



## Written Public Comment

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County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission)

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2	I don't know	Neutral	N/A-Did not attend the conference	N/A-Did not attend the conference	N/A-Did not attend the conference				Somewhat
3									No
4	5th District-Kathryn Barger	Satisfied	No, it was unclear	Somewhat	Good		Training and accountability measures;	Equipment like military equipment, helicopters, surveillance equipment, drones, etc. JRIC, LACRIS, lawsuit settlement payouts;	No
5	3rd District-Lindsey P. Horvath	Very dissatisfied	No, it was unclear	No	Fair	We need an oversight committee that's like a for real one. Who would those reviews complaints be in house at the same department. It's a joke.	Training and accountability measures;	Community policing and engagement;	No
6	1st District-Supervisor Hilda L. Solis	Very satisfied	Yes, completely	Yes	Excellent	None	Public safety and crime prevention;Community policing and engagement;Mental health and crisis response services;	We need all of these;	Yes

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7	2nd District-Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell	Neutral	Somewhat	Somewhat	Good	n/a	None;	Jail and detention facilities ;	Somewhat
8	1st District-Supervisor Hilda L. Solis	Neutral	Somewhat	No	Fair		Public safety and crime prevention;Community policing and engagement;Mental health and crisis response services;	None the opposite is needed ;	No
9	5th District-Kathryn Barger	Dissatisfied	Somewhat	Somewhat	Fair		Public safety and crime prevention;Professional staffing needs at patrol units;	Training and accountability measures;Community policing and engagement;Mental health and crisis response services;	No
10	1st District-Supervisor Hilda L. Solis	Neutral	Somewhat	Somewhat	Fair		Community policing and engagement;Mental health and crisis response services;Mental health of law enforcement ;	Staff ;	No

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11	I don't know	Very satisfied	N/A-Did not attend the conference	N/A-Did not attend the conference	N/A-Did not attend the conference		Jail and detention facilities;Public safety and crime prevention;Community policing and engagement;	Mental health and crisis response services;	Somewhat
12	3rd District-Lindsey P. Horvath	Very dissatisfied	Yes, completely	N/A-Did not attend the conference	N/A-Did not attend the conference		Mental health and crisis response services;Training and accountability measures;Alternatives to armed response for 911 calls ;	Public safety and crime prevention;Community policing and engagement;Jail and detention facilities ;	No
13	I don't know	Satisfied	Somewhat	Somewhat	Excellent	Enhanced Public Engagement: Inc	Training and accountability measures;Community policing and engagement;Jail and detention facilities;	Mental health and crisis response services;Public safety and crime prevention;	Somewhat
14	2nd District-Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell	Neutral	Somewhat	Somewhat	Excellent	I would like the sheriff department to really use funds in the city of Compton. We need more deputies in Compton. We are 10.2 square miles and they're not enough deputies patrolling our city with the money that Compton pays. They gave a presentation at the Compton City Council meeting this past Tuesday and it was deplorable, to many unsolved cases, they claim they are doing a great job, get the power point for yourself or go online and watch, just moved to their presentation and see what I am talking about.	Public safety and crime prevention;Training and accountability measures;Mental health and crisis response services;	There should never be less funding for these.;	No
15	5th District-Kathryn Barger	Dissatisfied	Somewhat	No	Good	Build new jail stop putting money into falling apart buildings New commissary contracts no marks. Do no make profit off jailed persons	Jail and detention facilities;Mental health and crisis response services;Community policing and engagement;	Training and accountability measures;Public safety and crime prevention;No military equipment ;	No

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16	1st District-Supervisor Hilda L. Solis	Very dissatisfied	No, it was unclear	No	Fair		None - the Sheriff's budget should be reduced across the board;	Training and accountability measures;Community policing and engagement;jail and detention facilities ;	No

