



Written Public Comment

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Name	Public comments
<p>Wanda Solomon Director of Single Parents of America, Inc. and Saving Our Seniors</p>	<p>April 4, 2023 Los Angeles Sheriffs Department Public Hearing on GANGS Wanda Solomon for Single Parents of America, Inc. and Saving Our Seniors of California Executive Director</p> <p>DEAR CHIEF DIRECTOR;</p> <p>THE TERROZING EFFECT GANGS HAVE FOR THE PAST FIFTY YEARS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS TERRIFYING< DANGEROUS AND DEADLY> I AM A SENIOR AND LIVE ALONE> I HAVE BEEN ATTACKED ON THE BUSES< HIT IN THE FACE AND MY PERSONAL BELONGINGS TAKEN> THESE GANGS ARE BOTH MEN AND WOMEN THAT ALSO HUDDLE TOGETHER IN STREET TAKE OVERS BLOCKING TRAFFIC AND CAUSING A NUNSIANCE> IN ADDITION THEY NOW DO STREET RACING AT ALL HOURS OF THE NIGHT SPEEDING AROUND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GET ANY SLEEP></p> <p>THEY ALSO HUDDLE UP TO ROB STORES GRAB AND STEAL ITEMS> OFTEN KILLING ANYONE IN THEIR WAY> AS A CIVILIAN AND CONSTITUENT I CAN MAKE THIS COMPLAINT AS WELL TO THE GOVERNORS OFFICE> TO PROTECT AND SERVE? WHERE IS THAT WHEN I SEE MORE PEOPLE BEING KILLED EVERYDAY IN OUR COMMUNITIES> THESE ARE GRIUPS ALL RACES CANO LONGER GET AWAY WITH HIS> MORE PROTECTION FOR CIVILIANS MUST BE DONE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE LIVES OF ALL> PARENTS< TEACHERS THE CHURCHES NED TO BAND TOGETHER TO WRITE A BILL TO THE LEGISLATURE TO MAKE IT LAW THAT THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE IN ANY GANG OF ANY FORM TO COMMIT A CRIME WILL BE ARRESTED> OR ADVERTISE THEY ARE WITH A GANG CAN BE SUBJECT TO INVESTIGATION> WE ARE FED UP WITH THES TAKE OVERS BY GANGS IN OUR COMMUNITIES> IT MUST BE STOPPED NOW.</p>
<p>Robert Amaya</p>	<p>The sheriffs still abuse and District Attorney's office helps cover up incidents. There no such reprimands or terminations happens that happen to deputies officers/ and or SWAT deputies when they abuse people. Even if there is camera footage which doesn't makes sense anymore.</p> <p>Violence impacts all of us. Violence harms people of all ages, genders, sexual orientations, income levels, physical and mental abilities, and religious, racial/ethnic backgrounds in every community and in every area of LA County. This tells us that we are all impacted by violence and each of us have a role to play in the prevention of violence.</p> <p>How violence aligns, or does not align, with social and socioeconomic conditions at the community level; the social determinants of health. It is important to consider how local community conditions (availability of jobs, access to parks and libraries, transportation, etc.) may be related to violence. We analyzed the relationship between trauma center visits for assaults and the Healthy Places Index (a measure of community conditions). We found that while violence and unhealthy community conditions tend to be found in the same geographic areas, this is not always the case, and further research is needed to understand unique local dynamics. Our analysis suggested that the relationship between community conditions and assaults was stronger in some areas (SPA 6, SPA 8) than others (SPA 1, SPA 2). More detailed results of this analysis can be found in Appendix F and on OVP's website. This tells us that place-based approaches are needed to address how violence impacts individual communities and to address unhealthy community conditions that are related to violent outcomes.</p> <p>How these data may mislead us</p> <p>Underreporting of violence affects the numbers and rates we calculate. Surveys indicate that many crimes are not reported to law enforcement agencies. Additionally, not all injured victims seek medical treatment for violence-related injuries. Reasons for underreporting may include lack of trust in medical and criminal justice systems, fear of reprisal by perpetrators or lack of services in a given community. If members of some demographic groups report less consistently when they are victims of violence, this will give us an incorrect picture of who is most impacted, with those with greater access or trust seeming to be disproportionately impacted. Reporting may also vary substantially depending on the type of violence. The 2018 National Crime Victimization Survey reported that overall 43% of victims of violent crimes reported the crime to law enforcement; however, among victims of rape/sexual assault,</p>

only 25% of victims reported the crime²²

. This tells us that strategies that build trust and improve equitable access to services are needed if we are to accurately understand the impact of violence, and to develop further strategies to prevent it.

