Roofing: Install Class A roofing materials that resist fire and heavy rain. Foundation: Elevate homes above flood levels if necessary and consider using reinforced concrete foundations. c. Energy Efficiency Insulation: Incorporate high-quality insulation to improve energy efficiency and reduce heating costs. Solar Panels: Consider installing solar panels to promote sustainability and reduce long-term energy costs. 3. Community Infrastructure and Amenities



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a. Develop Supporting Infrastructure
Utilities: Ensure that water, sewage, and electricity systems can support the new modular homes. Work with local utility companies.
Road Access: Upgrade or create roads that allow easy access for emergency services and residents.

b. Community Spaces
Shared Areas: Design common spaces such as parks or community gardens that foster social interaction and well-being.
Safety Features: Implement safety features in shared spaces, such as adequate lighting and fire breaks.

4. Construction and Implementation

a. Begin Construction
Timeline: Create a realistic timeline for construction and be transparent with the community about milestones.
Quality Control: Ensure quality control throughout the construction process, verifying that all fire and water-resistant features are correctly implemented.

b. Community Involvement
Local Workforce: Where possible, hire local contractors and labor to support the community.
Volunteering Opportunities: Engage community members in volunteer opportunities for landscaping or setting up amenities.

5. Post-Construction and Support

a. Ongoing Maintenance
Maintenance Plans: Develop plans for ongoing maintenance of fire and water-resistant features to ensure longevity.
Education: Provide workshops or resources for homeowners on maintaining their homes and preparing for emergencies.

b. Social Services and Support
Counseling Services: Offer assistance and support services for families who may be displaced due to disasters.
Financial Counseling: Provide resources for financial literacy and budgeting.

6. Promotion and Marketing

a. Showcase Benefits
Communicate Value: Highlight the benefits of modular homes, such as cost-effectiveness, sustainability, and adaptability to various environmental conditions.
Success Stories: Share stories of families who have successfully moved into modular homes to inspire others.

b. Leverage Digital Platforms
Social Media Campaigns: Use social media to promote the project and encourage community support.
Website and Blogs: Create a website or blog to provide updates, share resources, and engage the community.

Conclusion
Rebuilding with modular construction in Altadena, California, requires careful

			<p>planning, community involvement, and a focus on fire and water-resistant designs. By approaching this project with a collaborative mindset and leveraging available resources and partnerships, you can create affordable, sustainable housing that strengthens the community and enhances resilience against future disasters.</p> <p>MODULAR HOMES WITH FIRE AND WATER RESISTANCE:</p> <p>When it comes to modular homes that boast fire and water resistance while remaining budget-friendly, Icon Build stands out. This innovative company utilizes advanced materials and construction techniques to create homes that withstand various environmental challenges. Their designs prioritize sustainability, safety, and affordability, ensuring that families can find protection without breaking the bank.</p> <p>Another notable player is Dvele Homes. They offer modular homes that incorporate high-quality materials, including fire-resistant designs. Their homes are not only aesthetically pleasing but also built to endure harsh weather conditions. By focusing on energy efficiency, Blu Homes provides eco-conscious solutions that do not compromise on safety.</p> <p>Furthermore, Method Homes has gained recognition for its commitment to building resilient modular homes. Their structures utilize durable materials that enhance fire and water resistance, all while maintaining an affordable price point. Method Homes emphasizes customization, allowing buyers to tailor their homes to their specific needs for safety and aesthetics.</p> <p>In conclusion, these companies demonstrate the potential of modular construction to deliver homes that are both affordable and resilient against fire and water damage. As the market continues to evolve, such innovations pave the way for safer living environments.</p>
		Paige McGrail	Please help renters in Altadena advocate for safe remediation of smoke and ash damage to their homes standing within the burn zone. Please put a moratorium on evictions for renters affected by Eaton fire.
		Item Total	8
Grand Total			8

