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April 12, 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 MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUEST

I am in receipt of your letter dated April 7, 2021, requesting my attendance at the Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) meeting regarding your draft policy banning deputy cliques.

As the Sheriff of Los Angeles County serving over ten million residents and managing an organization of 18,000 employees, my schedule is extremely busy and my calendar is usually filled months, if not years, in advance. As such, I am not available for the April 15, 2021, meeting. I am booked the entire day with previous commitments planned ahead of time.

I must also remind you of the letter I sent the COC on March 17, 2021, stating I have been 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.

As my previous letter stated, your proposed policy is concerning as it violates the Constitution and needlessly exposes my Department to litigation. The study cited is not a legitimate research effort and is poorly referenced. This study

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falsely merges the past and present as a continuum and fails to acknowledge all the positive reforms under my administration.

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