Systemic biases impact the information collected from our data sources. Systems (health care, schools, law enforcement, etc.)

Mr. Justice Holmes made the point a half century ago.

"When a legal distinction is determined, as no one doubts that it may be, between night and day, childhood and maturity, or any other extremes, a point has to be fixed or a line has to be drawn, or gradually picked out by successive decisions, to mark where the change takes place. Looked at by itself, without regard to the necessity behind it, the line or point seems arbitrary. It might as well or nearly as well be a little more to one side or the other. But when it is seen that a line or point there must be, and that there is no mathematical or logical way of fixing it precisely, the decision of the legislature must be accepted unless we can say that it is very wide of any reasonable mark."

Louisville Gas Co. v. Coleman, 277 U. S. 32, 277 U. S. 41 (dissenting opinion).

When separate but equal was still accepted constitutional dogma, this Court struck down a racially restrictive zoning ordinance. *Buchanan v. Warley*, 245 U. S. 60 (1917). I am sure the Court would not be hesitant to invalidate that ordinance today. The lower federal courts have considered procedural aspects of zoning, [Footnote 2/2] and acted to insure that land use controls are not used as means of confining minorities and the poor to the ghettos of our central cities. [Footnote 2/3] These are limited but necessary intrusions on the discretion of zoning authorities. By the same token, I think it clear that the First Amendment provides some limitation on zoning laws. It is inconceivable to me that we would allow the exercise of the zoning power to burden First Amendment freedoms, as by ordinances that restrict occupancy to individuals adhering to particular religious, political, or scientific beliefs. Zoning officials properly concern

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themselves with the uses of land -- with, for example, the number and kind of dwellings to be constructed in a certain neighborhood or the number of persons who can reside in those dwellings. But zoning authorities cannot validly consider who those persons are, what they believe, or how they choose to live, whether they are Negro or white, Catholic or Jew, Republican or Democrat, married or unmarried.

My disagreement with the Court today is based upon my view that the ordinance in this case unnecessarily burdens appellees' First Amendment freedom of association and their constitutionally guaranteed right to privacy. Our decisions establish that the First and Fourteenth Amendments protect the freedom to choose one's associates. *NAACP v. Button*, 371 U. S. 415, 371 U. S. 430 (1963).

Constitutional protection is extended not only to modes of association that are political in the usual sense, but also to those that pertain to the social and economic benefit of the members. *Id.* at 371 U. S. 430-431; *Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen v. Virginia Bar*, 377 U. S. 1 (1964). See *United Transportation Union v. State Bar of Michigan*, 401 U. S. 576 (1971); *Mine Workers v. Illinois State Bar Assn.*, 389 U. S. 217 (1967). The selection of one's living companions involves similar choices as to the emotional, social, or economic benefits to be derived from alternative living arrangements.

The freedom of association is often inextricably entwined with the constitutionally guaranteed right of privacy. The right to "establish a home" is an essential part of the liberty guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment. *Meer v. Nebraska*, 262 U. S. 390, 262 U. S. 399 (1923); *Griswold v. Connecticut*, 381 U. S. 479, 381 U. S. 495 (1965) (Goldberg, J., concurring). And the Constitution secures to an individual a freedom "to satisfy his intellectual and emotional needs in the privacy of his own home." *Stanley*

