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Andrew

This note was written quickly and therefore may not be exhaustive. It may also contain syntax or typographical errors which I hope will not detract from its message.

The memorandum by Mr. Kennedy brings up some important points. Unfortunately the ostensibly reasonable points in the memorandum are rendered suspect by the fact that it appears to be no better (and perhaps far worse) than what it criticizes. It is in no way an even-handed and skeptical document, using suggestive and illogical language that reads like a political smear and an attempted character assassination. Moreover, the timing of the memorandum makes it even more suspicious. We have to wonder why Kennedy didn't bring these concerns up (some dating back two years or more) at the time. Instead he waited until the Sheriff took a public stand against the corrupt city council, county supervisors, and the pet NGOs of some of their largest donors. Coincidence or indicative of his own ulterior motives?

The saddest part is that I'm sympathetic to the general premise of the memorandum. And if written differently, by a different person, under different circumstances it very well could have been something worth supporting. I agree wholeheartedly that announcing an 'investigation' in order to smear a political rival is a tactic that must be strongly denounced. I also agree that there has been an extremely troubling recent history of law enforcement being used for political intimidation (just look into what happened to the former mayor of Malibu Jefferson Wagner when he dared oppose a Villaraigosa crony Reva Feldman's installation as city manager). If Kennedy would have stuck to facts he might have retained some credibility. Instead here are a few instances where he shows himself to be less trustworthy than his target and unworthy of serious consideration:

1. The fact that charges were never filed in investigations does not, as Kennedy claims 'suggest an ulterior motive'. It may raise Kennedys suspicion and it may be a good reason not to announce an investigation regardless of whether or not charges are filed, but surely there are often investigations made (and even announced) that don't wind up resulting in charges. Do they all raise similar suspicions in Kennedy or is he only suspicious when the investigations announced are against certain people?

2. Kennedy writes "The Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) should call for an investigation to ascertain whether Sheriff Alex Villanueva is abusing his power or extorting public officials." This sentence in the first paragraph seems to expose the author's bias succinctly. He doesn't call for an oversight committee investigation into 'whether or not' the sheriff is abusing his power and/or extorting public officials'. For him it is a choice between abusing power and extorting officials. An investigation that leaves no space for innocence is not an honest investigation.

3. Kennedy writes an entire section called 'Legal Analysis' without once referencing a criminal code or a law broken. It refers in footnote to DOJ manuals. It isn't clear that the sheriff's department is legally beholden to such manuals (or indeed that anyone is). The manual he refers to states that " It is not intended to, does not, and may not be relied upon to create any rights, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by any party in any matter civil or criminal." So much for 'legal analysis'... Perhaps that's why there are countless examples of the guidelines being broken both officially and through strategic 'leaks'. Perhaps that's also why the manual says that it will 'generally' not disclose details of ongoing investigations. I have already established that I agree that this should not be done and that in light of it being done nobody should take announcements of 'investigations' seriously. But it nevertheless happens routinely and it serves as no basis for presuming the violation of laws. For him legal analysis seems to consist of footnoting 'general' guidelines with no legal teeth and allegations made in various press pieces. It might also be worth digging into the polarization of the publications and journalists quoted, but that would require more time than I have and I'm not entirely sure that it is necessary to establish Kennedy's hypocrisy.

4. Kennedy, makes the misstep of equating stated FBI investigation with reason for suspicion. The FBI has its own checkered (and potentially criminal) past when it comes to selectively investigating for political reasons — and announcing those investigations publicly even when they do not lead to prosecutions. Just as no announcement of a sheriff's department investigation should be taken as evidence of guilt (or even genuine evidence of wrongdoing), nothing the FBI does should be taken as prima-facie evidence that the sheriff's department is up to no good. That's a misstep that Maya Lau of the LA Times seems to make as well. It can be filed either under naiveté or political motivation. I hope it's the former.

5. Kennedy uses the absence of an FBI confirmation of FBI involvement as evidence that the allegation of FBI is unfounded. That presumes that a) the FBI would be under some legal obligation to confirm or deny the allegation and b) that any confirmation or denial by the FBI would itself be trustworthy. The notion that an allegation is false merely because it was neither confirmed nor denied by the accused is ridiculous and has no place in a serious critique of the department's actions. That isn't legal evidence of anything and it certainly isn't 'legal analysis'. Moreover it doesn't acknowledge the history of the FBI and its role in politics.

6. Kennedy seems to obsess over a deputy's tattoo as if the existence of a tattoo on a deputy somehow proves that the sheriff is 'abusing his power or extorting public officials). Surely the existence or nature of a tattoo on a deputy isn't smoking gun evidence that the deputy in question has broken a law or that the department has broken the law by having deputies with tattoos. This doesn't mean that gang-like behavior by law enforcement shouldn't be investigated if and when it does break the law. But that should be its own discussion and doesn't relate in any concrete way to the abuse of power or extortion allegations.

7. Kennedy paints the sheriff as 'resentful' ostensibly as a way to introduce a motive for the alleged misconduct. Is there any evidence that the sheriff was in fact 'resentful' or that his objections to being removed from a role and having his budget cut were born of a feeling of resentment and not some other more reasonable? Might it not be reasonable for a sheriff or anyone facing budget cuts to object without 'resentment'?

8. Kennedy quotes from the mission statements of the United Way and Peace Over Violence mission statements as evidence that the organization must be beyond reproach and that any investigation into them would be de-facto wrong. This is illogical. No organizations' mission statement preclude it from violating it and/or participating in unrelated activities for unrelated reasons. Moreover the idea that collusion can only occur between public officials and NGOs when there is financial remuneration directly from the NGO to the official in question is naive at best. It may be true that in Hamai's failing to take compensation from United Way resulted in his avoidance of explicit criminal behavior. But it is not clear that simply because he doesn't take direct monetary compensation Hamai's involvement on the board of United Way is somehow noble, ethical, or even lawful. His involvement may well be of value to his political allies, and their donors. And he may be remunerated in other ways for his 'volunteer' service. An honest assessment of the situation would be appropriately even-handed and skeptical of Hamai and the United Way. Kennedy's analysis is neither of those things. An even-handed analysis might call for the prohibition on the participation of public officials in

politically active NGOs regardless of their mission statements. How is one inclined on the one hand to think that Hamai's NGO 'volunteer' work must be presumed innocent while the sheriff's investigations must be 'extortion'. While both are suspicious and should be prohibited, neither seem to meet the threshold for legal proof of wrongdoing.

