



Written Public Comment

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abuse of power by ex sheriff Villanueva and Los Angeles Fire Department	<p>The fire department is abusing their authority at the Firus monitoring center. They have a homophobic game of "outing" people that are "on fire". Already on record was the temporary dismissal of a Natalie Rodriguez, who works for the street corner cameras monitoring center.</p> <p>Tonight, in conjunction with ex-Sheriff Villanueva, who comes to harass me nightly at my apartment building on ####, (he's been "doxing" me for years now) the LAFD shows up to join in on this harassment at around 4:30 am. Ask the fire dept for their whereabouts and Ex sheriff Villanueva for his phones GPS (why is he always here at some mediocre apartment complex, you think he has a home?) Like I have said, for years this has been going on, and it's getting more hostile, that I fear for retaliation for being a whistleblower. The fire dept was all over my place for no reason except to harass and threaten. They seem to feel that they can break up me and my wife of 13 years this nov 20th, because I'm a "fag or gay guy" they say. They were on roof looking in my window our side my door. I was just threatened by Villanueva, he said quote</p> <p>" You know what we'll do to you if I send this?"</p> <p>My name is Matt Buster Brown-Killman,</p> <p>#####</p> <p>#####</p> <p>Please, please help.</p> <p>I wanted this on record because it is a fact, ex sheriff Villanueva and the LAFD (my areas station at least, not other areas stations) and whoever is head of the Firus monitoring center, are getting nasty, with serious threats and encounters.</p>	Matt Buster Brown-Killman
Public Comment	Last week a deputy from the Compton Station struck and killed a female pedestrian while driving a B&W patrol car. Deputies from Compton have a bad habit of turning on flashing lights, but NOT sirens when wanting to run red traffic lights when in a hurry to get somewhere. This is against department policy. Unless initiating a traffic stop, deputies are NOT supposed to use lights & siren unless authorized by dispatch. I am requesting a full investigation into this homicide.	Robert Ray
3A	It is important to know that the elections once again show that the overwhelming majority of the people voted for change and accountability. It is your job as a civilian oversight commission that you respect what people have been fighting for since the George Floyd incident in Minneapolis! People want to not worry about doxing corrupt, lying, killer, gang member kkkops who the only thing they do is brutalize and jump people like they did Blake Anderson in Inglewood. The same rules apply in the population that is in the jails! we need to respect humanity regardless of their crimes! If this cop organization didn't have immunity from what they do, we would be here! the same conditions that a free citizen should have a criminal inside a jail should too! We are tired of the brutalization of people inside and outside the jails! If you a body that represent me cannot pass something simple as accountability and respect than you are ignoring the results all over this country and especially this county when it comes to the results of Measure A and the removal of VILLAnueva! We must respect humanity! and stop allowing our tax dollars to continue to brutalize people inside and outside the jail system. This is a wakeup call for this county and this cop organization in this county, county of L.A. that the of misuse and abuse of the budget that the LASD gets from the county needs to be accounted for in a public safety budget to make sure that their job is efficiently done. No more brutality because people are getting tired of the videos and stories.	Erick Jason Medal
Jail Conditions	Hello, my name is Jayme Kusyk with JusticeLA. I am writing to submit written public comments ahead of Friday, November 18th's Civilian Oversight Commission meeting regarding prison conditions. March 30, 2022 marks the one-year anniversary of the publication of the Men's Central Jail (MCJ) Closure Report. Men's Central Jail is Los Angeles' largest and oldest jail facility, and its unsafe, crowded, crumbling structure stands as a landmark of the dominance of mass incarceration in Los Angeles. The MCJ Closure Report outlines a roadmap for the closure of Men's Central Jail within 18-24 months, yet, the County has not taken the necessary steps to effectively close MCJ and direct funding and resources into our communities. In 2021, 55 people died in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. The County has the finances and legal power to close Men's Central Jail and ensure that decarceration is safe and supportive for our communities. I have three demands for the Civilian Oversight Commission. FIRST, commit to closing MCJ without a replacement by March 2023. The target population for closing MCJ is now within sight. It is achievable with commitment and care. Last year at the onset of the pandemic, the county decreased the jail population by 30 percent within two months. An outcome previously considered unthinkable was achieved, and it promoted safety and health. This same level of focus and intensity is necessary now. This Commission must set a deadline for closure and public benchmarks for decarceration.	Jayme Kusyk

SECOND, commit to and create an independent pretrial services system in 3-6 months. Pretrial incarceration is a significant driver of the jail population. The Board agreed to implement the ATI Work Group strategy for pretrial services but has not yet delivered. As a result, wealth continues to determine access to release. The county can leverage and scale existing infrastructure within its health system to do release planning assessments, interface with system actors, and make referrals. It can also immediately fund key pillars—like text reminders, transportation assistance, and case management. It is critical that the county adheres to its “care first” vision in accelerating pretrial release through a framework of support and public health, which in turn decreases the reliance on jail and promotes safety.

