



# OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

HALL OF JUSTICE

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF



September 9, 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:

## SUBPOENA FOR PERSONAL APPEARANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

I am in receipt of your subpoena dated August 25, 2021, for my personal appearance at the Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) meeting on September 23, 2021.

In a letter to you dated January 25, 2021, I conveyed that I fully recognize there will be occasions when the COC needs to hear directly from me on my visions, policies, and overall plans for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department). I have made it abundantly clear that I welcome fair and impartial oversight. We also agreed that I would commit to arranging my schedule once a trimester (every four months) to attend COC meetings.

I conveyed to the COC I am not always the person with specific details and rely on my knowledgeable staff for that information. If the COC will provide the Department, in advance, with the questions and/or areas of concern you need information on, I can then arrange for the person most proficient on those topics to be in attendance. For the record, I have already voluntarily made personal appearances at the COC meetings dated January 21, 2021, May 20, 2021, and July 15, 2021, in excess of my commitment.

I also previously indicated that as the Sheriff of Los Angeles County (County), serving over 10 million residents and managing an organization of 18,000

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employees, my schedule is extremely busy and my calendar is usually filled months, if not years, in advance. I am simply not available to attend the COC meeting on September 23, 2021. I am booked for the entire day with previous commitments planned ahead of time. I will be out of the office on two separate speaking engagements, a meeting, and a Town Hall event.

I will arrange my schedule to be available during the last three months of this calendar year. As you are aware, the County Ordinance Section 3.79.070 does not require my attendance at all meetings and out of respect for me and my office, I would advise you try and coordinate with my office as to my availability before issuing any further subpoenas.

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

Sincerely,

  
ALEX VILLANUEVA  
SHERIFF