



# OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**HALL OF JUSTICE**

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF



April 14, 2020

The Honorable Kathryn Barger  
Chair, County of Los Angeles  
869 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisor Barger:

## **DENIED REQUEST TO SPEAK AT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING**

This letter is to express my disappointment with the decision to deny my request to participate and discuss Agenda Item #4 at today's Board of Supervisors' Meeting.

As you know, this item was on the agenda to ratify the letter dated April 3, 2020 from the Board of Supervisors to me, regarding the pay status of deputies ordered to quarantine in March. On April 6, 2020, I sent you a written response to this letter.

Although I sent a written response, I was waiting for my opportunity to discuss this issue with the entire Board of Supervisors and the public. As the Sheriff of Los Angeles County, and as an elected official, I should have been afforded the opportunity to speak as requested at this public meeting. My written response only partially addressed the Board of Supervisors' five-signature letter and was not intended to be the sole response to the Board of Supervisors' action in today's meeting.

Executive Officer Celia Zavala responded to my request to speak on this issue. She said the item was not planned to be held and the item was "merely a ministerial act approving the letter."

I am not only disappointed in this inappropriate decision, I am concerned. As the Sheriff of Los Angeles County, and a public servant, I am obligated and committed to keep the

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public informed. It is my mission to lead and inform with transparency. I expect to be permitted to speak at public meetings involving other elected public officials, particularly when an item involves the Sheriff's Department.

I am requesting your assistance in keeping an open line of communication between the Sheriff's Office and the County Board of Supervisors.

Should you have any further questions, I can be reached at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alex Villanueva", with a stylized, cursive script.

ALEX VILLANUEVA  
SHERIFF