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1	What specific changes would you like to see in how LASD funds are allocated? (Open-ended)	Do you have any additional comments or concerns about the LASD's Public Safety Budget Priorities and Unmet Needs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 ( <a href="https://bit.ly/40HrZTZ">https://bit.ly/40HrZTZ</a> )?	Would you like to receive emails with meeting agendas, news releases & other Commission information?	If you are interested in receiving information from the Commission, please click the following link: <a href="https://bit.ly/40FE1Tq">https://bit.ly/40FE1Tq</a>
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3	I believe the excessive lack of staff are those who would like to engage with community in a positive manner. Or there should be a budget for community engagement officers who would partake in or participate in community organizations specifically organizations that service youth and young adults. Ex: Community Cadet Department,			
4	<p>More transparency and accountability. If LASD (law enforcement) is NOT complying with laws, their funding should be frozen or eliminated. The department does not publish reports that are required by law, does not adequately disclose funding sources and costs which makes it next to impossible for the public to weigh in on budget and funding allocations.</p> <p>I do not agree with the comment made at the oversight commission that LASD get more helicopters. These funds should go elsewhere. Law enforcement generally has way too much equipment. If it's for search and rescue, why doesn't Fire have them?? And how can ONE search and rescue helicopter cost as much as 6 patrol helicopters? Some information is missing. Why does every helicopter need to be outfitted with almost \$1 million Wescam MX cameras? The optionals like the Wescam surveillance cameras should be their own line items, not baked into the cost of helicopters, because that is not default on helicopters and not necessary all helicopters.</p> <p>Is it absolutely necessary to purchase equipment that runs on diesel?</p> <p>Where funds should be allocated: domestic violence victims, protecting people from reproductive care related violence, homeless support services. Oversight, reporting, accountability.</p>	<p>grants that oftentimes circumvents public buy-in, oversight, transparency and accountability.</p> <p>Law enforcement utilizes these monies (oftentimes taken from non-criminals) to buy tech or military equipment - as is the case with the enormous line item for tasers. There needs to be stronger oversight and policies with the use of tasers, and all tech used by law enforcement really. Moreover, the taser line item does not give information on how the entire five year plan will be funded - it just accounts for the first two years to be funded by asset forfeiture funds. What is the subscription costs? Is LASD bundling with the bodyworn cameras, and or other Axon products used by LASD? Just the data retention costs from Axon is ASTRONOMICAL. Tasers are not "less lethal". If LASD is linking tasers to bodyworn cameras, what is the data management policy relating to retention, deletion and privacy?</p> <p>The terrorism team expansion is not necessary? What is the point of mutual aid agreements? Why is LASD permanently adding to terrorism team through the justification of a temporary event (the olympics?). This is not justified. As we saw with the LA fires, we need emergency and fire staff funded, not "terrorism". We are more at risk of natural disasters. Fund and prepare for that!</p> <p>Stop siphoning funds to support 'anti-terrorism' efforts and increase surveillance. No to JRIC!!</p>	No	
5			No	
6	More mental health training		Yes	