THIRD, immediately allocate sufficient funding for community-based services that drive releases. Numerous county workgroups have called on the Board and CEO to fund behavioral health treatment beds. System actors have said that many judges would release people if services were available in the community, especially for people in need of housing. Existing service providers have made clear that, with funding, they could easily and rapidly expand offerings. It is possible to scale up community resources quickly, as evidenced by the county bringing more than 200 treatment beds online in just a month, to support releases at the onset of the pandemic. We need this same sense of urgency now, and the main barrier is funding. Without it, people with unmet treatment needs will continue to be trapped in jail and have worse reentry outcomes.

The county should immediately increase funding for the Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR) to allow it to lift the cap on new placements in the ODR Housing program. It should also dedicate more funding to the Department of Health Services (DHS) for Housing for Health—one of the most used programs by people leaving the jail who are vulnerable to homelessness—and to the Department of Public Health – Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (DPH-SAPC) for treatment beds that can be utilized by people with substance use disorders, in order to minimize the chances of recidivism.”

Jail conditions	My name is Sarah Bowers and I live in County District 2. I am writing to submit written public comments ahead of Friday, November 18th’s Civilian Oversight Commission meeting regarding LA County’s jail conditions. MCJ desperately needs to be closed down. As a social worker with friends who are therapists and social workers in the jail, I hear about the horrors that are committed there and people who are endlessly stuck there because our county and city systems do not have the infrastructure to treat them as human beings. Grossly enough, our county's jail and prison system is the largest mental health provider in the country and nation, but no one is getting anything near the amount and quality of mental health treatment that they need. People are stuck in MCJ who are in states of psychosis and may have committed what our society describes as "crime" through no conscious fault of their own, but still they are stuck in a cell. This is just the beginning of MCJ's horrors. In 2021, 55 people died in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department. As the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, you also have the responsibility to provide oversight of the LASD’s management of LA County jails. Many witnesses, like my colleagues who currently work at the jail, have reported that Sheriff deputies working in the jail refer to people as "bodies" instead of people. Furthermore, MCJ and Twin Towers are the home to the LASD gang the “3000 boys.” This gang has murdered our community members with impunity, in large part because they mask in-custody murders as deaths from “natural causes.”	Sarah Bowers
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Jail Conditions	Hello, my name is Lucas O'Connor with Justice LA. I am writing to submit written public comments ahead of Friday, November 18th’s Civilian Oversight Commission meeting regarding LA County’s jail conditions. In 2021, 55 people died in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department. As the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, you also have the responsibility to provide oversight of the LASD’s management of LA County jails. Simply hearing reports from the County about	Lucas O'Connor

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Jail Conditions	<p>Hello, my name is Hannah Kazim, and I am a resident of Long Beach, and the 4th council district. I am writing to submit written public comments ahead of Friday, November 18th's Civilian Oversight Commission meeting regarding LA County's jail conditions. In 2021, 55 people died in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. As the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, you also have the responsibility to provide oversight of the LASD's management of LA County jails. This County has made promises but our community is DYING. YOUR inaction and failure to correct Sheriff negligence is literally killing people. Simply hearing reports from the County about jail conditions is not enough. This commission MUST take action to address the crisis in LA County jails seriously and commit to a deeper inquiry into why the jail conditions are so horrific, the role of LASD deputy gangs in jail management, and the department's own unwillingness to support the improvement of jail conditions. Yet, the community is not merely calling for the removal of LASD from LA County jails- in fact, we demand the closure of Men's Central Jail.</p> <p>We will continue to demand that this commission support the closure of Men's Central Jail. MCJ and Twin Towers are the home to the LASD gang the "3000 boys." This gang has murdered our community members with impunity, in large part because they mask in-custody murders as deaths from "natural causes." The findings of the UCLA and Dignity & Power NOW report on LASD and the LA County Coroner's office are key to the discussion of jail conditions. Our community members are dying inside and it is long past time for this commission to push the LA County Board of Supervisors to set a timeline for the closure of Men's Central Jail.</p>	Hannah Kazim
Jail Conditions	<p>Hello, my name is Anthony Arenas born and raised in Supervisorial District 3. I am writing to submit written public comments ahead of Friday, November 18th's Civilian Oversight Commission meeting regarding LA County's jail conditions. In 2021, 55 people died in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. As the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, you also have the responsibility to provide oversight of the LASD's management of LA County jails. I stand with the families of those who have lost their lives inside of LA County jails because the County has made promises but it's our communities that suffer while they do NOTHING. Simply hearing reports from the County about jail conditions is not enough. I request that this commission take the crisis in LA County jails seriously and commit to a deeper inquiry into why the jail conditions are so horrific, the role of LASD deputy gangs in jail management, and the department's own unwillingness to support the improvement of jail conditions. Yet, the community is not merely calling for the removal of LASD from LA County jails- in fact, we demand the closure of Men's Central Jail.</p> <p>We will continue to demand that this commission support the closure of Men's Central Jail. MCJ and Twin Towers are the home to the LASD gang the "3000 boys." This gang has murdered our community members with impunity, in large part because they mask in-custody murders as deaths from "natural causes." The findings of the UCLA and Dignity & Power NOW report on LASD and the LA County Coroner's office are key to the discussion of jail conditions. Our community members are dying inside and it is long past time for this commission to push the LA County Board of Supervisors to set a timeline for the closure of Men's Central Jail.</p>	Anthony Arenas
Jail Conditions	<p>Hello, my name is Axeen James, and I'm writing from Los Angeles, CA, Supervisor District 2. I am writing to submit written public comments ahead of Friday, November 18th's Civilian Oversight Commission meeting regarding LA County's jail conditions. In 2021, 55 people died in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. As the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, you also have the responsibility to provide oversight of the LASD's management of LA County jails. I stand with the families of those who have lost their lives inside of LA County jails because conditions keep getting worse, and the oversight committee hasn't done nearly enough. We need some real action. Simply hearing reports from the County about jail conditions is not enough. I request that this</p>	Axeen James