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v. Georgia, 394 U. S. 557, 394 U. S. 565 (1969); see *Paris Adult Theatre I v. Slaton*, 413 U. S. 49, 413 U. S. 667 (1973). Constitutionally protected privacy is, in Mr. Justice Brandeis' words, "as against the Government, the right to be let alone . . . the right most valued by civilized man." *Olmstead v. United States*, 277 U. S. 438, 277 U. S. 478 (1928) (dissenting opinion). The choice of household companions -- of

whether a person's "intellectual and emotional needs" are best met by living with family, friends, professional associates, or others -- involves deeply personal considerations as to the kind and quality of intimate relationships within the home. That decision surely falls within the ambit of the right to privacy protected by the Constitution. See *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U. S. 113, 410 U. S. 153 (1973); *Eisenstadt v. Baird*, 405 U. S. 438, 405 U. S. 453 (1972); *Stanley v. Georgia*, supra, at 394 U. S. 564-565; *Griswold v. Connecticut*, supra, at 381 U. S. 483, 381 U. S. 486; *Olmstead v. United States*, supra at 277 U. S. 478 (Brandeis, J., dissenting); *Moreno v. Department of Agriculture*, 345 F.

The Deportation of hispanic Immigrants and Evictions of Families who are of mexican Americans born and raised in the Neighborhood Barrios. all in which has caused severe poverty and homelessness . criminalized and stereotyped and discriminated our hispanic populations in our city and school districts causing about 45% decrease in students from 10 years ago .and in 2019 EMPD assisted ICE in deporting, detaining, misappropriated hundtreds of families in El Monte and mountain view school districts in one day unconstitutionally and and not giving them there right to due process families separated mothers and young adults evicted due to discrimination and disenfranchised for belonging to a historical Barrios Society and cultural native american heritage
YCalifornia "Sanctuary State" Bill (SB 54)

Prohibits state and local law enforcement from holding illegal aliens on the basis of federal immigration detainers, or transferring them into federal custody, unless they've been convicted in the last 15 years for one of a list of 31 crimes, or are a registered sex offender: if not, they may only be held with a warrant from a federal judge

Prohibits state and local law enforcement from asking anyone about their immigration status

Prohibits state and local law enforcement from sharing any information with federal immigration authorities that is not available to the general public

Prohibits state and local law enforcement from using any of their money or personnel to "investigate, interrogate, detain, detect, or arrest persons for immigration enforcement purposes"

Prohibits state and local law enforcement from allowing federal immigration authorities to use their own money on investigations

Majority where deported for doing a business now nationally legalized and only large corporations and rich foriegn business investors are given a chance to take over the cannabis industry they have no idea the damage they did and are doing just for a profit and cities interest in tax money. the whole point of Legalizing Marijuana is to decriminalize the People who consume it and provide medical aid for those suffering from suffering health conditions due to medical malpractices and broken health system due to forighn state or countries interest and insurance profits.

Also we need to provide an alternate form of rehabilitation mental health and events which funding and measure passed with Measure J with out interference or opposition of supporting and assisting everyone towards decriminalization and criminalizing and prosecuting discriminating practices and any government funded public or private or non profit administrations thruout all california and protect our states Jurisdiction from other states or foriegn state governments funding laws and unconstitutional federal Laws violating the rights of all persons enforced by all persons amending and defending the 2nd amendment for all american born families thru a mandating training neighborhood militia programs for parents teachers and entrepreneurs by Local Military Veterans with no discrimination respecting and protecting and defending their first amendment and all constitutional rights. Elected officials Violating and Funding and supporting insurrections towards any american Born or person within jurisdiction is Guilty of Treason.

The Bottom Line Is your Special Investigations Unit Agencies procedures and program create hostile environments and is a huge liability for the Citizens Livlihood and their Family . I know the battle for Jobs there are alot more ways to law enforcement than you guys are doing it now . All you need is More

Training in morality and encourage relationships with all residents not a people v.s. police attitude the people are not the enemy and our city cant discriminate and oppress generations of Americans anymore.

Section 242 of Title 18 makes it a crime for a person acting under color of any law to willfully deprive a person of a right or privilege protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States.

For the purpose of Section 242, acts under "color of law" include acts not only done by federal, state, or local officials within their lawful authority, but also acts done beyond the bounds of that official's lawful authority, if the acts are done while the official is purporting to or pretending to act in the performance of his/her official duties. Persons acting under color of law within the meaning of this statute include police officers, prisons guards and other law enforcement officials, as well as judges, care providers in public health facilities, and others who are acting as public officials. It is not necessary that the crime be motivated by animus toward the race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin of the victim.

The offense is punishable by a range of imprisonment up to a life term, or the death penalty, depending upon the circumstances of the crime, and the resulting injury, if any.