I am a resident of Altadena where I have lived and rented my home for several years. Just because I rent instead of owning my house does not make Altadena any less of my home. Renters in Altadena, like myself, need adequate protections to return to our beloved homes in a safe manner. While the Eaton fire burned most of my immediate neighborhood, my home is still standing within the burn perimeter. The messaging from LA County officials around the safety of returning to standing structures within the burned perimeter has been confusingly devoid of meaningful concern for the safety residents upon returning to standing homes contaminated with toxic ash and smoke damage. As a renter, I am looking for resources and guidance from the county, including the public health department, that I can point my landlord to to make sure they understand the serious health concerns related to toxic ash and smoke damage in standing structures after urban fires, and the need to properly repair, clean, and remediate the smoke and ash damage to my unit. Without proper guidance and resources from public officials on the health and safety concerns in re-occupying structures standing within the burn perimeter, landlords (including my own) are pressuring tenants to move back into properties and requiring rent payments on February 1 (under threat of eviction for non-payment) for units that are not safe to occupy and that have not been properly tested or cleaned for toxic contaminants known to be in urban fire smoke and ash. As a renter, I do not hold the insurance policy on the property and therefore do not have control over filing any claims for proper testing and remediation of toxic smoke and ash. Renters in the fire-affected areas need resources from public health officials to properly advocate for their safe return to their homes, including guidance on proper remediation and other tenant protections such as moratoriums on evictions during the recovery period. Public officials also need to provide official guidance to tenants and landlords that rent pre-paid for the portion of January in which the area was under mandatory evacuation, properties lacked essential utilities, and premises were uninhabitable due to safety and health concerns needs to be returned to renters. Please help the renters who call Altadena their beloved home.

Ricker, Eileen

From: Ricker, Eileen
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2023 12:06 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Questions from Senator Wilk's office

Hi [REDACTED],

We spoke about a year ago on this constituent issue and you directed me to [REDACTED], who directed me to [REDACTED]. As you can see from my emails below, I have been trying to circle back with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] with no luck. Are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] still the appropriate folks to help me with this? I tried calling [REDACTED] but the phone number I had was not in service.

Our constituent is incredibly frustrated and has not been able to get any information himself on specifically what put him on this list. He has reached back out to the Senator personally so I would really like to track down this information (or find out where I track it down). Thanks.

Regards,

Eileen

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From: Ricker, Eileen <Eileen.Ricker@sen.ca.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2023 11:54 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Questions from Senator Wilk's office

Circling back on this [REDACTED]. Can you please contact me regarding this constituent request for information. I realize you may not have the answers to the questions, but I would like to hear back from you on where this constituent goes to get these answers.

Thank you.

Regards,

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From: Ricker, Eileen <Eileen.Ricker@sen.ca.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 11:52 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Questions from Senator Wilk's office

Hi [REDACTED],

We spoke about a year ago regarding a constituent who had his firearms seized [REDACTED] was very helpful in explaining the process etc.. but the constituent wants us to help him further. I sent her an email with some questions (copied below in this email) but I have not heard back from her. The number I had is also not in service so I am reaching back out to you for direction. Our constituent is persistent and understandably upset by the situation Please give me a call at your convenience. Below are the questions I sent [REDACTED]. I look forward to discussing this with you at your earliest convenience

Our constituent's info:

Name: Melvin "Steve" Hill

Address: 621 West Avenue S-14, Palmdale, CA

DOB: 08/22/1961

Service Comment Report #259372 (LASD)

Notice to Appear AD 087965 (LASD)

Questions for you/DOJ:

Can you confirm for me that Mr. Hill was on the MHRS list (and not on the ACHS/SRF/CARPOS/SPS lists)?

Who provided that list to DOJ? Who would be the appropriate person to contact at that agency/department?

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From: Ricker, Eileen
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2023 10:45 AM
[REDACTED]@doj.ca.gov
Subject: RE: Questions from Senator Wilk's office

Hi [REDACTED],

I am checking back on this request. Can you give me any direction on where I get this information? Thank you.