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Jail Conditions	<p>Hello, my name is Herley Jim Bowling with JusticeLA, 40 year resident of supervisorial district #3. I am writing to submit written public comments ahead of Friday, November 18th's Civilian Oversight Commission meeting regarding LA County's jail conditions. In 2021, 55 people died in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. As the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, you also have the responsibility to provide oversight of the LASD's management of LA County jails. People are losing their lives in LA County jails and it's time to take action. Simply hearing reports from the County about jail conditions is not enough. I request that this commission take the crisis in LA County jails seriously and commit to a deeper inquiry into why the jail conditions are so horrific, the role of LASD deputy gangs in jail management, and the department's own unwillingness to support the improvement of jail conditions. Yet, the community is not merely calling for the removal of LASD from LA County jails- in fact, we demand the closure of Men's Central Jail.</p> <p>We will continue to demand that this commission support the closure of Men's Central Jail. MCJ and Twin Towers are the home to the LASD gang the "3000 boys." This gang has murdered our community members with impunity, in large part because they mask in-custody murders as deaths from "natural causes." The findings of the UCLA and Dignity & Power NOW report on LASD and the LA County Coroner's office are key to the discussion of jail conditions. Our community members are dying inside and it is long past time for this commission to push the LA County Board of Supervisors to set a timeline for the closure of Men's Central Jail.</p>	Herley Jim Bowling
Closing the men's central jail	<p>Voters have once again voted for carceral reform through the passage of measure A. The central jail was promised to be closed two years ago. That needs to be a priority. It is an absolute travesty. Please act now.</p>	Grace Doyle
Jail Conditions	<p>Hello, my name is Emma Gerch from East LA. I am writing to submit written public comments ahead of Friday, November 18th's Civilian Oversight Commission meeting regarding LA County's jail conditions. In 2021, 55 people died in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. As the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, you also have the responsibility to provide oversight of the LASD's management of LA County jails. I stand with the families of those who have lost their lives inside of LA County jails because I have personally witnessed the traumatizing effects of incarceration first-hand as a social worker. I am committed to ending mass incarceration. Simply hearing reports from the County about jail conditions is not enough. I request that this commission take the crisis in LA County jails seriously and commit to a deeper inquiry into why the jail conditions are so horrific, the role of LASD deputy gangs in jail management, and the department's own unwillingness to support the improvement of jail conditions. Yet, the community is not merely calling for the removal of LASD from LA County jails- in fact, we demand the closure of Men's Central Jail. We will continue to demand that this commission support the closure of Men's Central Jail. MCJ and Twin Towers are the home to the LASD gang the "3000 boys." This gang has murdered our community members with impunity, in large part because they mask in-custody murders as deaths from "natural causes." The findings of the UCLA and Dignity & Power NOW report on LASD and the LA County Coroner's office are key to the discussion of jail conditions. Our community members are dying inside and it is long past time for this commission to push the LA County Board of Supervisors to set a timeline for the closure of Men's Central Jail.</p>	Emma Gerch
Jail conditions	<p>Hello, my name is Bri with JusticeLA / Los Angeles / District 3. I am writing to submit written public comments ahead of Friday, November 18th's Civilian Oversight Commission meeting regarding LA County's jail conditions. In 2021, 55 people died in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. As the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, you also have the responsibility to provide oversight of the LASD's management of LA County jails. Simply hearing reports from the County about jail conditions is not enough. I request that this commission take the crisis in LA County jails seriously and commit to a deeper inquiry into why the jail conditions are so horrific, the role of LASD deputy gangs in jail management, and the department's own unwillingness to support the</p>	

