



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

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TO: Each Honorable Commissioner of the
Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (COC)

FROM: Budget Ad Hoc Committee, COC

BUDGET AD HOC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COC FOR LASD FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET PRIORITIES

The Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (Commission or COC), as undertaken by the Budget Ad Hoc Committee (Ad Hoc) has been monitoring the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Budget Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 departmental budget requests and priorities.

In December 2020, the Ad Hoc received and reviewed the LASD Budget Priorities Proposal for FY 2021-2022 binder. This binder was compiled by the LASD and submitted to the Chief Executive Office (CEO) for review and further development before a final budget decision is made. Additionally, the Ad Hoc held a meeting with the LASD Person's Most Knowledgeable (PMK), Captain John McBride and the LASD staff, and CEO Senior Manager Sheila Williams, to review the County's Budget Proposal Process and LASD's proposed budget priorities.

In January 2021, the Ad Hoc further reviewed the budget priorities and the COC's potential role and opportunities to provide feedback on the budget proposal process.

In February 2021, the Ad Hoc requested and received the full FY 21-22 budget priority presentation from LASD Captain John McBride. Following the presentation, the Ad Hoc resolved that a condensed version appropriate for the public should be presented at the March 2021 COC Meeting. It also identified 4 priorities (as listed below) as items that should be prioritized higher on the LASD Budget Proposal which was recommended at the March COC Meeting.

At the March 18, 2021 COC Meeting, a budget presentation was made by LASD and the Ad Hoc shared the 4 identified priorities with the full Commission.

This memo serves as a summary of the activities leading to the need for the Commission to submit the proposed Letter of Support for the Identified Priorities (attached) to the CEO before the Board of Supervisors (BOS) 2021-2022 Recommended Budget Hearings set to take place on April 20, 2021. This hearing is for the BOS' consideration as part of the CEO's recommendations related to the Countywide FY 2021-2022 Recommended Budget.

Amongst the items submitted in LASD's FY 2021-22 Recommended Budget Request

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Priorities, the Ad Hoc supports the funding for the listed items in the following priority order:

1. **Body Worn Cameras** (LASD Priority #3)
 - a. The COC supports this budget priority as presented and submitted by the LASD to the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to complete the BWC implementation phase.
 - b. This budget priority is in alignment with the [COC's BWC adopted \(July 26, 2018\) recommendations](#).
2. **Mental Evaluation Team (MET) Restoration** (LASD Priority #7)
 - a. The COC supports this budget priority as presented and submitted by the LASD to the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to restore 6 positions for MET.
 - b. This budget priority restores the funding lost when Prop 109 (Office of Diversion) funding was re-directed to other priorities and sets the MET program back on track to be in alignment with the [COC's MET adopted \(February 15, 2018\) recommendations](#).
3. **Integrated Co-Response & Crisis Intervention Bureau** (LASD Priority #8)
 - a. The COC supports this budget priority as presented and submitted by the LASD to the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to support the establishment of a bureau with the continued MET expansion.
 - b. This budget priority is in alignment with the COC's February 15, 2018 recommendation concerning MET expansion. This will increase MET units to 45 from the current 33, providing 24-hour coverage for mental health crisis county-wide.
4. **Veterans Mental Evaluation Team (MET) Expansion** (LASD Priority #9)
 - a. The COC supports this budget priority as presented and submitted by the LASD to the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to meet the co-response needs of the veteran population.
 - b. This innovative collaborative program is vitally needed to support our growing veteran population (largest in the United States).

The COC's support of these specific LASD FY 2021-22 Budget Request priorities do not imply support of non-referenced priorities or an increase in the department's total budget.