

To: Los Angeles County Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections
From: Ingrid Perez, UCI Law Student and ACLU Volunteer
Date: November 6, 2025
Re: Agenda Item 7 - County Commission Assessment Report to Sunset SBC into COC

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Ingrid Perez, and I am a student at UCI Law and a volunteer with the ACLU. I am providing this comment to oppose the proposal to sunset the Sybil Brand Commission (“SBC”) into the Civilian Oversight Commission (“COC”). One of the primary reasons I oppose the proposal is that the SBC provides a far more accurate and transparent account of jail conditions than the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department (“LASD”) does through its own reporting. My focus is on the LASD’s Conditions of Confinement Reports (“LASD Reports”), which serve as the primary mechanism for reporting jail conditions to the COC, and on which the COC discussions largely rely.

While the LASD Reports claim to provide accountability, they lack the depth and detail of the Sybil Brand Commission Reports (“SBC Reports”). The LASD Reports consist primarily of statistics and aggregated data, seemingly assembled to suggest that LASD is addressing the grievances it receives. In contrast, SBC Reports provide granular detail that shows the lived experiences of incarcerated individuals. The two reports differ sharply, presenting entirely different realities of the same jail facilities. Whereas the SBC Reports are informed by direct, one-on-one conversations with incarcerated individuals and careful documentation of their concerns, the LASD Reports merely summarize the number of town halls held, the number of attendees, and the top ten “issues” identified. The issues presented in the LASD Reports lack substance and instead are generalized and sanitized. For instance, one LASD Report noted bedding issues in May 2025, but failed to specify the facility or provide any additional details or context.¹ In contrast, one of the May 2025 SBC Reports found that some incarcerated individuals in Men’s Central Jail only had a partial mattress, others lacked mattress plastic covers, and one individual was sleeping on a piece of foam covered by a single blanket.² It is clear that the SBC Reports deliver the transparency that the LASD Reports only claim to provide.

For all these reasons, I strongly oppose the sunseting of the SBC into the COC. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Ingrid Perez

¹ Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, *Conditions of Confinement, 2025 Quarter Two Report* (2025), https://lasd.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Transparency_Custody_C.O.C._2025_Quarter-2_Report.pdf

² Sybil Brand Commission, *Inspection Report* (May 13, 2025), https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/commissionpublications/report/1185846_051325_MCJInspectionReport_Broder_Veral.pdf