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Jail Conditions	<p>Hello, my name is Diana Arterian of Atwater Village. I am writing to submit written public comments ahead of Friday, November 18th's Civilian Oversight Commission meeting regarding LA County's jail conditions. In 2021, 55 people died in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. As the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, you also have the responsibility to provide oversight of the LASD's management of LA County jails. I stand with the families of those who have lost their lives inside of LA County jails because no incarcerated person should lose a life while in custody. The jail is quite literally the custodian of these people, and should ensure their care so they do not die due to gang violence or for any other preventable reason. Simply hearing reports from the County about jail conditions is not enough. I request that this commission take the crisis in LA County jails seriously and commit to a deeper inquiry into why the jail conditions are so horrific, the role of LASD deputy gangs in jail management, and the department's own unwillingness to support the improvement of jail conditions. Yet, the community is not merely calling for the removal of LASD from LA County jails- in fact, we demand the closure of Men's Central Jail.</p> <p>We will continue to demand that this commission support the closure of Men's Central Jail. MCJ and Twin Towers are the home to the LASD gang the "3000 boys." This gang has murdered our community members with impunity, in large part because they mask in-custody murders as deaths from "natural causes." The findings of the UCLA and Dignity & Power NOW report on LASD and the LA County Coroner's office are key to the discussion of jail conditions. Our community members are dying inside and it is long past time for this commission to push the LA County Board of Supervisors to set a timeline for the closure of Men's Central Jail.</p>	Diana Arterian
Jail Conditions	<p>Hello, my name is Alyssa Michek, citizen of LA County. I am writing to submit written public comments ahead of Friday, November 18th's Civilian Oversight Commission meeting regarding LA County's jail conditions. In 2021, 55 people died in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. As the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, you also have the responsibility to provide oversight of the LASD's management of LA County jails. No one should live in inhumane conditions and we are responsible for their safety. Simply hearing reports from the County about jail conditions is not enough. I request that this commission take the crisis in LA County jails seriously and commit to a deeper inquiry into why the jail conditions are so horrific, the role of LASD deputy gangs in jail management, and the department's own unwillingness to support the improvement of jail conditions. Yet, the community is not merely calling for the removal of LASD from LA County jails- in fact, we demand the closure of Men's Central Jail.</p> <p>We will continue to demand that this commission support the closure of Men's Central Jail. MCJ and Twin Towers are the home to the LASD gang the "3000 boys." This gang has murdered our community members with impunity, in large part because they mask in-custody murders as deaths from "natural causes." The findings of the UCLA and Dignity & Power NOW report on LASD and the LA County Coroner's office are key to the discussion of jail conditions. Our community members are dying inside and it is long past time for this commission to push the LA County Board of Supervisors to set a timeline for the closure of Men's Central Jail.</p>	
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Jail Conditions	<p>Hello, my name is Christy Lambertson with Justice LA. I am a resident of Los Angeles in the 3rd Supervisorial District. I am writing to submit written public comments ahead of Friday, November 18th's Civilian Oversight Commission meeting regarding LA County's jail conditions. 55 people died in 2021 in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. As the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, you also have the responsibility to provide oversight of the LASD's management of LA County jails. Being detained in jail shouldn't be a death sentence, and if the last four years have shown us anything, it's that the LASD is deeply corrupt and unwilling or unable to reform itself. LASD gangs continue to operate with impunity, and MCJ and Twin Towers are the home to the LASD gang the "3000 boys." This gang has murdered our community members with impunity, in large part because they mask in-custody murders as deaths from "natural causes." The findings of the UCLA and Dignity & Power NOW report on LASD and the LA County Coroner's office are key to discussing jail conditions. Simply hearing reports from the County about jail conditions is not enough. To seriously tackle this crisis, the commission must commit to a deeper inquiry into why the jail conditions are so horrific, the role of LASD deputy gangs in jail management, and the department's</p>	