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1	<p>What specific changes would you like to see in how LASD funds are allocated? (Open-ended)</p> <p>- The proposed Wellness Center for LASD staff is a commendable initiative. I suggest exploring the possibility of integrating this facility with community wellness programs. This not only could reduce costs but also build stronger community relations, akin to what we see with LAPD community centers. This dual-use approach would promote a positive community-law enforcement relationship, potentially enhancing public support and cooperation.</p> <p>2. Vehicle and Equipment Lifecycle Management: - The request for vehicle and equipment replacements is understandable given the wear and tear on current assets. However, a more strategic lifecycle management approach might be beneficial. Could we consider extending the life of some vehicles through cost-effective repairs or explore leasing options for certain types of vehicles? This could potentially lower the immediate financial burden while still ensuring operational readiness.</p> <p>3. Technology Investment Prioritization: - I appreciate the need for technology upgrades, especially the CAD system. However, could a phased approach be considered for this project, focusing first on the most critical areas? An audit of current tech systems might reveal opportunities for savings in software or maintenance costs.</p> <p>4. Training and Staffing: - The initiative to train more deputies is vital, but I recommend a review to optimize current staffing before expanding further. Could part-time or reserve officers fill certain roles, thereby reducing the need for full-time positions and associated costs?</p> <p>5. Review Unavoidable Costs: - For items like fuel, food, and utilities, could there be negotiations for bulk purchasing or partnerships with cost-effective suppliers?</p> <p>6. Public-Private Partnerships: - For significant investments like the CAD system, might there be opportunities for public-private partnerships where private companies could share some financial burden in exchange for operational advantages?</p> <p>These suggestions are made with the utmost respect for the department's work and in the spirit of fostering a sustainable approach to budget management. I believe these measures could help in balancing the need for public safety with the fiscal health of our county. Thank you for considering these recommendations. I look forward to seeing how they might contribute to both the department's and our community's well-being.</p>	<p>Do you have any additional comments or concerns about the LASD's Public Safety Budget Priorities and Unmet Needs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (<a href="https://bit.ly/40HrZZT">https://bit.ly/40HrZZT</a>)?</p>	<p>Would you like to receive emails with meeting agendas, news releases &amp; other Commission information?</p>	<p>If you are interested in receiving information from the Commission, please click the following link: <a href="https://bit.ly/40FE1Tq">https://bit.ly/40FE1Tq</a></p>
7			Yes	thank you
8	<p>Fund the dept with a bike patrol unit. It builds good community relationships and builds trust in the community. Further more, increase a budget that allows for police activity and participation in community events. Most importantly, hire more deputies and relieve the stress on present overwhelming pressure on the police force.</p>	<p>Spend more resources on hiring deputies. Build a community relations department that engages with the local car culture and youth development programs.</p>	No	
9	<p>Increase specific testing opportunities for the North County professional staffing needs to assist in the highly impacted shortage of existing professional staff members working at overwhelming levels of their job scope to fill in staffing gaps.</p>	<p>Although it is difficult to appropriately determine all of the critical needs of the department it has been an ongoing struggle to classify the patrol units deficiencies as a priority due to other critical issues, however as each budget year passes the priority level of patrol professional staffing critical needs are diminished and/or unrecognized.</p>	No	
10	<p>Officer involved shootings, tax payers should not pay for officers actions. Use the officers pensions who are deemed as unfit or broke the law.</p>	<p>Officers continue to "react" and do not patrol. Officers should not be working more than 10-12 hours. That's a waste of OT and an unhealthy officer, in which the community is the recipient.</p>	Yes	

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11	More personnel for the jail facilities. The staff there is crumbling under massive overtime		No	
12	Close LA County Men's Central Jail and allocate that new money to more alternatives to armed response for 911 calls and more housing		No	
13	<p>Increase Funding for Community Programs: Allocate more funds to community-based programs that focus on mental health, youth development, and crime prevention. This aligns with the "Care First, Jails Last" vision, aiming to reduce incarceration rates and promote rehabilitation.</p> <p>Enhance Transparency and Accountability: Implement stricter measures for tracking and reporting how funds are spent. This includes regular audits and public reports to ensure that money is being used effectively and ethically.</p> <p>Invest in Technology and Training: Allocate funds for advanced technology and training for deputies. This can include body cameras, de-escalation training, and other tools that improve safety and accountability.</p> <p>Address Staffing Needs: Ensure that staffing levels are adequate to meet the demands of the department without resorting to excessive overtime. This can help reduce costs and improve employee well-being.</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability: Allocate funds for initiatives that promote environmental sustainability within the department, such as energy-efficient buildings and green practices.</p> <p>Public Input and Feedback: Create more opportunities for public input and feedback on budget decisions. This can include town hall meetings, surveys, and public comment periods during budget hearings.</p>	Na	Yes	Yes
14	The change I would like to see. The sheriff department needs to allocate more funds for mental health training.	I really wish they would do more community engagement in the city of Compton.	Yes	Yes
15	Community based	Mentoring programs Community policing	Yes	



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16	LASD should use their already existing budget to reprioritize spending to acquire the necessary buses to get individuals to court and medical care, as well as provide incarcerated individuals with basic hygiene kits, including soap, tooth brushes, deodorant, etc.	There should be an audit of LASD spending, with particular attention and accountability to liability costs, unnecessary overtime spending, and unspent funding.	No	

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7	No			
8	Yes	Los Angeles Lowrider All Founder and show host.		
9	No			
10	No			

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11	No			
12	No			
13	Yes	RED CROSS SOCIETY	Doctor	
14	No			
15	Yes			

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