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## SENT VIA EMAIL

March 4, 2025

Fesia Davenport, Chief Executive Officer  
County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office  
500 W. Temple St., Room 713  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

## **Re: SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS ON LASD BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025-2026**

Dear CEO Davenport:

This communication is to provide you with the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission's (Commission) recommendations for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Sheriff's Department or LASD) Budget Priorities and Unmet Needs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026, the [Commission's staff report](#), and [public input](#) received on the Sheriff's Department FY2025-2026 Budget.

On February 3, 2025, several Sheriff's Department subject matter experts (SMEs) presented the Sheriff's Department's budget priorities and unmet needs to the Commission's Budget Ad Hoc Committee. Acting Captain Marshall Yelverton (Sheriff's Department Communications and Fleet Management Bureau) advised the Budget Ad Hoc Committee of the multiphase approach required to replace/upgrade the 38-year-old Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD), which recently crashed on New Year's Eve, December 31, 2024, and again in early February 2025, leaving Sheriff patrol car computers unusable.

On February 20, 2025, the Commission heard from LASD Administrative Services Division Director Conrad Meredith and Assistant Director Richard Martinez before adopting the following staff report recommendations that:

1. LASD continue providing and publicly posting on the LASD website, the LASD 5<sup>th</sup> Month written Budget Status Report, by no later than the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January of each year and submit copies to the CEO, the Board, and the Commission along with maintaining an on-going listing of the documents on the website.
2. The CEO and Board Approve Select LASD FY2025-26 Budget Priorities and Unmet Needs including, but not limited to the following:
  - a. Inmate Transportation Buses (LASD Priority #I-A) should receive funding at the requested level to replace the outdated/aging fleet of buses with a program for the purchase of diesel-powered buses used by Court Services Transportation Bureau to transport approximately 1,500 people per day.<sup>1</sup> This recommendation is consistent

<sup>1</sup> Eyewitness News ABC 7. (2025). LASD unveils new inmate transportation bus to address safety and fleet challenges. Retrieved from <https://abc7.com/post/lasd-unveils-new-inmate-transport-bus-address-safety-fleet-challenges/15679674/>

with the County's Strategic Plan North Star 2 Focus Area Goal-D-Sustainability and Strategy I.-Climate Health.<sup>2</sup>

- b. Computer Aided Dispatch (LASD Priority #I-C-1) should receive funding at the requested level as this system serves as the most critical command and control communication system for LASD, which has crashed several times since December 31, 2024, leaving patrol car computers unusable.<sup>3</sup> This recommendation is consistent with the Commission's previous funding recommendation #2b in FY2023-24<sup>4</sup> and aligns with the County's Strategic Plan North Star 3 Focus Area Goal-F-Flexible and Efficient Infrastructure and Strategy III.-Technological Advancement/Digital Divide.<sup>5</sup>
- c. Law Enforcement Wellness Center (LASD Priority #I-D 1 and 2) should receive funding at the requested level to prioritize the mental, emotional and physical well-being of personnel. The wellness center and staffing would create service provisions and critical incident interventions for personnel to prevent law enforcement suicides as discussed during the [Commission's Law Enforcement Mental Health & Wellness Virtual Conference \(December 7, 2023\)](#)<sup>6</sup> and would be consistent with the County's Strategic Plan North Star 1 Focus Area Goal-A-Healthy Individuals and Families and Strategy III.-Behavioral, Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder.<sup>7</sup>
- d. Continuation of Four Additional Academy Classes (LASD Priority #I-H) should receive funding at the requested level as new hires can attend the academy to fill the LASD more than 1,400 sworn staff vacancies and help the more than 900 sworn staff with impairments as of 2024<sup>8</sup>; and to be consistent with the County's Strategic Plan North Star 1 Focus Area Goal-B-Employment and Sustainable Wages and Strategy II.-Invest in job training/education and preparation opportunities.<sup>9</sup>

The Commission will continue to monitor LASD's budget submission(s) for FY2025-26 and solicit public feedback in accordance with the budget process deadlines. The Commission will then submit a position letter for specific budget items to the CEO and the Board regarding LASD's Official Budget Requests for FY2025-26 for Recommended and Final Budget consideration.

The Commission kindly requests confirmation of receipt of this letter and that you provide a written response with your position on each of its recommendations by **April 21, 2025**. Thank you for your attention to this request. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Executive Director, Sharmaine Moseley, at [smoseley@coc.lacounty.gov](mailto:smoseley@coc.lacounty.gov).

Sincerely,



Sharmaine Moseley  
Executive Director, Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission

<sup>2</sup> Chief Executive Office. (2024). Strategic Plan 2024-2030. Retrieved from [https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/lac/1156577\\_Strat.Plan.Jan.2024.final.pdf](https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/lac/1156577_Strat.Plan.Jan.2024.final.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> MSN. (2025). L.A. County sheriff's computer dispatch system crashes again. Retrieved from <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/la-county-sheriffs-computer-dispatch-system-crashes-again/ar-AA1yv99C>

<sup>4</sup> Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission. (2023). LASD Budget Priorities for FY2023-2024. Retrieved from [https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/commissionpublications/report/1136674\\_StaffReport-LASDBudgetFY2023-2024\\_FINAL\\_.pdf](https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/commissionpublications/report/1136674_StaffReport-LASDBudgetFY2023-2024_FINAL_.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> Chief Executive Office. (2024). Strategic Plan 2024-2030. Retrieved from [https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/lac/1156577\\_Strat.Plan.Jan.2024.final.pdf](https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/lac/1156577_Strat.Plan.Jan.2024.final.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> YouTube. (2023). Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission: Law Enforcement Mental Health & Wellness Virtual Conference. Retrieved from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vHOEcpHWdyg>

<sup>7</sup> Chief Executive Office. (2024). Strategic Plan 2024-2030. Retrieved from [https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/lac/1156577\\_Strat.Plan.Jan.2024.final.pdf](https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/lac/1156577_Strat.Plan.Jan.2024.final.pdf)

<sup>8</sup> LASD. (2025). LASD Budget Priorities Process & Challenges FY2025-26 Presentation. Retrieved from <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/LASDBudgetPresentationFY2025.pdf>

<sup>9</sup> Chief Executive Office. (2024). Strategic Plan 2024-2030. Retrieved from [https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/lac/1156577\\_Strat.Plan.Jan.2024.final.pdf](https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/lac/1156577_Strat.Plan.Jan.2024.final.pdf)

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