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Implementation of the Recommendations of the Citizens' Commission on Jail Violence

Accomplishing structural reform within the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department will usher the department into a new era of modern and constitutional policing. Fundamental changes to department personnel policies, increased training, jail management, the investigative and disciplinary system, and increased oversight are critical to reducing incidents of excessive force in the jails and ensuring the basic human and civil rights of inmates.

Achieving a paradigm shift in the jails, and the Sheriff's Department overall, is a long-term proposition. Almost one year ago the Board of Supervisors created the Citizens' Commission on Jail Violence ("Commission"). The Commission was tasked with conducting "a review of the nature, depth, and cause of the problem of inappropriate deputy use of force in the jails" and to "restore public confidence in the constitutional operation of our jails."

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Last month, the Commission released a report containing over 77 findings and 63 recommendations for reform. Most unique of these recommendations was that to create an Office of Inspector General to ensure far greater independent oversight of the department than is already in existence. These recommendations reflect a thoughtful and comprehensive analysis of the 35,000 pages of evidence, witness testimony made available to the Commission, and review of prior recommendations from Special Counsel Merrick Bobb, as well as the Office of Independent Review (OIR).

The Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff are fundamental to implementing these recommendations. Yet the Board of Supervisors, tasked with oversight of the entirety of the County of Los Angeles and not merely a single department, has the ultimate responsibility to ensure that each recommendation put forth by the Commission is carried out in a timely and effective manner.

The Sheriff has announced his support for each recommendation put forth by the Commission, including the creation of an Office of Inspector General. However, the Sheriff alone cannot restore long-term integrity to the department and fidelity to its core values. Implementation of the recommendations requires partnering with the Sheriff's Department by the Board of Supervisors.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Hire an implementation monitor to review the Sheriff's Department and the Board of Supervisors implementation of the sixty-three recommendations contained in the Commission's September 2012 report; and
2. The implementation monitor should be aided in their efforts by a team of advisors to include, but not limited to, the following:
   a. The president or a designated representative of the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriff's (ALADS); and
   b. The president or a designated representative of the Professional Peace Officers Association (PPOA); and
   c. A representative from the Chief Executive Officer's Risk Management Operation's Division; and
   d. A representative from the Sheriff's Department Risk Management Bureau; and
   e. A representative from County Counsel with subject matter expertise in litigation cost management.
3. Request that the implementation monitor report back to the Board of Supervisors each month, beginning December 4, 2012, on the status of implementing the sixty-three recommendations and request that the Chair of the Board place this matter as a set item on the regular board agenda.

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