



Written Public Comment

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Public Comment	Sheriff deputies at LA General Hospital continue to deny pregnant & laboring patients accommodations required by AB 732's amendments to the penal code. This includes: violations of privacy during labor or intimate exams, obstructing access to support (including pre-designated doulas), shackling during post-partum hospital stay.	Noah Nattell
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Update	<p>The Sheriff's Department's impact on the homeless encampments is significant and needs to be reviewed in EVERY COC meeting. Currently there is a six month or more wait (until MARCH) for Full Encampment Cleanups with Removal. These are the posted cleanups and the only ones that result in permanent removal.</p> <p>Several agencies are involved. What can be done and what is being done on the county level to expedite these cleanups (NOT the temporary, non-posted cleanups which result in residents returning immediately.) While expediting proper cleanups involves more than one department, every department involved - especially the Sheriff's Department - needs to acknowledge and work on timeliness - to advocate for timeliness. Encampments grow exponentially as they are allowed to remain in place.</p>	Valerie Holwerda
3, 4 and speak on an update about the current gang member deputies working within the organization	<p>Taser's another barbaric tactic that is outdated! You wonder how and why this gang member deputy sheriff just got killed in front of the Palmdale gang member station without anyone backing him up! This organization continues to ignore the uprising of the Rodney King and George Floyd incidents! This gang member deputy sheriff organization continues to resort to brutality! people have spoken, and this organization is ignoring that. This organization is culpable of using cover ups! intimidation, harassment, killing, lying, etc., to try and control other humans. The more you use brutality the worse is going to get! Tasers! the same ones used in the Mississippi case where these two black men were put in a situation where 6 gang member cops used tasers to contain the situation! and they were found guilty of doing that!</p> <p>Tasers is a brutality tactic used to enforce brutality! and is not less lethal you are continuing to support brutality! stop supporting brutality stop supporting brutality stop supporting brutality!</p> <p>SB1421 there should be no reason as to why this gang member deputy sheriff organization should be saying no to transparency! 70 years of gang member deputy sheriff activity! this gang member deputy sheriff organization wants to go against it? this is something people are against, and this organization should know that! This is why we continue to say alternatives to gang member deputy sheriff policing, but this organization continues to stop complying with what the people demand! remember this when people like me stop talking that's it is over! First the association blocks the right for the people to know how many gangs' member deputy sheriff is driving our streets and know they are trying to stop policing their bad work!? No, this gang member deputy sheriff must respect SB1421!</p>	Ej Medal
Officer training	<p>The letter below was sent to Sheriff Luna in July. I have confirmed receipt but not received a respond to my request for a meeting. I would like to meet with either the Sheriff, and/or this commission regarding this matter. July 7, 2023, Sheriff Robert Luna, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, 211 W Temple St, Los Angeles, CA 90012</p> <p>Dear Sheriff Luna, Today I present to you the opportunity to drive lasting, positive change.</p> <p>This change, compared to the other dragons you are slaying, is fairly simple, and the steps I propose are likely entirely within your own power. In supply chain, and operations we call this sort of challenge, "Low hanging fruit" You can see it, and see how to pick it. There's still hard work, but it's cut and dried.</p> <p>Here's the issue. Using shooting targets that look like specific ethnic groups has been part</p>	C.J. Nord, C.P.M., CSCP

of America's systemic racism since the beginning. It is a centuries old sick joke played on both the protectors of society and on society since the founding of our nation, and it is high time for change.

It is both my compassion for our protectors, as well as my passion for community safety that inspire this mission. Please allow me to share a couple stories from my own life to explain that statement.

A veteran who served time in Federal prison for the wrongful murder of a civilian in Afghanistan, and a law enforcement officer whose career, physical, and mental health were shattered because of his own role in the wrongful killing of a Black man in LA both attributed their actions to being trained to shoot using targets which looked like the ethnic group of the person murdered. Each man told me their story directly. Their faces full of both anger and anguish. How can one go on with something so heavy on their heart? Yes, they fell, but the training tripped them.

These are the steps I propose to correct the situation.

1. Notify the LASD Head of Procurement, and Supply Chain to stop purchasing shooting targets which look like specific ethnic groups. Ideally the targets would also be featureless, and in colors human beings don't come in such as blue, and green.
2. Notify all purchasers which are outside of the Procurement, and Supply Chain department that reimbursement for shooting targets which look like specific ethnic groups ends either immediately, or within the shortest reasonable period possible such as 30 days.
3. Ethnic shooting targets will be somewhere in the LASD inventory. Have them pulled, accounted for, and destroyed.

That's the lowest hanging fruit. The next steps could be a lot tougher.

4. Inform all LASD officers that they may not use ethnic shooting targets on ranges outside of the department on, or off duty.
5. Train officers to be aware of how deeply target shooting trains their motor skills, and that if they use an ethnic image for a shooting target, they are literally training to shoot that ethnic group faster, and more accurately.

Sheriff Luna, I served for 7 years as a Neighborhood Watch Captain, and during that period I won the fight to raise our sales taxes to support public safety in Bellflower. I've hosted community parties that gathered deputies and residents frequently in my own front yard just to visit, and chat. I've seen the stoniest faced deputy covered in pink icing because somehow every child there knew that despite his stern expression, he was the one to climb all over. His career, and peace could be taken because of this training.

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