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Jail Conditions	Hello, my name is Darcy Laparra, and I'm a Justice LA supporter who lives in the 5th Board of Supervisors district. I am writing to submit written public comments ahead of Friday, November 18th's Civilian Oversight Commission meeting regarding LA County's jail conditions. In 2021, 55 people died in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. As the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, you also have the responsibility to provide oversight of the LASD's management of LA County jails. I stand with the families of those who have lost their lives inside of LA County jails because I am appalled that anyone has died behind bars, let alone 55 last year. In addition, I think it serves the greater good to have more community-based solutions to problems instead of throwing so many people in jail and not looking at why they may be committing crimes. Simply hearing reports from the County about jail conditions is not enough. I request that this commission take the crisis in LA County jails seriously and commit to a deeper inquiry into why the jail conditions are so horrific, the role of LASD deputy gangs in jail management, and the department's own unwillingness to support the improvement of jail conditions. Yet, the community is not merely calling for the removal of LASD from LA County jails- in fact, we demand the closure of Men's Central Jail. We will continue to demand that this commission support the closure of Men's Central Jail. MCJ and Twin Towers are the home to the LASD gang the "3000 boys." This gang has murdered our community members with impunity, in large part because they mask in-custody murders as deaths from "natural causes." The findings of the UCLA and Dignity & Power NOW report on LASD and the LA County Coroner's office are key to the discussion of jail conditions. Our community members are dying inside and it is long past time for this commission to push the LA County Board of Supervisors to set a timeline for the closure of Men's Central Jail.	Darcy Laparra
Jail Conditions	Hello, my name is Jack MacCarthy with JusticeLA. I am writing to submit written public comments ahead of Friday, November 18th's Civilian Oversight Commission meeting regarding LA County's jail conditions. In 2021, 55 people died in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. As the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, you also have the responsibility to provide oversight of the LASD's management of LA County jails. I stand with the families of those who have lost their lives inside of LA County jails because no one should have to lose their loved one to incarceration period, let alone to death while incarcerated. Simply hearing reports from the County about jail conditions is not enough. I request that this commission take the crisis in LA County jails seriously and commit to a deeper inquiry into why the jail conditions are so horrific, the role of LASD deputy gangs in jail management, and the department's own unwillingness to support the improvement of jail conditions. Yet, the community is not merely calling for the removal of LASD from LA County jails- in fact, we demand the closure of Men's Central Jail. We will continue to demand that this commission support the closure of Men's Central Jail. MCJ and Twin Towers are the home to the LASD gang the "3000 boys." This gang has murdered our community members with impunity, in large part because they mask in-custody murders as deaths from "natural causes." The findings of the UCLA and Dignity & Power NOW report on LASD and the LA County Coroner's office are key to the discussion of jail conditions. Our community members are dying inside and it is long past time for this commission to push the LA County Board of Supervisors to set a timeline for the closure of Men's Central Jail.	Jack MacCarthy

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Jail Conditions	<p>Hello, my name is Brad Kaiserman. I am writing to submit written public comments ahead of Thursday, November 17th's Civilian Oversight Commission meeting regarding LA County's jail conditions. Just in the past couple of months, I personally know of two separate inmates who were each severely beat up while being housed in LA County jails. The mere fact that someone has been arrested for a crime does not mean that their physical safety should be sacrificed. In 2021, 55 people died in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. As the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, you also have the responsibility to provide oversight of the LASD's management of LA County jails. Simply hearing reports from the County about jail conditions is not enough. I request that this commission take the crisis in LA County jails seriously and commit to a deeper inquiry into why the jail conditions are so horrific, the role of LASD deputy gangs in jail management, and the department's own unwillingness to support the improvement of jail conditions. Yet, the community is not merely calling for the removal of LASD from LA County jails- in fact, we demand the closure of Men's Central Jail. We will continue to demand that this commission support the closure of Men's Central Jail. MCJ and Twin Towers are the home to the LASD gang the "3000 boys." This gang has murdered our community members with impunity, in large part because they mask in-custody murders as deaths from "natural causes." The findings of the UCLA and Dignity & Power NOW report on LASD and the LA County Coroner's office are key to the discussion of jail conditions. Our community members are dying inside and it is long past time for this commission to push the LA County Board of Supervisors to set a timeline for the closure of Men's Central Jail.</p>	Brad Kaiserman
jail conditions	<p>Hello, my name is Sherry Varon with in district 5.I am writing to submit written public comments ahead of Thursday, November 17th's Civilian Oversight Commission meeting regarding LA County's jail conditions. In 2021, 55 people died in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. As the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, you also have the responsibility to provide oversight of the LASD's management of LA County jails. Simply hearing reports from the County about jail conditions is not enough. I request that this commission take the crisis in LA County jails seriously and commit to a deeper inquiry into why the jail conditions are so horrific, the role of LASD deputy gangs in jail management, and the department's own unwillingness to support the improvement of jail conditions. Yet, the community is not merely calling for the removal of LASD from LA County jails- in fact, we demand the closure of Men's Central Jail. We will continue to demand that this commission support the closure of Men's Central Jail. MCJ and Twin Towers are the home to the LASD gang the "3000 boys." This gang has murdered our community members with impunity, in large part because they mask in-custody murders as deaths from "natural causes." The findings of the UCLA and Dignity & Power NOW report on LASD and the LA County Coroner's office are key to the discussion of jail conditions. Our community members are dying inside and it is long past time for this commission to push the LA County Board of Supervisors to set a timeline for the closure of Men's Central Jail.</p>	Sherry Varon
Public comment for agenda item 3A: LA	<p>My name is Salim Allen and I am with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition (A.R.C.). I am writing to help change conditions in the L.A. County Jail system and to urge that the Men's Central jail be closed immediately as it is very old, dangerous and outdated. An investigation must be conducted into the conditions in the L.A. County Jail system. The deputies treat inmates with indifference and cruelty.</p>	Salim Allen

