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ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF



March 17, 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:

RESPONSE TO CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION LETTER REGARDING DEPUTY CLIQUE POLICY

I am in receipt of your letter dated March 16, 2021, regarding your proposed policy banning deputy cliques preceded by a preamble.

As the only Sheriff in Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) history to address this issue left by past administrations, I have crafted a policy addressing deputy cliques, which was implemented on February 14, 2020. In addition, I created a video shown to all Department members reinforcing my stance on the subject and have instructed my command staff to continually brief the policy.

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policy is concerning as it violates the Constitution, exposes my Department to litigation, and cites a study which is not peer reviewed or academically acceptable. As I have indicated on numerous occasions, I welcome oversight that is objective, fair, impartial, and not driven by political agendas.

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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