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May 28, 2019

The Honorable Alex Villanueva, Sheriff
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
211 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Sheriff Villanueva:

As we are sure that you are aware, at the May 21, 2019 meeting of the Civilian Oversight Commission (COC), the COC reviewed a recently released report from the Office of Inspector General (OIG) titled *Report-Back on LASD Internal Administrative Investigations and Dispositions of Disciplinary Actions*. Prior to the Commission meeting, we requested from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) several speakers to assist in helping the COC better understand the report and the policies seemingly enacted by the LASD which led to many of the issues raised in the report. Unfortunately, the LASD determined that the requested speakers would not be provided, and you instead sent an alternative speaker, Chief Burson. While we appreciated the efforts of Chief Burson to respond to our questions, it became patently clear that he was not the most appropriate person to respond to our inquiries.

As the COC will once again place this matter on our June 2019 meeting agenda, we are again requesting the following persons be present to assist us in our policy discussion:

Assistant Sheriff Robin Limon
Chief Joe Dempsey
Chief Pat Jordan
Chief Eli Vera
Chief Charles Stringham

The above-named persons' presence is requested because they are identified as the decision-maker in the matters that were inactivated and referenced in the OIG's report.

Moreover, the COC has questions regarding the criteria employed when making the decision to inactivate said investigations. To aid in our understanding, the COC requests copies of the decision-makers' inactivation memos, if any. Again, the COC is cognizant of the confidentiality issues involved with this request, which is why we are not seeking specific

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information regarding the subject(s) of the investigation that has not already been publically disclosed, and further request that the inactivation memos be redacted to remove any information which is legally prohibited from being disclosed.

As you know, the role of the Commission is to promote transparency, accountability, and improve communication between the LASD and the communities it serves and we believe our efforts will assist in this goal. We ask that you provide the inactivation memos referenced above by June 10, 2019, or provide a response detailing a reasonable timeframe wherein we can receive the requested information. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Executive Director, Brian Williams, at (213) 253-5678. Thank you for your anticipated response and cooperation.

Very truly yours,



Brian K. Williams,
Executive Director, COC



Patti Giggans,
Chair, COC



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June 10, 2019

The Honorable Alex Villanueva
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
211 West Temple Street
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RE: FOLLOW UP REGARDING MAY 28, 2019 CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sheriff Villanueva:

This correspondence is to follow up on the requests listed in the attached letter sent to you on May 28, 2019. As the letter stated, the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission will once again place the OIG's *Report-Back on LASD Internal Administrative Investigations and Dispositions of Disciplinary Actions* on the June 2019 meeting agenda. As such, the attendance of specific LASD staff members was requested along with copies of the redacted decision-makers' inactivation memos. To facilitate the timely development of meeting materials, your response to our requests is greatly appreciated.

As a Commission, we hope to fulfill our role in establishing transparency and accountability in order to gain the public's trust in LASD.

Thank you for your anticipated prompt response to this request. Please contact me (213) 253-5678 or via email at BWilliams@coc.lacounty.gov for any questions regarding these matters

Sincerely,

Brian K. Williams,
Executive Director, Civilian Oversight Commission

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