County Sheriff's Department Jails, Conditions	Overcrowding in the jail system is a huge problem! I was housed in the L.A. County jail in Oct-Dec of 2019 and waited for 11 hours in a crowded holding tank in the Men's Central jail to be processed into the jail system. I was subsequently placed in Pitchess Detention Center where the deputies talk viciously and disrespectfully to inmates in the reception area in Pitchess Detention Center. Upon returning from court in evenings inmates are forced to wait in an overcrowded cramped holding tank for up to 8hrs standing room only waiting for count to clear before they can return to their housing unit. This must change. It is very cruel. During the winter months there are inadequate blankets to keep inmates warm in Pitchess Detention Center. There are no hygiene products for inmates save for small tubes of toothpaste. The procedure of having inmates wait for hours in cramped holding cells in the Men's Central Jail upon returning from court must change! Men's Central jail is very dangerous. There are many blind spots where inmates can and have been beaten to death. There are not enough deputies to monitor inmate behaviors in the Men's Central Jail and Pitchess Detention Center as the ratio of inmates to deputies is disproportionate. There are not enough bunks or mattresses to accommodate inmates with many sleeping on floors or on cold hard bunks with no mattresses! I ask that all practices in the L.A. County Jail system be seriously reviewed. The L.A. County Jail system is very dangerous and does not treat inmates with compassion. Furthermore the Men's Central Jail is extremely old and filthy. It does not provide inmates with the support that they need to stay safe.	
3a jail conditions	As you know, in 2021 55 people died in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. As the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, you also have the responsibility to provide oversight of the LASD's management of LA County jails. As you hold special hearings for the deputy gangs operating inside of the LASD, it is imperative to address the gang that is running MCJ. Simply hearing reports from the County about jail conditions is not enough. I request that this commission take the crisis in LA County jails seriously and commit to a deeper inquiry into why the jail conditions are so horrific, the role of LASD deputy gangs in jail management, and the department's own unwillingness to support the improvement of jail conditions. Yet, the community is not merely calling for the removal of LASD from LA County jails- in fact, we demand the closure of Men's Central Jail. We will continue to demand that this commission support the closure of Men's Central Jail. MCJ and Twin Towers are the home to the LASD gang the "3000 boys." This gang has murdered our community members with impunity, in large part because they mask in-custody murders as deaths from "natural causes." The findings of the UCLA and Dignity & Power NOW report on LASD and the LA County Coroner's office are key to the discussion of jail conditions. Our community members are dying inside and it is long past time for this commission to push the LA County Board of Supervisors to set a timeline for the closure of Men's Central Jail.	Michelle King
Public comment for agenda item 3A: LA County Sheriff's Department Jails, Conditions	My name is Salim Allen and I also wanted to say that there are very few constructive activities for inmates to be involved in while housed in the L.A. County jail system. More self-help groups, job training and substance abuse classes should be offered.	Salim Allen
Jail Conditions	Hello, my name is Dahlia Ale-Ferlito with District 1. I am writing to submit written public comments ahead of Thursday, November 17th's Civilian Oversight Commission meeting regarding LA County's jail conditions. In 2021, 55 people died in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. As the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, you also have the responsibility to provide oversight of the LASD's management of LA County jails. Simply hearing reports from the County about jail conditions is not enough. I request that this commission take the crisis in LA County jails seriously and commit to a deeper inquiry into why the jail conditions are so horrific, the role of LASD deputy gangs in jail management, and the department's own unwillingness to support the improvement of jail conditions. Yet, the community is not merely calling for the removal of LASD from LA County jails- in fact, we demand the closure of Men's Central Jail. We will continue to demand that this commission support the closure of Men's Central Jail. MCJ and Twin Towers are the home to the LASD gang the "3000 boys." This gang has murdered our community members with impunity, in large part because they mask in-custody murders as deaths from "natural causes." The findings of the UCLA and Dignity & Power NOW report on LASD and the LA County Coroner's office are key to the discussion of jail conditions. Our community members are dying inside and it is long past time for this commission to push the LA County Board of Supervisors to set a timeline for the closure of Men's Central Jail.	