TITLE 18, U.S.C., SECTION 242

Whoever, under color of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, or custom, willfully subjects any person in any State, Territory, Commonwealth, Possession, or District to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States, ... shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than one year, or both; and if bodily injury results from the acts committed in violation of this section or if such acts include the use, attempted use, or threatened use of a dangerous weapon, explosives, or fire, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; and if death results from the acts committed in violation of this section or if such acts include kidnapping or an attempt to kidnap, aggravated sexual abuse, or an attempt to commit aggravated sexual abuse, or an attempt to kill, shall be fined under this title, or imprisoned for any term of years or for life, or both, or may be sentenced to death.

18 U.S. Code § 112 - Protection of foreign officials, official guests, and internationally protected persons U.S. Code Notes

(a)Whoever assaults, strikes, wounds, imprisons, or offers violence to a foreign official, official guest, or internationally protected person or makes any other violent attack upon the person or liberty of such person, or, if likely to endanger his person or liberty, makes a violent attack upon his official premises, private accommodation, or means of transport or attempts to commit any of the foregoing shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than three years, or both. Whoever in the commission of any such act uses a deadly or dangerous weapon, or inflicts bodily injury, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both.

(b)Whoever willfully—

(1)intimidates, coerces, threatens, or harasses a foreign official or an official guest or obstructs a foreign official in the performance of his duties;

(2)attempts to intimidate, coerce, threaten, or harass a foreign official or an official guest or obstruct a foreign official in the performance of his duties; or

(3)within the United States and within one hundred feet of any building or premises in whole or in part owned, used, or occupied for official business or for diplomatic, consular, or residential purposes by—

(A)a foreign government, including such use as a mission to an international organization;

(B)an international organization;

(C)a foreign official; or

(D)an official guest;

congregates with two or more other persons with intent to violate any other provision of this section; shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

(c)For the purpose of this section "foreign government", "foreign official", "internationally protected

person”, “international organization”, “national of the United States”, and “official guest” shall have the same meanings as those provided in section 1116(b) of this title.

(d) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed or applied so as to abridge the exercise of rights guaranteed under the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

(e) If the victim of an offense under subsection (a) is an internationally protected person outside the United States, the United States may exercise jurisdiction over the offense if (1) the victim is a representative, officer, employee, or agent of the United States, (2) an offender is a national of the United States, or (3) an offender is afterwards found in the United States. As used in this subsection, the United States includes all areas under the jurisdiction of the United States including any of the places within the provisions of sections 5 and 7 of this title and section 46501(2) of title 49.

(f) In the course of enforcement of subsection (a) and any other sections prohibiting a conspiracy or attempt to violate subsection (a), the Attorney General may request assistance from any Federal, State, or local agency, including the Army, Navy, and Air Force, any statute, rule, or regulation to the contrary, notwithstanding.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 688; Pub. L. 88–493, § 1, Aug. 27, 1964, 78 Stat. 610; Pub. L. 92–539, title III, § 301, Oct. 24, 1972, 86 Stat. 1072; Pub. L. 94–467, § 5, Oct. 8, 1976, 90 Stat. 1999; Pub. L. 95–163, § 17(b)(1), Nov. 9, 1977, 91 Stat. 1286; Pub. L. 95–504, § 2(b), Oct. 24, 1978, 92 Stat. 1705; Pub. L. 100–690, title VI, § 6478, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4381; Pub. L. 103–272, § 5(e)(2), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1373; Pub. L. 103–322, title XXXII, § 320101(b), title XXXIII, § 330016(1)(G), (K), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2108, 2147;

our History in the past 20 -30-60 years have shown the depivation of American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man

(Adopted by the Ninth International Conference of American States, Bogotá, Colombia, 1948

Regarding the safety of the public or profiling gang members.