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From: Ricker, Eileen
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2023 4:38 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Questions from Senator Wilk's office

Hi [REDACTED],

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing on behalf of our constituent Melvin "Steve" Hill. He is the individual I contacted you about last year (see email below). His issue continues and he has asked us to help him get all information related to the confiscation of his firearms. Your email is very informative and helps me to understand the process involved in a person ending up on the APPS list but now I have a few additional questions.

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[Redacted]

Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 1:51 PM
To: Ricker, Eileen <Eileen.Ricker@sen.ca.gov>
Subject: Re: Questions from Senator Wilk's office

Sure thing - just tried to give you a call. Feel free to call back at your convenience.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
CA Dept of Justice

From: Ricker, Eileen <Eileen.Ricker@sen.ca.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 11:52:17 AM
[Redacted]
Subject: RE: Questions from Senator Wilk's office

EXTERNAL EMAIL: This message was sent from outside DOJ. Please do not click links or open attachments that appear suspicious

I do have an additional question. Do you have a minute for a call today? My cell is below Thanks.

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[REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 11:44 AM

To: Ricker, Eileen <Eileen.Ricker@sen.ca.gov>; [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Questions from Senator Wilk's office

Hi Eileen,

I don't have any specific information on the constituent, but I wanted to quickly share with you general information on how individuals end up on the Armed and Prohibited Persons list.

DOJ maintains firearm ownership records for handguns dating back to 1996 and long guns dating back to 2014. Those records are regularly and routinely cross referenced with a number of other DOJ maintained repositories.

A person may become prohibited as a result of a criminal conviction. Felonies, certain misdemeanors and occasionally conditions of probation make a person ineligible to own and possess a firearm. This information is contained in the Automated Criminal History System (ACHS) and the Supervised Release File (SRF). If and when a persons criminal record prohibits them from owning and possession firearms, they are notified at the time of their conviction and sentencing.

A person may become prohibited as a result of a mental health triggering event. This may be someone determined to be incompetent to stand trial, not guilty by mental disease or defect, someone placed under a conservatorship, or someone generally deemed to be a danger to themselves and/or others This information is contained in the Mental Health Reporting System (MHRS). For those events occurring in court, they are notified at the time of their conservatorship or at what's called the colloquy. For those events occurring at a health care facility, they are notified in writing at the time of their discharge and are given paperwork instructing them on the appeal process.

A person may become prohibited as a result of a restraining order such as a civil harassment order, domestic violence restraining order, or gun violence restraining order. This information is contained in the California Restraining and Protective Order System (CARPOS). A restraining order takes effect once it's been served and included in a vast number of the forms is notice of a firearm ownership prohibition for subjects of ex parte, temporary and permanent restraining orders.

Finally a person may become prohibited as the result of an outstanding warrant. This information is entered into the Wanted Persons System (WPS) though not every agency enters in every outstanding warrant. Assuming the offense is a firearm prohibiting offense and assuming the information is entered into WPS by the issuing agency the person becomes prohibited. This is the one triggering event where notice is a bit nuanced - typically warrants are issued as a result of a failure to appear, meaning that the person knew they had a court date but did not show up.

In every instance except that of a warrant there is a standardized process by which a firearm owner receives notice they are prohibited from owning and possessing firearms. In the case of warrants the issue becomes an individualized and case specific issue.

Contestation of placement on the list requires contestation of the validity of the triggering event. A felony is a felony, and it's a prohibiting offense, under both state and federal law. A mental health triggering event may be appealed, and this information is provided to someone upon discharge.

There is no such thing as malicious placement on the APPS list. A system generates the list based on the cross referencing of firearm ownership records with the aforementioned systems which is then reviewed and confirmed by an investigator prior to any contact by a DOJ special agent. Confirmation is based on the personally identifiable information required to be provided by an individual first at the time of their purchase and subsequent at the time of the triggering event.