Jail Conditions	Hello, my name is Geoffrey Golden, a resident of Los Angeles, County District #2. I am writing to submit written public comments ahead of Thursday, November 17th's Civilian Oversight Commission meeting regarding LA County's jail conditions. In 2021, 55 people died in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. As the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, you also have the responsibility to provide oversight of the LASD's management of LA County jails. I stand with the families of those who have lost their lives inside of LA County jails because they are our family, our friends, and our neighbors. What's happened to their lives, as a result of LA's cruel and unfair punishment bureaucracy, is unconscionable. Simply hearing reports from the County about jail conditions is not enough. I request that this commission take the crisis in LA County jails seriously and commit to a deeper inquiry into why the jail conditions are so horrific, the role of LASD deputy gangs in jail management, and the department's own unwillingness to support the improvement of jail conditions. Yet, the community is not merely calling for the removal of LASD from LA County jails- in fact, we demand the closure of Men's Central Jail. We will continue to demand that this commission support the closure of Men's Central Jail. MCJ and Twin Towers are the home to the LASD gang the "3000 boys." This gang has murdered our community members with impunity, in large part because they mask in-custody murders as deaths from "natural causes." The findings of the UCLA and Dignity & Power NOW report on LASD and the LA County Coroner's office are key to the discussion of jail conditions. Our community members are dying inside and it is long past time for this commission to push the LA County Board of Supervisors to set a timeline for the closure of Men's Central Jail.	Geoffrey Golden
3A: LA County Sheriff's Department Jails, Conditions	Hello, my name is Lynne Moses of Studio City/District #3. I am writing to submit written public comments ahead of Thursday, November 17th's Civilian Oversight Commission meeting regarding LA County's jail conditions. In 2021, 55 people died in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. As the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, you also have the responsibility to provide oversight of the LASD's management of LA County jails. I stand with the families of those who have lost their lives in side of LA County jails because the jail's job is to hold inmates in safe conditions for each inmate and staff for the duration of their assigned time in that jail. It is not the jails' role to directly or indirectly execute its inmates. Simply hearing reports from the County about jail conditions is not enough. I request that this commission take the crisis in LA County jails seriously and commit to a deeper inquiry into why the jail conditions are so horrific, the role of LASD deputy gangs in jail management, and the department's own unwillingness to support the improvement of jail conditions. Yet, the community is not merely calling for the removal of LASD from LA County jails- in fact, we demand the closure of Men's Central Jail. We will continue to demand that this commission support the closure of Men's Central Jail. MCJ and Twin Towers are the home to the LASD gang the "3000 boys." This gang has murdered our community members with impunity, in large part because they mask in-custody murders as deaths from "natural causes." The findings of the UCLA and Dignity & Power NOW report on LASD and the LA County Coroner's office are key to the discussion of jail conditions. Our community members are dying inside and it is long past time for this commission to push the LA County Board of Supervisors to set a timeline for the closure of Men's Central Jail.	Lynne Moses
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Jail conditions	Hello, my name is Margaret Starbuck from Pasadena, District 5. I am writing to submit written public comments ahead of Thursday, November 17th's Civilian Oversight Commission meeting regarding LA County's jail conditions. In 2021, 55 people died in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. As the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, you also have the responsibility to provide oversight of the LASD's management of LA County jails. Simply hearing reports from the	Margaret Starbuck

