



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

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REAFFIRMATION of ENFORCEMENT ACTION by COC in L.A. SUPERIOR COURT

**On July 16, 2026, Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission approved this resolution by a vote of 5-1-0.*

WHEREAS this Commission lawfully issued three subpoenas to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) in February 2025 and has repeated its request for compliance with the three subpoenas in January 2026, said subpoenas having been issued under this Commission's subpoena authority granted and then reaffirmed under state law in AB 1185 (effective January 1, 2021) and AB 847 (effective January 1, 2026), both of which amend Government Code Section 25303.7 of California law;

WHEREAS the three subpoenas issued by this Commission came about only because the LASD refused Commission requests to voluntarily provide the subpoenaed records which are necessary for an informed investigation by this Commission into three use of force incidents;

WHEREAS Los Angeles County Counsel has assisted the LASD to effectively block the subpoenas by taking a legal position that prior to compliance with such subpoenas issued pursuant to state law, the Commission is required to engage in a protracted "meet and confer" process and on that ground has refused to enforce this Commission's subpoenas;

WHEREAS there is no requirement for meet and confer bargaining for reasons set forth in the Certification in the Enforcement Action, including, without limitation, that Section 25303.7 is a self-executing state law that is in effect; Moreover, AB 847 did not make meet and confer bargaining a condition to a sheriff's oversight commission's issuance and/or enforcement of its document subpoenas on a sheriff's department;

WHEREAS the Commission on March 20, 2025, January 22, 2026, and April 16, 2026, passed motions and a resolution authorizing the filing of an enforcement action to seek a judicial order requiring that the LASD comply in full with the three extant subpoenas duces tecum; and

WHEREAS the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS) has asserted, inaccurately and without foundation, that the Chair of the Commission was not authorized by the Commission to select independent pro bono counsel to file a subpoena enforcement action;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, as follows

The Commission reaffirms, reauthorizes and ratifies the actions of the Commission's Chair Hans Johnson to engage independent counsel for the Commission, specifically, Robert C. Bonner and Sean Kennedy, and to request independent counsel to file the action in Los Angeles County Superior Court titled *Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department*, Case No. 26STCP02345 (the "Enforcement Action"), filed June 22, 2026, to enforce the Commission's three subpoenas. The filing of the Enforcement Action and engagement of pro bono counsel, to the extent such filing and engagement of pro bono counsel was not previously authorized by the Commission, which the Commission does not agree with, is hereby authorized *nunc pro tunc* to the dates of the engagement of pro bono counsel and the filing of the Enforcement action, respectively, and are valid for all purposes.

July 16, 2026

Dated



Hans Johnson, Chair

Sharmaine Moseley, Executive Director, Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, does hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted by the Commission at its meeting held on July 16, 2026, and as same appears of record in the official minutes of said Commission.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL of the Los Angeles Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission this 16th day of July 2026.

July 16, 2026

Dated



Sharmaine Moseley, Executive Director