To your hypothetical - *For example if a person was on a mental health hold who lets DOJ know that they should not have a firearm? Or if a therapist believes a person is a threat where does he/she report that information – DOJ? Sheriff? Somewhere else?*

If a therapist believes a person is a danger to themselves and/or others, that information is typically (though not always) sent to law enforcement for a welfare check. Los Angeles has mobile mental health units and deploys social workers in some instances though I don't have a ton of information on how this works. In any event, if the claim is determined to be a legitimate one, a person will be transported to a hospital for a full evaluation. It is at the time of this evaluation whereby a person is determined whether they should be involuntarily committed and upon discharge they're informed of the process by which they can contest their resulting inability to own and possess a firearm. If they indicate they'd like to contest they must provide information by which a court can use to schedule a hearing date for their appeal to be heard.

If you have additional questions please feel free to let us know.

[REDACTED]

From: Ricker, Eileen <Eileen.Ricker@sen.ca.gov>

Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 11:11 AM

Subject: RE: Questions from Senator Wilk's office

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Thanks.

Regards,

Eileen

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Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 11:11 AM

To: Ricker, Eileen <Eileen.Ricker@sen.ca.gov>; [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Questions from Senator Wilk's office

Hello Eileen,

I am including our Legislative Advocate, [REDACTED] who oversees firearm related inquiries. [REDACTED] can explain a bit more in detail some of the overarching themes of your constituents inquiry.

Be well,

From: Ricker, Eileen <Eileen.Ricker@sen.ca.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 4:53:14 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Questions from Senator Wilk's office

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Good afternoon, I am checking in on this request for information. Mr. Hill continues to call me, Senator Wilk and our office for information on this situation. The Special Agent at DOJ (who went to Mr. Hill's door) contacted Mr. Hill again

this week and said he has been unsuccessful in getting any return calls from the LA Sheriff's office. He had reached out to the sheriff's deputy on the case last week and I gather again this week since they are the reporting agency. No response. This is a horrible situation for our constituent.

Can you please provide me with answers to the questions I submitted? Thank you.

Regards,

Eileen

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From: Ricker, Eileen

Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 9:51 AM

Subject: RE: Questions from Senator Wilk's office

Good morning [REDACTED] I heard back from the Special Agent Friday evening. Thank you for making that happen. The agent said they were called in by the LA Sheriff to help with rounding up firearms from people on the APPS list.

I have a couple of questions on the APPS program that have stemmed from our constituent's issue that I hope you can answer.

- 1 Does a person placed on this list receive any notification from DOJ or other involved organization that he/she is now prohibited from owning/possessing a firearm? Our constituent received no notice.
- 2 How does one contest placement on this list? Is this information readily available?
3. What access does a person have to the information that placed him/her on the APPS list? How would you know if something was filed in error or maliciously if you couldn't see the supporting documentation?
4. How do you go about getting that information?
5. Where do these reports general originate? For example if a person was on a mental health hold who lets DOJ know that they should not have a firearm? Or if a therapist believes a person is a threat where does he/she report that information – DOJ? Sheriff? Somewhere else?

I asked the special agent where this report came from putting Mr Hill on the APPS list. He said it originated from the LA Sheriff. I am not sure if that meant DOJ's paperwork didn't say anything other than the LA Sheriff was running that particular session to round up firearms, or if original notification of an issue was filed with the sheriff or the sheriff's office filed the it themselves based on something it had access to?

Thank you very much. I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Eileen

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 3:00 PM

[REDACTED], Ricker, Eileen <Eileen.Ricker@sen.ca.gov>

Subject: RE: Questions from Senator Wilk's office

Hello Eileen,

I will be happy to assist. Please give me some specifics and I will advise accordingly

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Office of Attorney General Rob Bonta

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 2:53 PM

To: Ricker, Eileen <Eileen.Ricker@sen.ca.gov>

[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Questions from Senator Wilk's office

Nice talking with you, Eileen. My colleague [REDACTED] will be reaching out. Thank you.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Justice

[REDACTED]

On Feb 18, 2022, at 2:29 PM, Ricker, Eileen <Eileen.Ricker@sen.ca.gov> wrote:

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Hi [REDACTED],

Can you please give me a call regarding an issue with a constituent that Senator Wilk has asked me to look into? Thank you. My cell is below. Thank you so much.

