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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF



April 20, 2021

Brian K. Williams, Executive Director  
County of Los Angeles  
Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission  
World Trade Center  
350 South Figueroa Street, Suite 288  
Los Angeles, California 90071

Dear Mr. Williams:

**CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION'S LETTER REGARDING  
DEPUTY CLIQUE POLICY**

I am in receipt of your letter dated April 16, 2021, regarding the Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) motion on deputy cliques.

As I have previously stated in two letters to the COC, your proposed policy is concerning as it violates the Constitution, exposes my Department to litigation, and cites a study which is not peer reviewed, or academically acceptable.

Please provide me with a copy of the legal opinion you used to formulate your policy.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my Chief of Staff, Commander Jorge A. Valdez, at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA  
SHERIFF

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