9. Kennedy twice uses the fact that an investigation is 'uncommon' to cast doubt over its validity. This is another illogical claim. Certainly there are many investigations are both uncommon and valid. Kennedy should stick to evidence that the investigations are unfounded or malicious and not uncommon. This could be why he introduces the specter of 'resentment' — something that seems itself to be unfounded.

10. Kennedy has plenty of objections for how the sheriff proposes to investigate uphold the law and investigate political corruption. He uses reportage of the DA's refusal to cooperate in investigations as a way to paint the the sheriff's desire for investigation as somehow invalid. Couldn't the DA's refusal to cooperate just as easily say more about the DA's continuing role in colluding with potentially corrupt politicians and its numerous policies that make neighborhood law enforcement impossibly difficult than it does about the sheriff? And while DA Gascon might be especially flagrant in his institution of policies that make law enforcement more difficult, This is not something exclusive to him. Indeed his predecessor DA Lacey's department seemed to use law enforcement for political intimidation in Malibu (and perhaps elsewhere). In light of a pattern of DA collusion with corrupt politicians why would it be any surprise that the DA doesn't want to investigate wrongdoing by politicians? An even-handed analysis might wonder if the sheriff has a point. Do the DA and politicians the sheriff seeks to investigate share any donors or political allies? Might there be corruption afoot in the DA's office that better explains the DA's unwillingness to assist law enforcement in their mandate to uphold laws?

It is also laughable that where Kennedy presumes without skepticism that NGOs are somehow beholden to their noble mandates the sheriff MUST be acting in contrivance of his own mandate. NGOs, politicians, and the DAs office should be taken at their word, but the sheriff should be presumed to be acting out of self-serving 'resentment'. Why would this be the case for the sheriff and not his opponents?

11. Kennedy's appeal to 'experts' is one-sided and far from exhaustive. Surely there are 'experts' who have derided the very corruption that the sheriff is standing up to. Surely their points would easily paint a different picture than the one you've presented. An appeal to a handful of cherrypicked 'experts' and that quotes LA Times Article that admittedly wishes the sheriff were politically 'progressive' hardly makes for a balanced case or a compelling argument.

12. For all of his accusations of 'extortion' there is no evidence that the sheriff's publicity of any investigation resulted in the 'obtaining of an act from any sitting public official' or that such an act was induced by fear. There is likewise no evidence that 'consequences' refer to illegal activity or that the supposed 'consequences' would necessarily not occur even if the report were not published. In order to establish that the 'consequences' were in fact extortion one would presumably need to prove that there was 'attempted extortion' which would require proving something unprovable. This is not evidence of extortion but even stronger evidence of why publicizing investigations is such a serious issue and must be prohibited.

13. Kennedy writes that the COC should initiate an investigation by an 'independent entity' such as the US DOJ or or the CA Attorney General. In order for those investigations to be truly independent one would have to prove that there are no ties either direct or indirect between the sheriff's political opponents and the 'independent entities'. Are those in the suggested entities (both elected and unelected) share donors, (donors' pet NGOs) and political allies with the sheriff's political adversaries? If so how can they be called 'independent'? The suggestion of appointing potentially potentially interested parties (both of whom also have histories of using public investigations as political tools) is a ridiculous situation. Would someone who truly wants to investigate the sheriff suggest such a course of action?

What are we left with?

It is possible that the sheriff has acted unethically in publicizing investigations. It would be completely reasonable to ask the sheriff not to do so in the future, to publicize such behavior, and even to work on creating guidelines and laws that would prohibit it by law. But any investigation launched on the back of or involving the author of such an illogical,

hypocritical, and political memorandum would itself be suspect. And if I were Kennedy, I'd resign my position immediately over this embarrassing memorandum. The oversight committee should be staffed by people with a genuine interest in investigating honestly and even-handedly and not by incompetent and intentionally-misleading political operatives.

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Housing for the Homeless after there release. What type of resources are provided to an inmate after being release for housing.

2-C I so appreciate the Sheriff coming to help restore public safety in Venice! Heidi Roberts

Both people in housing and people without housing have benefitted greatly from his HOST team's expertise and caring outreach. My husband and I founded and run Haaven Shared Housing - we have provided housing for 170 people in the last three years and have been so frustrated with government's lack of action these past seven years. People are literally dying on our streets and no one has done anything to stop the suffering - until Sheriff Villanueva and his team came to town. PLEASE, commend him for caring enough to help people move from dangerous encampments into proper shelter and PLEASE ask him to come back and do even more!

THANK YOU for breaking the cycle of inertia that has caused so much pain and suffering!

Heidi Roberts

Item 2c

My wife and I fully support LASD's recent actions to address the massive public safety and health hazards presented by encampments, and sincerely hope that this will be instituted as a permanent strategy and applied to ALL of LA County.

In April of this year an intoxicated unhoused individual literally broke in the front door of our residence using a fire extinguisher as a bludgeon at 3:30 AM after first vandalizing a restaurant, and was removed from our home at gunpoint by LAPD. We were completely random targets of this person, who has an extensive felony record in addition to a clearly severe substance abuse problem. He had been living in a nearby encampment for several weeks before this attack.

Civilization requires rules to function. It is glaringly obvious now that failing to enforce these rules produces chaos and danger to the public...to say nothing of danger to individuals incapable of understanding or refusing to follow these rules, which we call laws. Allowing such persons to die on the streets by removing ANY incentive to seek assistance is not a preservation of their rights; it is in fact a deprivation of the benefits that civilization is supposed to provide, both for these afflicted individuals and for the public in general.