Regards,

Eileen

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OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

HALL OF JUSTICE

ROBERT G. LUNA, SHERIFF

January 11, 2023

Mr. Melvin Hill
621 West Avenue S-14
Palmdale, California 93551

Dear Mr. Hill:

SERVICE COMMENT REPORT # 259372


On August 30, 2022, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department received your complaint, via email, from the Los Angeles County Office of the Inspector General's Office.

Your concerns have been thoroughly addressed in an inquiry conducted by Sergeant John Gutierrez. After reviewing his inquiry regarding misconduct by a member of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, it was determined the allegations did not pertain to a Department employee.

I do appreciate you bringing this matter to my attention and the opportunity it afforded me to evaluate the manner in which we here at Internal Affairs Bureau conduct business. If you have any questions about the results of my review of your complaint, please contact me directly at (323) 890-5300.

Sincerely,

ROBERT G. LUNA, SHERIFF


Ron Kopperud, Captain
Internal Affairs Bureau

211 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

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Date of complaint: _____

Please check the type of complaint that you are making:

Retaliation Discrimination Harassment/Housing Civil Rights violation/Hate crimes

Please select the agency, organization and/or person of which you are filing the complaint against:

School District Government Agency Law Enforcement Other

Location of Incident: _____

Date(s) incident occurred: _____

****Please provide the following information about yourself (Complainant)****

Name: _____

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

Address: _____

Street

City,

State

Zip

Home Telephone #: () _____ Work #: () _____

Email address: _____

Work Location: _____

****Please provide the following information about whom this complaint is against (Respondent)****

Employer (or former employer) Name: _____

Address: _____

Street City, State Zip

Telephone: () _____ Fax #: () _____

Supervisor's Name: _____ Business Agent/Steward _____

District: _____ Field Base Office

Do you currently have an attorney working in your behalf? Yes No Not sure

If yes, provide information below

Attorney's Name: _____

Attorney's Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Attorney's Telephone # _____ Fax #: _____

Do we have your permission to contact your attorney? Yes No

Has a lawsuit been filed? Yes ~~No~~ Not sure

If yes, when filed? _____ In what city? _____ In what court? _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Have you filed an EEOC complaint? Yes No Not sure If yes, when filed? _____

Case # _____ Right to sue letter? Yes No Not sure
mm/dd/yyyy

Have you filed a Fair Employment & Housing complaint? Yes No Not sure

If yes, when filed? _____ Case # _____


Right to sue letter? Yes No Not sure mm/dd/yyyy

Please include copies of filed complaints and right to sue letters upon submitting this completed form.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I affirm that the statements that I have made above are accurate and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I hereby request the assistance of the NAACP Antelope Valley Branch in seeking a remedy to the situation described above. I hereby authorize the officers of the NAACP Antelope Branch to have access to information and documents, which are relevant to my claim of discrimination described above.

I understand that once a referral has been made to a volunteer, community agency or private attorney, the NAACP Antelope Branch WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE for handling this matter. I further understand that by signing this document, I am agreeing to HOLD the NAACP Antelope Valley Branch harmless for any and all damages arising as a result of my case being mishandled, negligently handled or improperly handled in any way.

Signature: 

Print FULL Name: _____

Date: _____

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Section 704 (a) of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (as amended), Section 4 (d) of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, (as amended), and various other civil rights laws make it an unlawful employment practice for an employer; employment agency; or labor organization: to discriminate against employees, applicants for employment, member or applicant for membership, because the employee, member or applicant has opposed an unlawful employment practice, made a charge, testified, assisted, or participated in any manner in an investigation, proceeding or hearing.

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COMPLETION OF THIS FORM

Completing this form does NOT constitute filing an official complaint with a legal authority. At this time the NAACP Antelope Valley Branch is ONLY seeking information to assist you concerning this complaint.

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Legal Redress
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Lancaster California 93539
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NAACP Human Rights Complaint Form

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Date

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