



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

HALL OF JUSTICE

ROBERT G. LUNA, SHERIFF



January 11, 2024

Ms. Fesia Davenport
Chief Executive Officer
County of Los Angeles
713 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Ms. Davenport:

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 RECOMMENDED BUDGET REQUEST

Submitted for your review is the Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff's Department's (Department) Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Recommended Budget Request (see attached). The Department's budget submission for FY 2024-25 reflects several important unmet needs totaling \$251.4 million in net County cost and an increase of 390.0 budgeted positions.

Similar to the Department's FY 2023-24 Recommended Budget Request, this year's budget submission includes a number of requests that are multi-year in nature and which, for the most part, represent year two of a multi-year initiative that commenced in FY 2023-24. Likewise, 244 of the budgeted positions being requested are deputy sheriff trainee positions that represent the proposed continuation of four additional academy classes in FY 2024-25. The proposed eight total academy classes in FY 2024-25 are expected to play a crucial role in reducing the number of sworn vacancies throughout the Department, which has increased to 1,227, higher than one year ago. The Department also is experiencing 1,394 professional staff vacancies.

Consistent with my thoughtful approach to the Department's budget submission last year and understanding that uncertain economic conditions remain a strain on the County's budget, please be assured that the critical unmet needs before you meet several important criteria and seek to:

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- Ensure, to the greatest extent possible, the County's compliance with various settlement agreement mandates within our custody jail facilities;
- Maintain and/or secure additional resources necessary to reduce deputy sheriff vacancies throughout the Department, improve the health and wellness of staff, and reduce the amount of overtime requirements currently being experienced;
- Provide the Department with valuable operational and technological resources that will not only assist Department employees and improve public protection and transparency, but also mitigate future potential liability and adverse costs arising out of avoidable lawsuits/judgments and damages;
- Secure the resources and operational capacity necessary to successfully adhere to or accomplish Board-directed priorities; and
- Realize organizational and technological improvements and/or efficiencies where possible through the completion of independent, third-party assessments of the organization.

In conclusion, I would like to express my sincerest appreciation to you and your staff for your support and steadfast partnership during my first year as Sheriff. I look forward to building upon what we have started and continuing our path towards providing the residents of the County with a Department that is well trained, equipped, accountable, and ethical. As always, please know that I, along with my team, look forward to working with you and your staff on the Department's FY 2024-25 Recommended Budget Request.

Should you have any questions, please contact Assistant Sheriff Jill Torres, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, at (213) 229-3066.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Luna". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

ROBERT G. LUNA
SHERIFF

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(Administrative Services Division–Financial Programs Bureau, Budget Services)

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