It must end. Now. Continue the encampment cleanups. Fight for Federal and state aid and assistance in terms of emergency services and shelter. Change or repeal the Lanterman Act to

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I support the sheriffs actions in Venice. Mike Bonin does not help his constituents.

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I support sheriff Villanueva 100%. This commission and the BOS need to quit playing politics and start funding mental health beds and addiction centers and shelters for the homeless now! The HOST team is part of the solution! Since LAPD does not have such a unit the citizens of la city approve the LA COUNTY SHERIFFS MOVING IN TO HELP!

Craig brill

Los Angeles County Sheriff's presence at Venice Beach to clear away drug encampments

I applaud Sheriff Villanueva for taking long overdue action with the uncontrolled drug "homeless" encampments along Venice Beach. These drug encampments are dangerous, with multiple accounts of violence, attacks on the public and open drug use being reported. The transients who live in these encampments are dangerous not only to the safety of the general public who use this space (including children), but it is also a massive health issue, as there are used needles all over, as well as biological waste that is hazardous to human health and the beach environment. Sheriff Villanueva fulfilled the desperate call of the public to deal with this problem, which Mike Bonin has failed to do. Sheriff Villanueva should be honored for his productive role in trying to curb this drug encampment madness that is taking over the city. Law and order needs to be enforced; it is what helps keep society functioning in a healthy and productive manner. Thank you, Sheriff Villanueva for getting involved when no one else would!

Stephany Potze

2C	<p>As a resident of Mar Vista, I fully support Sheriff Villanueva's actions to address the state of emergency homeless crisis in Venice Beach and welcome them my own neighborhood. When our City Councilmembers, Board of Supervisors, Mayor and the LAPD fail to provide for the safety of Los Angeles citizens, the Sheriff has the authority to step in. We have suffered numerous assaults, robberies, indecent exposures and murders at the hands of unhoused individuals in our communities. Enough is enough!</p>	B Vincent
Homelessness	<p>LA City Council,</p> <p>I support the Sheriff 100%. His actions caused Councilmember Bonin to address the chronic homeless problem in CD11. Today, Bonin is boasting about housing the unhoused on social media. But none of that ever would have happened without Sheriff Villanueva.</p> <p>Kraig Metzinger Playa del Rey kmetzi01@yahoo.com</p>	Kraig Metzinger
Sheriffs presence in Venice encampments at Ocean Front Walk and the Beach and other public spaces	<p>My wife, my two children 10 and 7 and I support the Sheriff in his county wide effort to control and maintain public spaces designed for enjoyment by all and not occupation by people from outside Los Angeles, drug addicts and people with severe mental health issues. The Sheriff is doing good work and we support additional funding.</p>	Philip Lunn

Sheriff Villanueva's heroic actions in Venice Beach.

While many of Mike Bonin's supporters don't actually have jobs or are on the payroll of the transient grifters robbing our city and state coffers, most of the residents in Venice are extremely thankful for Sheriff Villanueva's efforts to actually help those suffering on our streets. Mike Bonin and his transient thug squad have plunged our community into a filthy, disease ridden, violent hellhole. If it were't for the Sheriff and his bold actions, Mike Bonin's incompetence and complete disdain for our community would continue today. Bonin has only started to pretend to care about Venice because he's been shamed into this by the Sheriff. If this commission has any integrity, they should look at the facts and that Mike Bonin has been nothing but a self-aggrandizing shameless failure. He should be removed from office and criminally charged for his negligence, arrogance and incompetence.

Russell Cletta

2.c. Discussion regarding the Sheriff's Department activity in Venice Beach

My family, friends, and neighbors SUPPORT the actions and results by the County Sheriff re: clearing the service-resistant homeless out of our public parks and beaches. Keep up the good work Dr. Villanueva.

Matthew Reiser

2.C. Since May 2020, I've noticed small numbers of tents and the occasional structure grow into massive encampments throughout my Venice neighborhood. In the 23 years I've lived just east of Speedway in North Venice, I've never seen anything that could compare. I've never been afraid for the safety of my family, or myself. We have endured numerous break ins, thefts, vandalism and our car stolen in the 14 months the encampments have grown. Our dog was attacked by a homeless man and we've had to remove homeless individuals using our fenced in yard as a toilet on five occasions. We had to build a taller fence at great expense. We aren't wealthy people. We barely made it through Covid as our small business suffered. It has been awful to feel so in danger in our home.

We spent the better part of 2020 and 2021 documenting our ordeal and asking Mike Bonin and Mayor Garcetti for help. We asked LAPD why laws haven't been enforced as the encampments exploded all over Venice, and criminals became more brazen. We received ZERO support.

The only elected official that answered our emails and our phone calls was Sheriff Villanueva. He is our only ally as we watch in horror as the city and Sheila Kuehl dismiss US as NIMBYs. We have been lied to about Bridge Home Venice - all promises to our community broken. We need the Sheriff and support his presence here as a catalyst and as a law enforcement presence. We applaud the HOST team and admire the skill and respect they show the unhoused here.

