



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
6.		<b>Oppose</b>	Film The Police	<p>I want to register my opposition and deep concern with how AB 109–related matters continue to be presented as routine administrative updates rather than what they actually are: a structural failure that has merely shifted harm and liability from the state to counties without addressing the underlying causes of incarceration, recidivism, or public safety.</p> <p>AB 109 did not resolve overcrowding or systemic dysfunction—it displaced it. State prisons were relieved, while county jails, probation departments, courts, and communities absorbed the burden. The same populations cycle through the system, the same failures persist, and the same constitutional risks now sit squarely at the county level. That is not reform; it is shuffling responsibility.</p> <p>What is particularly troubling is the lack of transparency and accountability surrounding outcomes. These items are framed as compliance or implementation issues, yet there is little discussion of measurable impacts, civil rights consequences, or whether this approach has actually improved public safety or reduced harm.</p> <p>This issue cannot be separated from the role of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, an agency with a long and well-documented history of corruption, brutality, retaliation, and resistance to oversight. Under Sheriff Lee Baca, LASD became synonymous with systemic abuse, federal convictions, and a culture of impunity that continues to reverberate today. Successive and recent sheriffs have failed to meaningfully dismantle this culture, allowing deputy gangs, jail violence, secrecy, and intimidation of critics to persist. Expanding or normalizing LASD’s authority without confronting this legacy invites further civil-rights violations and entrenches an institution that has repeatedly demonstrated contempt for accountability and the rule of law.</p> <p>This concern is not abstract. I am currently experiencing direct resistance from the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department in response to a lawful public records request seeking the department’s sworn personnel roster. Despite the routine and unquestionably public nature of this information, LASD has imposed delays, shifting explanations, and obstructionist tactics that undermine the basic transparency obligations imposed by law. This pattern is not an administrative inconvenience—it is part of a broader institutional practice of resisting disclosure, frustrating oversight, and treating public accountability as optional. When an agency entrusted with extraordinary coercive power cannot or will not comply in good faith with fundamental public records requirements, it signals a deeper problem of culture, not capacity.</p>
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