



Feb. 18, 2025

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 W. Temple St., No. 383  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

*Re: Letter of Resignation*

Dear Supervisors,

After serving on the Civilian Oversight Commission for nine years, I have made the difficult decision to resign effective immediately. I did not make this decision lightly. The County Counsel threatening to report me to the court for making “misrepresentations” because I filed an amicus brief regarding oversight issues—after public debate and a unanimous COC vote—crossed a personal red line.

The County Counsel has made meaningful civilian oversight of the LASD nearly impossible by opposing all efforts to clarify the COC’s independence and by advising the Sheriff to withhold requested confidential documents that the COC needs to review to make recommendations about policies and procedures. Both positions conflict with the best practices established by the National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement.

I deeply regret leaving my fellow commissioners, a highly committed group of volunteers dedicated to achieving much-needed police reforms in our community. Former President Obama’s Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing warned that without robust, independent oversight “it is difficult if not impossible for the police to maintain the public’s trust.” I hope that this Board will encourage the County Counsel to support the COC’s independence rather than continue thwarting it.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean Kennedy".

Sean K. Kennedy  
Kaplan Feldman Executive Director and Clinical Professor  
Center for Juvenile Law and Policy – LMU Loyola Law School

Cc: Rob Bonner, COC Chair; Sharmaine Moseley, COC E.D.