Civilian Oversight Committee	<p>Sheriff Villanueva is doing a wonderful job in Venice. We need help here, badly! None of our government officials will talk to us, or answer basic questions about the Homeless in Venice. Many seniors have been murdered by the homeless in Venice recently. This should cause alarm with government officials, but they have stuck their head in the sand. The sheriff is the only one who is doing his job. Please don't stop him from helping us!</p>	Melinda Taylor-Ross
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2C	<p>I live 3 blocks from the Ocean Front Walk I've been there 3 times over the last year and a half my 11 year old daughter have been there zero times. We drive 20 minutes north to Will Rodgers Beach. I SUPPORT THE SHERIFFS effort.</p>	Tim Bonefeld
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Administration of duties related to the homeless crisis.	The homeless humanitarian crisis created by failed policy measures is the greatest existential crisis I have ever witnessed in this city.	Barry Cassilly
Support of the Sheriff and his housing and clean up efforts in Venice	We have seen great success in the Sheriffs housing and clean up efforts in Venice. The job is not done and please continue your efforts on 3rd Ave and Hampton Dr encampments because they are in 24/7 violation of ADA Laws and disabled folks need a right of way to Gold's Gym. Mike Bonin spent \$ 50,000 on Bear Proof Trash Cans instead of Rat Proof Cans so the Trash is piling up around his cans for the openings are too small for garbage bags. It's a real mess on 3rd and the area harbors Norway Rats with both Viral and Bacterial Agents according to a report from the county health dept vector management. Thank You Sheriff!!	Rick Swinger
2C	I support the sheriff's efforts. Bonin has done nothing but destroy Venice.	Abbe Leviton
Sheriff in Venice	Sheriff is doing what Bonin is incapable of doing. Providing safety to the beach community. We are suffering from the lack of concern by Bonin and his continued failures of dealing effectively with the transient problem.	John Okulick
Item 2c.	I support Sheriff Villaneuva's cleanup of Venice Beach. This has been long overdue. Please ask Mike Bonin's office why it can't coordinate this kind of cleanup with its city resources.	Michael Jensen
2c	I am a Venice resident and I wholeheartedly support the Sheriff's work in Venice to help and house the homeless folk on the Venice boardwalk. I have seen his team's effort firsthand and their approach is both sensible and humane. We in Venice have been abandoned by our City leaders. They do nothing for the housed nor for the unhoused. The Sheriff's effort is the first thing that has moved the needle in a positive direction for years. Please allow the Sheriffs Department to continue their hood work.	John Betz

Homeless DRUG ZOMBIES	<p>Thank you SHERIFF VILLANUEVA</p> <p>The single woman living in Venice I literally live in fear every single day just to walk to the beach it's bullshit. Thank God a person like sheriff Villanueva is about to step up and get the job done! I have rights as citizens. These people come from all over to take it vantage of us the tax paying people of Venice and it's not right.</p>	Rene Nesselhauf
LA County Sheriff's Department activity in Venice Beach	<p>On a sunny late spring day, I stood near a grassy knoll on Venice Beach talking with a senior unhoused man. As concerned neighbors, a few of us were helping him access services he needed. He was recovering from a severe sunburn that had reduced his eyes to slits because one of us had gotten him a sunhat and ointments. But he still had several other very serious health conditions, including one that threatened his life. That day he talked about the traumas he'd experienced living in Venice's beachside encampments, which had ballooned to well over 200 tents and makeshift structures. He told us that he never felt safe because the encampments were riddled with criminal activity, including outsiders who preyed on the unhoused. The worst incident for him was this: in the middle of the night he had witnessed the brutal gang rape of a mentally impaired woman. His guilt at being able to do nothing to help because of the number of men involved continued to haunt him. He told us that he moved locations after that, and felt safer in his new spot. However, just a few weeks later, another unhoused resident was viciously murdered in that very same "safer" spot. This is the cruel reality of the Venice encampments. We as nearby residents are the only people who understand the depth of the problems because we are the only people with a 24/7 view, 365 days a year. And from our daily and nightly on-site experiences, the sheriff's actions were entirely appropriate — even heroic. No human being should be left to languish in an environment like that which has existed in the Venice Beach</p>	Connie Brooks

Sherrif V	As a longtime Venice resident I wholeheartedly approve of the Sherrif stepping up to disperse the intolerable homeless situation on the Boardwalk. He was the only one to have the balls to do anything. I personally witnessed his deputies in action. They were kind and considerate but effective. Hooray for the Sherrif's Department.	Jan DeFeo
Villanueva	I support Villanueva. Bonin has done nothing to help residents terrorized by a plague of violence, disease, and mayhem spread by homelessness.	Kathryn Barrett
4	I completely support Sheriff Villanueva in his efforts to clean up Venice. This has gone on far too long. Bonin wouldn't be doing anything if this hadn't become a major news event. Please help us. I've lived in Venice for my whole life....long life and I've never seen such a mess.	P. Riley
Discussion regarding the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department activity in Venice Beach and other areas to address the unhoused population	I support Sheriff Villanueva and his deputies to enforce LA Municipal Code 41.18(d). Beaches and parks are for all to enjoy, not the few who choose to set up tents and camp out. If Los Angeles city residents and tax payers aren't allowed to camp out, then no one should be allowed. Encampments are a breeding ground for drug and sex trafficking and the most vulnerable population living on the streets fall prey to drug dealers and pimps who have set up a permanent shop in these encampments in the parks and along Venice bike path.	Pamela Finck

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Sheriff Villanueva has answered the prayers of the residence of Venice by addressing the homeless issue that Mike Bonin chose to ignore for far to long. I'm baffled as to why anyone in the City Counsel or anyone else for that matter, would object to the Sheriff taking positive action for the benefit of the homeless. Have the Sheriff's detractors forgotten what is the ultimate goal is in the fight to end homelessness? Without change, motivation, discipline and consequence there is no such thing as success. For far to long the homeless crisis has been marginalized and ignored. Sheriff Villanueva had the courage to address the problem head on when no one else would. For anyone to object to the Sheriff's efforts is promoting the status quo, which we can all agree is unacceptable. We've all stood by and waited for the city to take action, while Venice and the surrounding communities became more and more dangerous. The homeless; more than anyone, need structure, support and guidance to find their way back into society and that means fundamental change. I whole heartedly support Sheriff Villanueva's compassionate and common sense approach to solving this crisis and all of you listening should as well.