The intimidation of threats from deputies in the county jail are passed on to the streets when they supposedly graduate from their time in the jail system to the streets, these beatings and assaults by these deputies come from the jail to the streets, that is a major problem that dearly needs to be addressed

Rosie
Cejudo

Good morning , my name is Rosie Cejudo, I am participating in this forum , because i am appalled at the neglect of the Deoartments of law enforcement officers , from both Police ,and Sheriff department. I have lived , in the communities of East Los Angeles , for 65 years. I have experienced first hand the violence and abusive behavior of the officers in both departments. This goes back decades , and nothing has been done , to stop it. I walked out of Lincoln High school in my junior year in high school , to fight for the right to equal education , and by walking out the officers , beat and threw us to the ground. Another instance , was the Chicano Moratorium we were gassed , beat and shot at during the protest against the Vietnam war. Children ,mothers, grandmothers, teens , fathers grandfathers were shot , beat, gassed , we had to run for our lives..Now tell me is this , the way you serve and protect our residents. You all have killed our young men , executed , and scared our children and grandchildren. Now you are all responsible for this, because knowing there are gang tattooed officers in gangs in law enforcement departments you Equip them with Guns, weapons against our residents. Now tell me are you ignorant of what's going on. I call on Mr Luna to really take charge , and don't just promise with words , Take charge and work for us. Take those Gangs out of the force they are marked there is no excuse , for them to be in there. I hope to see changes in our communities for our people finally . .

Gangs should not exist in a sheriff department. Or any other civic department for that matter . This a perfect example of the police becoming what they are designed to stop. Gangs. It's counterproductive to public safety, it's corrupt and quite frankly juvenile. I can't believe we actually have to address this as it seems like a given criteriA that violent groups like this should not exist. And yet here we are. Make it stop!

Anthony
Arenas

Hello, my name is Anthony Arenas with the JusticeLA coalition. I am writing to submit written public comments ahead of Saturday, April 15th Civilian Oversight Commission Community Meeting regarding

LASD Deputy Gangs.

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What real police accountability means to me when it comes to Deputy Gangs is DEFUNDING THE POLICE AND INVESTING IN ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION!

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Gwendolyn
Snyder

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As it stands, I have little to no faith in the current Sheriff's Dept. Every time I see a Sheriff Deputy I immediately question if they will be acting in respect to their oath or if they will be acting in faith of a Deputy Gang

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Real police accountability means looking honestly at the issues that are plaguing the Sheriff's department. It doesn't seem that the department itself is willing to do the hard work that is necessary to become an asset to our community rather than a terror. The deputy gangs valorize violence, and create false narratives of heroism to excuse their abhorrent behavior. I am so sick of them getting away with their crimes.

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I have seen story after story come out about the Deputy gangs, the problems in Men's County Jail, unjustified shootings, etc. The recent investigative report is particularly damning, showing that members of deputy gangs are at the highest level of the department and deeply embedded in the department. They have shooting parties, they admit lying for each other, and they encourage and valorize violence.

It's very clear that LASD cannot fix these issues internally. The Commission MUST include directions to how the BOARD can intervene with its existing authority to disrupt deputy gangs and an overall culture of violence towards the community within LASD. Finally, the Commission must also focus on the harmful impact on deputy gangs on community members, especially in predominantly Black and brown areas with LASD stations riddled with deputy gangs.

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What real police accountability means to me when it comes to Deputy Gangs is accountability of the officers of the harm they've caused, losing their jobs, and de-certification so they can not be rehired in law enforcement. It requires leadership to call them gangs and create transparency in the process to eradicate them.

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What real police accountability means to me when it comes to Deputy Gangs is actually punishing those that take part in this culture. This culture continues to exist because police get a slap on the wrist for something and then are allowed to continue on with their terrible and abusive behavior. They have seen time and time again that they can get away with terrorizing their citizens with no consequences. We need to completely disband these groups and these ways of thinking or else this cancer keeps spreading.

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What real police accountability means to me when it comes to Deputy Gangs is addressing the problem from the root up and fully doing away with a body and institution that is fully corrupt, racist, and deadly. You cannot reform this problem the sheriffs department and until you take this problem with the

seriousness and urgency it deserves, the problem will only grow worse and as a result more people will lose their lives, rights, and freedoms. I am urging this body to do the right thing and make the correct decision which is doing away with all deputy gangs and their members and start over. Otherwise this problem, like the deadly cancer that is, will continue to metastasize.

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Let's get some things straight here.

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What real police accountability means to me when it comes to deputy gangs is the firing of deputies affiliated with these gangs. Deputies affiliated with gangs making public confessions to be broadcast in all available forms. Deputies affiliated with gangs being stripped on any honors and being barred from running for office or holding any other positions in city or county public service. Deputies affiliated with gangs being required to pay reparations to those harmed by deputy gangs.