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jail conditions	<p>Hello, my name is J.Stephen Brantley. I am writing to submit written public comments ahead of Thursday, November 17th's Civilian Oversight Commission meeting regarding LA County's jail conditions. In 2021, 55 people died in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. As the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, you also have the responsibility to provide oversight of the LASD's management of LA County jails. I stand with the families of those who have lost their lives inside of LA County jails because of my own experiences with law enforcement in which I saw first hand the harmful treatment of detainees, especially LGBTQ and POC who were alternative neglected - my repeated requests for my prescribed medication were ignored - or physically abused or humiliated. My own strip-search was degrading, and bordered on physically invasive. Simply hearing reports from the County about jail conditions is not enough. I request that this commission take the crisis in LA County jails seriously and commit to a deeper inquiry into why the jail conditions are so horrific, the role of LASD deputy gangs in jail management, and the department's own unwillingness to support the improvement of jail conditions. Yet, the community is not merely calling for the removal of LASD from LA County jails- in fact, we demand the closure of Men's Central Jail. We will continue to demand that this commission support the closure of Men's Central Jail. MCJ and Twin Towers are the home to the LASD gang the "3000 boys." This gang has murdered our community members with impunity, in large part because they mask in-custody murders as deaths from "natural causes." The findings of the UCLA and Dignity & Power NOW report on LASD and the LA County Coroner's office are key to the discussion of jail conditions. Our community members are dying inside and it is long past time for this commission to push the LA County Board of Supervisors to set a timeline for the closure of Men's Central Jail.</p>	J.Stephen Brantley
Jail Conditions	<p>My name is Dr. Beth F. Baker. I am a faculty member at California State University Los Angeles and I do research on detention and incarceration and work with students who were previously incarcerated. I am writing to submit written public comments ahead of Thursday, November 17th's Civilian Oversight Commission meeting regarding LA County's jail conditions. In 2021, 55 people died in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. As the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, you also have the responsibility to provide oversight of the LASD's management of LA County jails. Simply hearing reports from the County about jail conditions is not enough. I request that this commission take the crisis in LA County jails seriously and commit to a deeper inquiry into why the jail conditions are so horrific, the role of LASD deputy gangs in jail management, and the department's</p>	Beth Baker

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Jail Conditions	<p>Hello, my name is Kelly Young, I'm writing on behalf of The Future Left, and I live in Los Angeles. I'm writing tonight to submit written public comments ahead of tomorrow's Civilian Oversight Commission meeting regarding LA County's jail conditions. I stand with the families of those who have lost their lives inside of LA County jails. In 2021, 55 people died in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. Even when we don't count COVID deaths in 2021, it was still the deadliest year in LA County Jail in at least 20 years, and so many of those deaths could have been prevented had those who had the power to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">*allocated money to create the 3600 mental health beds that the county workgroup said were necessary*started closing the most dangerous areas of MCJ*demanded LASD exercise its authority to release people to protect those in its care. <p>As the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, you also have the responsibility to provide oversight of the LASD's management of LA County jails, but simply hearing reports from the County about jail conditions is not enough. I request that this commission take the crisis in LA County jails seriously and commit to a deeper inquiry into why the jail conditions are so horrific, the role of LASD deputy gangs in jail management, and the department's own unwillingness to support the improvement of jail conditions. Yet, the community is not merely calling for the removal of LASD from LA County jails – we demand the closure of Men's Central Jail. We will continue to demand that this commission support the closure of Men's Central Jail. MCJ and Twin Towers are the home to the LASD gang the "3000 boys." This gang has murdered our community members with impunity, in large part because they mask in-custody murders as deaths from "natural causes." The findings of the UCLA and Dignity & Power NOW report on LASD and the LA County Coroner's office are key to the discussion of jail conditions. Our community members are dying inside and it is long past time for this commission to push the LA County Board of Supervisors to set a timeline for the closure of Men's Central Jail. Thank you for your time and consideration. Kelly</p>	Kelly Young
Jail conditions	<p>Hello, my name is Susan Anderson with JusticeLA. I am writing to submit written public comments for Thursday, November 17th's Civilian Oversight Commission meeting regarding LA County's jail conditions. In 2021, 55 people died in LA County jails, in the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. As the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, you also have the responsibility to provide oversight of the LASD's management of LA County jails. I stand with the families of those who have lost their lives inside of LA County jails because a loss of life is difficult for families to handle. Each life has value and those charged with the care of jailed persons have a huge responsibility to maintain safe conditions inside of LA County jails. Simply hearing reports from the County about jail conditions is not enough. I request that this commission take the crisis in LA County jails seriously and commit to a deeper inquiry into why the jail conditions are so horrific, the role of LASD deputy gangs in jail management, and the department's own unwillingness to support the improvement of jail conditions. Yet, the community is not merely calling for the removal of LASD from LA County jails- in fact, we demand the closure of Men's Central Jail.</p> <p>We will continue to demand that this commission support the closure of Men's Central Jail. MCJ and Twin Towers are the home to the LASD gang the "3000 boys." This gang has murdered our community members with impunity, in large part because they mask in-custody murders as deaths from "natural causes." The findings of the UCLA and Dignity & Power NOW report on LASD and the LA County Coroner's office are key to the discussion of jail conditions. Our community members are dying inside and it is long past time for this commission to push the LA County Board of Supervisors to set a timeline for the closure of Men's Central Jail.</p>	Susan Anderson

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