With Respect - Paul

Paul Abascal

Sheriff Villanueva's
Intervention in Venice

I am a resident of Venice stand in support of The Sheriff. The City of Los Angeles and members of City Council have completely disregarded our cries for help as homeless encampments took over our streets and beaches. They have decided to prioritize the rights of those without homes over those with homes who pay taxes. We do not feel safe in our neighborhood. Our children have to step over needles and feces on our streets. All violent crime is significantly up. We live in one of the most expensive parts of Los Angeles and will not walk in our neighborhood at night due to safety concerns. Until The Sheriff intervened Bonin and the city did nothing to help us. How dare the city question how he has handled the situation. Look around - all of the people of district CD11 support the Sheriffs efforts. We are exhausted by corrupt politicians who will not listen to our needs for safety and clean streets and we are not willing to wait around for your bureaucratic systems to try to build housing. Get them off our streets and do it now ow we will vote you all out when it comes time for elections.

Caitlin Penny

Supporting the Sheriff

We who heardeldly support the Sheriff! Rather than wasting time and chastising him for his efforts, city council and board of supervisors need to spend the time and efforts to join and HELP with the problem. Please keep this is mind when dealing with our districts and continuing with your tenure in public service.

Agenda Item 2 Sheriff
Villanueva

Venice Beach has been destroyed by Mike Bonin's policies and John Baginski lack of action. I am a 30 year resident of Venice Beach and am on the Venice Neighborhood Council Safety committee. Violent crime has skyrocketed, my neighbors are leaving, businesses are leaving, it is unsafe to use the beach, tourism is plummeting, the world press is using Venice and an example of poor governance.... It is a disaster here. The Venice Neighborhood Council Safety Committee STRONGLY SUPPORTS Sheriff Villanueva because he did something to improve the safety and quality of life of Venice. He compassionately started cleaning up Venice. I am disgusted that Mike Bonin and the city have not applauded him and worked with him to make our public spaces safer. VENICE SUPPORTS SHERIFF VILLANUEVA... PLEASE GIVE HIM OUR THANKS AND LET HIM KNOW WE APPRECIATE HIM.

2c. c. Discussion regarding the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department activity in Venice Beach and other areas to address the unhoused population

I am writing in FULL SUPPORT of Sherriff Villanueva's actions in Venice. His humane, balanced approach addressing the influx of dangerous, disruptive transients to Venice have instilled a sense of safety and hope in the community after years of mismanagement and neglect by the city and county.

In a recent interview, our great, former governor Jerry Brown said of the homeless problem:

"You are going to have rules and the rules have to be enforced. You are going to need mandatory drug treatment and mental health intervention... you have to be willing to exercise control, discipline, authority..."

This is exactly the approach that Sherriff Villanueva is taking, an approach that the rest of the city and county government seems averse to.

Individuals experiencing homelessness need support and resources, which the city supposedly endeavors to provide...but they also need accountability and consequences to incentivize them away from destructive behavior.

I am a fifteen year resident, and business owner, in Venice.

My business relies on community members and visitors feeling safe spending time in the neighborhood.

Sheriff action in Venice beach

I support Sheriff Villanueva and his department. He is leading the way and addressing homelessness in public spaces. Contrary to what other political figures are saying and some poorly written media, the sheriff staff is humane and caring.

Maria

Sheriff Villanueva and Venice intervention

I can't thank Sheriff Villanueva enough for coming to Venice and taking action to get the unhoused into shelters. Crime has risen so much in Venice under Mike Bonin's watch and residents have felt left behind. Mike Bonin has been derelict of duty and has let Venice crime, public health, and our local economy spiral negatively out of control. Without the Sheriff coming into Venice, Venice would be much worse off and the path to civility very uncertain.

Support for sheriff Villanueva

Thank you Sheriff! Without his initiative we would continue to have a third world country growing in Venice. Through his efforts the cleanup has gotten overdue attention. Lorin Michaels

c. Discussion regarding the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department activity in Venice Beach and other areas to address the unhoused population

Bless the Sheriff Department for at least trying to take action to remove homeless encampment blight, legal or not. I am displeased with all incumbents and will not be voting to re-elect sheriff, county supervisor, state senator & representative & governor, US senator and representative over this issue. The unrecognized and unexpressed problem is fundamental to US culture: any system that relies upon perpetual growth and expansion will fail (as this one is beginning to) when that expansion meets natural limits (like land and supportable population). Your first job should be to educate and enforce upon the public that the cost of freedom is responsibility and facts.

Bonin Fighting Our Hopeful
Hero Sheriff Villanueva

I've lived in Venice for over 25 years and own multiple properties here. I worked hard my entire adult life to help contribute to, build and support this community and start my family here. I can no longer walk the streets of Venice, certainly not with my new 4 month old baby, safely and enjoyably. I haven't been able to take our once twice weekly walks on the boardwalk in a year and a half. Certainly we are considered leaving. It's hard to see our close friends living normal lives in our neighboring Santa Monica, Marina Del Rey and Manhattan Beach. But, the desire for general safety and peace and the apparent inability of our local government to improve this situation in any way makes it the only reasonable solution for our family. We were so relieved to hear about Sheriff Villanueva's efforts. It gave us some hope that we could stay in the community we worked hard to help build. We recognize the homeless situation is incredibly complex and that mental illness contributes greatly to their hardship. But destroying the tourism that supports are once charming city is bad for everyone. We were delighted to hear and witness the Sheriff's task force's efforts to solicit feedback from those impacted. His actions were not conducted in a vacuum. We fully support his willingness to take action rather than Bonin's smug and complete failure to positively impact our community. The only thing he has served to do since he has been in office is to divide and destroy a once tight-knit community.

Kelly Boyer

County Sheriff Civilian
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The amount of homelessness on the streets of Los Angeles County has been increasing steadily for several years. So far, our elected officials have failed to make headway towards solving the problem, and in fact, the problem has only gotten worse. Being a resident of Venice, I see the problem growing every day. The policies and actions of the Los Angeles city mayor and our local councilman, Mike Bonin, have failed to improve the situation in any way. Thankfully, the county sheriff stepped in and started the action to get people living in public spaces into various forms of housing and connecting them with services that they need to get their lives back on track. I enthusiastically applaud the sheriff's efforts, and hope that the progress made over the last few weeks will continue until all homeless people have housing. The sheriff deserves to be recognized for his courage to take action where others failed. Kudos to Sheriff Villanueva.