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What real police accountability means to me when it comes to Deputy Gangs is to stop them. I'm heartbroken about the numerous cases of Sheriff's Department the gangs' police brutality. How is this abuse a service to the community? It's nonot. Police accountability, to me, means the police should be accountable to the public.

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Dr. Beth F. Baker

Greetings. I am a professor at the California State University, Los Angeles and I do research on crime, policing, safety, and community. I believe the Commission should fully investigate the devastating impact of deputy gangs on our communities and urge the Board of Supervisors to do everything in its power to overhaul the entire Sheriff's Department. The Department's tinkering around the edges of reform will not eradicate the real cancer – LASD's culture of abuse and violence that gave rise to deputy gangs in the first place. We need to overhaul the entire culture and footprint of the L.A. County Sheriff's Department (LASD).

Police accountability means that the police follow the same laws civilians must follow, that they are held accountable for breaches of the public trust, and that their labor enhances rather than harms community safety.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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What real police accountability means to me when it comes to Deputy Gangs is digging into the culture to understand how men and women attracted to the profession to be the "good guys" end up being twisted into being "bad guys" themselves and changing it. The indoctrination and recruitment represents a loss of direction with tragic consequences for both their victims and the officers involved.

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What real police accountability means to me when it comes to Deputy Gangs is actually rooting out the Deputy Gang culture instead of just enacting superficial policies that allow the culture to persist underground, while still causing harm within our communities and within the sheriff's department itself. True, meaningful culture change is needed to transform the environment in which Deputy Gangs were created and have continued to exist.

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What real police accountability is when it comes to Deputy Gangs is that deputies who perpetrate violence in the community be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, and the LASD budget should be reduced a major amount for every year that the gangs were known to the public and the LASD refused to fix the problem.

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The Care First, Jails Last report includes a detailed set of recommendations that “aim to provide treatment and services to those in need, instead of arrest and jail.” For decades, community members or organizations fought for this mindset and budgeting shift. But our county’s budget shows LA is still addicted to arresting and jailing people rather than caring for them.

In years of good economy and bad, years of rising and falling crime, waxing and waning numbers of people incarcerated, LA County continuously showers law enforcement with ever-increasing funding, leaving budget dust for alternatives to incarceration and community systems of care.

In Los Angeles County, the jail budget has increased 44% since fiscal year 2011. The number of sheriff employees has also increased. The jail population, however, has decreased by 5% during the same period. - <https://www.vera.org/publications/what-jails-cost-cities/los-angeles-ca>

LASD’s proposed budget is larger than last year, and the LASD is proposing to add 14 more staff—which increases personnel budget by 10.5M. In contrast, LA County is proposing to spend \$200 million on the Care First and Community Investment budget unit—so 17 times less than on LASD (Civilytics)

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Nearly 30,000 people work for the county’s “law and justice” departments. That’s more people working for the sheriff, probation and courts than live in Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Cudahy, El Segundo, Lomita, Maywood, San Fernando, or South Pasadena. In contrast, the Care First and Community Investment Budget Unit has 3 staff. (Civilytics)

We want to see a reduction in the budget for Sheriff and Probation Departments, full continued funding for Care First Community Investment in line with the outline community provided to the County, additional funding for ODR, and other increases in the budgets for mental health, public health, emergency management, children and family services and other community-based systems of care.

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What real police accountability means to me when it comes to Deputy Gangs is divesting in those who time and time again have proven their abuse and violence within their system. Reform is not the answer here - dismantle and rebuild a structure that works - rather than continuing to funnel money and energy toward one that continues to spit out ruthless deputy gang members.