Mitchel Kadish

Item #4

My family and I fully support what Sheriff Villanueva and his homeless outreach team are doing to clean up Venice! I unfortunately voted for Bonin but have no confidence in him or his team handling this crisis. Under his leadership things have gotten drastically worse, and his policies have only made things worse..

Chris Towery

Item 4

I would like to voice my support for the Sheriff and the Homeless Outreach Service Team (HOST) who have shown compassion assisting homeless while protecting public space. In contrast, Bonin and his assistants have let Venice become a skid row on sea, and he has failed both the homeless and residents of Venice. We have been patient for too long and I fully support the Sheriff's efforts to reclaim public space while helping the unhoused. Residents of Venice need to be listened to and our human rights must also be respected, which they are not by Bonin.

Charlotte Wilson

Sheriff Villanueva

I'd like to support my strong support for Sheriff Villanueva, and I believe Mr. Bonin is guilty for dereliction of duties. I have lived in Venice for 10 years, and it is no longer a safe place for families. Mr. Bonin's policies are clearly failed, and Sheriff Villanueva should be revered, not investigated. The encampments are completely out of control, and the crime is following suit. I have had multiple bikes stolen from my home, and the police are completely exasperated by the scope of the crime in Venice. One bike thief was caught and immediately released, and Venice continues to spiral into lawlessness. It's really pathetic that Mr. Bonin is politicizing Sheriff Villanueva standing up for the Venice community. The spotlight should be turned to Mr. Bonin as he is clearly the one at fault.

Brady Thurman

LASD presence regarding homeless	I support the presence of the LASD along the beaches and in the communities of Los Angeles county, assisting with placing the homeless. Over the past couple years, his team has not used force to move them. Mr. Bonin did not take any action to remove them from Venice beach until Sheriff Villanueva stepped in. We cannot wait for the expensive permanent housing to be built because the unhoused are dying on the streets every single day. The sheriff has taken a common sense approach. Some may not like the way he says things, but he speaks the truth. We need to move quickly on drug rehab, mental health, and temporary housing facilities to help these people and relieve the communities of the crime, fear, and unsanitary conditions these encampments create. This is not a partisan issue. This is a life and death issue to many and leaving them unhoused, in encampments, while we wait for permanent housing is not the answer. Thank you.	Cindi Calhoun
Bonin homeless	Need to recall councilman Bonin and all city officials who support his failed destructive policies	Recall Bonin
Sheriff Villanueva homeless	Support sheriff !!! Common. Sense reasoning and action - long over due!	Nancy Williams
Item 4	Sheriff Villanueva is to be commended not censured for breaking up the homeless log jam on Venice Beach. He stepped forward when no one else would, and, consequently, is making the lives of tax paying, voting residents of the area much better.	Vicki Halliday
2.c	As a resident of Venice/Marina del Rey, I am grateful that the Sheriff made an effort to intervene in mitigating the crises in Venice Beach as we've been begging for help from our elected leaders. Regulating our parks and beaches should be common sense in our society. When did following our basic public safety laws/rules become controversial?	Don J

2.c. re Sheriff Villanueva's
past and future
interventions with homeless
at Venice Beach

This intervention appears to have been a media opportunity only for the Sheriff, who with deputies communicated with homeless persons, promised followup but did not. This was beyond his jurisdiction and was done without consultation or advisement of related agencies. The situation at Venice Beach is volatile in many ways. The Sheriff's visit only exacerbated the volatility and divisions in the homeless and Venice community. Along with prior violations and failure to comply with Supervisors' requests, this amounts to insubordination and violation of the Sheriff's duties, obligations and the law.

Barbara B. Milliken

2C

The city, and specifically Councilman Bonin, have abandoned the communities as crime, filth, and degradation proliferate. They have abandoned the unhoused to rot on the streets and languish in mental illness and addiction, all in the name of compassion. We pour billions of dollars into solutions, and only the Councilmembers and "non-profits" are helped. Words are empty, we need action, we need help. Sheriff Villanueva and his HOST team stepped up to deliver that. They were blocked and vilified at every turn as they sought to help the very people that the non-profits, activists, and Councilman Bonin purport to care about. I have no doubt those same voices will show up to vilify the Sheriff's department at this meeting. They'll use slogans like "homes not cuffs" even though the Sheriff did not make one single arrest. We must stop being dazzled by empty platitudes. I raise my voice in support of the Sheriff, his HOST team, and for their plans to restore order and end suffering for all Angelenos.

Sara Kay

2c

I fully support the sheriff and clearing our public areas and landmarks of our city I do not support bonnin and his proposed support for housing homeless as it'll only bring more homeless from other states please do not allow public beaches parking lots for homeless people this is not our heritage for Los Angeles

Rick grunauer

Support Sheriff Villanueva

Support Sheriff Villanueva

Marcie Greene

Homeless	As a woman, I do not feel safe when I'm working in the Venice area, especially at night. You are favoring the homeless, many of whom are simply addicts and/or criminals, over the rest of us. It has become unsustainable and unendurable.	Bianca Ryan
Agenda item #2 the sheriffs help in cleaning up the venice beach homeless epidemic	I am so thankful for finally receiving the support by a governmental / local / law enforcement official. Thank you for standing up to what is right vs turning a blind eye.	Steele weniger
Sheriff V.	I am a resident of CD11 and I support & appreciate the work Sheriff V & his team his doing. Thank you...	Deborah Pitt
Venice homeless disaster	I support lthe sheriff in his efforts to restore sanity	barbara hillman
Sheriff Villanuena	The Sheriff acted because Venice needed his help. I don't feel he should be subject to any additional oversight.	Danny Rojany

Homelessness

Please make it illegal to live on the sidewalk and in public spaces. This will then give the police the authority to place the homeless in homes. Until the homeless are forced off the street, the issue will continue. My friends have lost their cars, homes, and dogs. The community is begging for help. Please.

Graham Bartlett

Venice homeless encampment management.

Sheriff Villanueva did Venice a great service. Obviously, he couldn't take it anymore either. Watching our little town fall apart under the 'vision' of Bonin has driven us into the ground or better to say driven us into our homes. No longer can we enjoy our public places because of Bonin's 'vision' of how to management the madness of the encampment takeover of our public spaces. Only because the Sheriff kicked Bonin's behind by getting ready to step in and do what he could to get some control over this madness and return our public spaces to the residents. Whomever is making an issue about the Sheriff's engagement has their own agenda. Certainly they know that only because he stuck his nose into our mismanaged homeless crisis did Bonin step up and started 'doing' and when I say 'doing' I mean doing what he could have done 3 years ago. I do not know a resident in Venice who is not grateful to the Sheriff for bring this nightmare into the sunlight and forcing Bonin to do his job and drop his idea that these scofflaws will voluntarily move on. What moved on here are our own homeless--they could stand this new crop and how they abused the residents and ignored our laws. Thanks to the Sheriff.

Elaine Spierer

Venice encampments	I fully support Villanueva and the sheriffs to remove all encampments in Venice Beach.	
Agenda Item 2	I support the Sheriff.	Steven Ayromlooi
Homeless crisis	I support the sheriff in his courageous efforts to address this issue	Mina Friedler
homeless	the city of los anglers and the incorporated ares inside have been dealing with a homeless epidemic and our current leaders do everything they can to NOT solve the issues. Sheriff was the only one to step up and get things done. he should be able to continue what he is doing to remove the violent homeless population from our streets. councilman Bonin is the worst thing to have happened to the city and his district - he is actively stopping the homeless from getting the help they need.	sp
support for sheriff V	the sheriff is the only one tey to keep Venice beach Safe	jason strauss

venice boardwalk cleanup	i support sheriff Villanueva in his effort to clean up the venice boardwalk when all other politicians and law enforcement did nothing but watch it deteriorate.	chris e.
agenda item 2c	The Sheriff is the only public official, city council or supervisors, that has listened to the stakeholders and heard their plea for help. He is a hero and you need to go after those politicians, starting with mr Bonin.	L Jones
Agenda item 2	I support Sheriff Villanueva!	Matthew Preece
Venice Beach Encampment Crises	I support the efforts of Sheriff Villanueva and his team for the amazing work they have done so far with cleaning up Venice Beach and helping to relocate and identify services for the homeless people in desperate need of housing, food, medical care and mental health services. Before the Sheriff stepped up to the plate, Venice Beach was a shanty town wrought with crime and human suffering. The conditions on the beach for homeless individuals is deplorable. Homelessness continues to be a situation that is not good for residents, business owners or homeless individuals. The homeless crises has been mismanaged in the past and millions of dollars have been spent in such ways that do not directly impact the majority of homeless individuals. Instead of politicizing the situation- Sheriff Villanueva has identified the challenges and worked with organizations across LA to find solutions to help the homeless of Venice! Please continue to support his efforts and thank you!	Jerusha Fox

Item 2C

I support the Sheriff's actions to get the homeless persons camping on our beach areas in Venice into more appropriate shelter, where they can receive services and have a chance at pulling themselves out of the situation they are in and getting back on their feet. It is NOT compassionate or humane to allow drug-addicted and/or mentally ill individuals to live in their own filth, high on meth and screaming gibberish and obscenities. The rights of the "unhoused" have to be balanced with those of tax-paying, law abiding citizens who use our beach areas for rest and recreation, coming as they do from all over the county to go to the beach to cool off and relax, and those of us who live in these beach communities. Where are our rights not to have to dodge ranting mentally ill homeless individuals, or try not to step in feces or on used syringes? Mike Bonin's policies have destroyed Venice, and he is now trying to do this to the Will Rogers State Beach and the community of Pacific Palisades. Obviously, whatever he is doing is not working. We need a new direction to go in vis-a-vis the homeless emergency, and the Sheriff is a strong leader who is not afraid to take the tough decisions and actually get something positive done, as opposed to Bonin, who thinks he's talking a good story but things degenerate day by day under his "leadership". Thank you for allowing commentary.

No homeless in parks and beach recreation areas.

Get rid of temporary housing of homeless get them out of tents and temporary housing and tents. Get them in homes and treatment.

Michael maynard

Agenda item 2

I appreciate and support the sheriffs actions in Venice. He is willing to step up and help the people of Venice at a time when nobody else seems willing or able.

Kurt Richter

Agenda Item 2

Please do not use police state methods to forcibly remove people from Venice Boardwalk. The people deserve respect.

The Sheriff's Venice beach clean up efforts

The Sheriff and the Homeless Outreach Service Team (HOST) have shown compassion assisting homeless while protecting public space. The Sheriff has my full support in reclaiming public space for all of our community.

Philipp Reker

I am writing in to support Sheriff Villanueva in ending the Venice Beach Encampment Crisis.

I am writing in to support Sheriff Villanueva in ending the Venice Beach Encampment Crisis. I fully stand behind his advances in leading us toward a safer, cleaner, regulated and healthier county and working with and for the tax paying and law abiding residents to solve the overarching issues of crime, homelessness and trash. Coming out of a pandemic, I am appalled at how our county has completely fallen apart at the hands of our council members who claim to have their constituents best interests in mind. Save us Sheriff Villanueva! We stand with you!

Taylor S

Sheriff Villanueva

I'm a 55 year Venice resident and I wanted to say that I really appreciate Sheriff Villanueva's help bringing attention to our needs here. For years our city council has just kicked the can down the road, and only help their rich homeless industrial complex friends to make money off the backs of the poor and the local residents of Venice.

Thank you to Sheriff Villanueva.

Best regards,

Mike Kerns

mike kerns

Agenda item 2

I cannot thank the sheriff enough before he came to Venice Mike Bonin wouldn't even take our calls or messages it was radio silence. The sheriff was kind to the houseless they talked to each person and seemed to really care. I fully support the sheriff and the work he did from a resident that has felt ignored for years or feels like people finally care about us and this would never have happened.