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I don't think that you are aware of how out of control the LASD is right now. They are acting unprofessional and corrupt, and that is an understatement. They have harassed me on my bike, in my car, around the house I used to own, the apartment I move to, and even came by where I work. At a public institution. They also coordinate with other police agencies and harass, illegally share personal and private information with other police agencies. Who have harassed and continue to try and intimidate and harass me. They have no regard for civil rights. I believe that officers from other departments are involved in their deputy gangs and cliques. They include the, CHP, Long Beach PD, UCLA PD, LAPD, Cypress PD, Los Alamitos PD, Seal Beach PD, Huntington Beach PD, and the Orange County Sheriff. Their helicopter even tried to strafe me, when I was riding on the LA River bike path. I tried to make complaints to sergeants and lieutenants but after the complaint. I found myself followed and harassed until I finally sold my house. Guess who was waiting for me at my new apartment, deputies and members of the agency where I moved to. I would of went to the FBI or DOJ, but because of Covid, I decided to sell my house. What kind of people are these? They actually left a dead rat in my parking

spot and tagged a parking sign , where I parked my car .What is next , " Third World Death Squads " , ? Are we a Banana republic now ? I know they are not done with me , but I am not scared .I have truth and justice on my side .I hope you do more than talk ,I read about them harassing journalists, politicians, and anyone who questions or challenges the way they work .I hope you call in the DOJ and FBI , because this is a threat to our democracy .Civil Rights is to them a joke or nonexistent .They are not guardians nor warriors .They are just gangsters , those who enable them and the rest cannot do their jobs because of them and our corrupt system . You also need to investigate the corrupt politicians in cities like , Cerritos , Norwalk , Cypress , Los Alamitos , Long Beach , Seal Beach and the others that I mention who enable and even encourage the way they work .Good Luck !

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The Commission should fully investigate the devastating impact of deputy gangs on our communities and urge the Board of Supervisors to do everything in its power to overhaul the entire Sheriff's Department. The Department's tinkering around the edges of reform will not eradicate the real problem – LASD's culture of abuse and violence that gave rise to deputy gangs in the first place. We need to overhaul the entire culture and footprint of the L.A. County Sheriff's Department (LASD). We must continue to call these groups what they are: Deputy GANGS. Sheriff Robert Luna alone won't eradicate deputy gangs, and LASD will not deal with this decades-long crisis out of the goodness of their hearts. The Commission must expose and end the collusion between LASD's Deputy Gangs and the Medical Examiner Coroner's Office. County Counsel has been complicit in enabling deputy gang violence and abuse by defending civil rights lawsuits with deputy gang allegations, even when the deputies at issue engaged in misconduct far outside the course and scope of their duties. The Commission MUST include directions to how the BOARD can intervene with its existing authority to disrupt deputy gangs and an overall culture of violence towards the community within LASD. Finally, the Commission must also focus on the harmful impact on deputy gangs on community members, especially in predominantly Black and brown areas with LASD stations riddled with deputy gangs.

Any sheriff gang member within the sheriffs department should be removed from duty. There is no excuse for this type of activity to be going on anywhere in the sheriff department when a sheriff's responsibility is to protect and serve the community in which he/she is employed. Also, it is known that there have been sheriff gangs at stations since the 1970's. We have had so many shootings by sheriffs in the barrios and they have increased and become more violent with time and the use of firearms and overkill. This is devastating to the community, children and family members who are the victims of this type of violence. The sheriffs need higher education standards for hiring personnel and also cultural training. There needs to be less sheriffs and more Social Workers, Mental health workers, program specialists and community workers to bring justice and wholesomeness to communities rather than extreme policing techniques, murder and physical abuse to community members and their families and incarceration of our youth in the juvenile, and adult criminal system. It is time to change the criminal justice system and it begins with the sheriffs who police our communities.

Violations by deputy gangs: Just the presence of sheriffs and law enforcement in our communities is sufficient to intimidate community members. In other areas white and blue color communities it is rare even to see a law enforcement vehicle patrolling the community and surrounding areas. Never responding to a call when you call the sheriffs department and the community will tell you that they do not come when you call them. They may answer the telephone call but they don't response to the urgent phone call that families call for help. Lying because it is evident by evidence presented in court cases involving the sheriff and law enforcement that they lie about the evidence and facts pertaining to cased involved in shootings physical abuse, and beatings at the hands of the sheriffs. The lawlessness and power that their administrators to protect them when there is wrongdoing on their part and their continued of power due to these actions.

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Black and Brown civilians of Los Angeles are facing more mental health crisis' impacted by COVID and economic disparities caused by a war on poverty and colonization. These sheriff gangs do not promote restorative and transformative justice and need to be replaced by systems of care.