Max ancar

Support for Sheriff
Villanueva

The Westside of Los Angeles has been turned into one very large dirty, filth strewn disgusting urban landscape. From tents occupying sidewalks to tent cities under bridges , the beach, parks, actually anywhere the homeless believe they have a right to set up camp. Old vans, cars park anywhere they want including high fire zones, block beach access. They dump piles of garbage onto sidewalks and nothing is done to remove this menace. Often these people sit around doing drugs, drinking in full view, many demonstrate dangerous and aggressive behaviors. The Sheriff is doing something to stop the city from becoming a big dump basically. A strong leader like Sheriff Villanueva has my support while he tries to clean up the mess created and perpetuated by others.
Thank you Sheriff Villanueva, you have shown you care for the people of Los Angeles.

Anupama Prasanna

Agenda Item 2-Sheriff's
actions Venice Beach

Commissioners: My husband I have lived in Venice over 45 years. During the past several years LA City has turned our beachside community in to Skid Row West. Service providers located here have encouraged their clients to set up residences on our streets and public spaces including the beach. Our sidewalks are blocked by tents and trash, we are expected to pick up human waste and needles, and burglaries and violent crimes have skyrocketed (LAPD crime stats). Conditions on the Beach were allowed to get out of control and these campers, many without any real ties to Los Angeles or even California, took over our public spaces. Our pleas to restore order and reclaim our public spaces fell on deaf ears and were repeatedly ignored. Our council person serves only one constituency-the homeless industrial complex. Rampant crime, including assaults on seniors, shootings, bike thefts, needles and trash everywhere that ends up in the ocean doesn't matter to Mr. Bonin. The Council Office has encouraged their Democratic Socialist supporters and the DSA outreach group Street Watch to disrupt public meetings so that hard working, taxpaying citizens can't be heard. During these meetings anyone who expresses concern about the impact of these encampments on Public Safety and Health is labeled a Nazi and told they are heartless and without compassion.

We are so grateful that finally a public official has stepped up and spoken up on behalf of the tax paying residents of Los Angeles. Without Sheriff Villanueva calling public attention to

Helen Fallon

Supporting Sheriff Villanueva I fully support Sheriff Villanueva's efforts to return the streets of Los Angeles to public use and to remove the homeless individuals' tents, debris, and other materials. The city has an obligation to house these people. It has bond money and federal money to house them. Elizabeth Danziger

No one promised the homeless a free house at the beach or in residential areas where their presence causes a threat to public security and safety.

Sheriff Villanueva is the first public official to recognize that the members of the general public also have rights to use streets and parks. I am grateful to him and fully support his efforts.

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I fully support the Sheriff for his efforts in Venice beach to get people living on the streets a bed to sleep in. This is good for the homeless and it is good for businesses and families that live around the Boardwalk and are exposed to dangerous conditions. Thank you, Tracy Carpenter, Venice Resident

Venice beach cleanup-
Removal of homeless
population

I live and work in Venice, I 100% support the Sheriffs attempts dj
to clean up Venice beach. I would like to see it continue to
conclusion. I would further like to see the Sheriff clean up ALL
OF VENICE. In particular, I would like the Sheriff to
aggressively enforce parking overnight by motor homes on all
streets but mostly.....Vernice Blvd.Its unsitely.

Sheriff Valenueva

The Homeless Crisis is very apparent in Los Angeles County. Christopher
Citizens experiencng homelessness are as confused as
Residents and Business owners about the best way forward.

Our Representatives have lacked the moral fortitude to act on
the behalf of the Stakeholders. Sheriff Valenueva's actions
motivated the local representatives to move forward with
substantive actions toward addressing the Homeless Crisis.
The City Council, BOS and other elected accepted the status
quo until the Sheriff and the HOST illustrated a new more
effective approach to clearing the Homeless from our streets
in and around Venice.

The representatives and elected have now stepped up their
efforts as a result of the initiative shown by the Sheriff. If
anything, the Sheriff should be applauded for his actions. His
HOST should be applauded and if necessary given more
jurisdiction along the boardwalk.

When we needed real Leadership Sheriff Valenueva provided
what all the people needed not just a select few.

Agenda Item 2: Support for Sherriff Villanueva

I support the efforts and the position of Sheriff Villanueva in Venice. We need common sense policies to help the community regain safe and fair enjoyment to our public spaces, like the beach and sidewalks of our neighborhoods. Mike Bonin has had 7 years to do this and he has failed miserably - his disastrous policies have created the current crisis and allowed Venice to become a haven for transients and criminals from other parts of the country. I am so thankful that the Sheriff stepped in to call out our failed leaders and force action where we need it the most. Please, support his efforts and allow him to continue his work, not just on the boardwalk but throughout all of Venice. We need all the help we can get and a strong approach to stop this anarchy, and Sherriff Villanueva is providing exactly that.

<p>Item 2.c.</p>	<p>I am a 34 yer resident of Venice and live one block from Ocean Front Walk and across from the Bridge Housing in Venice so I have observed and interacted with homeless residents of Venice for many years. Me and some of my neighbors have been walking the Venice boardwalk doing outreach work with homeless people living in encampments for the past 5 months, asking them if they've been offered housing. The overwhelming response is that most have not been offered housing from LAHSA or St Josephs. Most were unaware of the Bridge Housing and many are frustrated and disillusioned by the lack of help the service providers have given them . I have watched LAHSA staff pass out free food and water but rarely engage with the homeless or offer and services let alone help them find shelter. St. Josephs staff seem to mean well, but they are young and often do not spend much time talking with the homeless. Our experiences talking with dozens of homeless people is that they are initially wary and suspicious but once you get to know them they are happy to talk.</p> <p>I spent more than an hour on OFW back in early June the first day the LA Sheriff's Homeless Outreach Service Team (HOST) came to talk with people in the encampments & I have to say I was extremely impressed by them. They engaged people immediatly, were very friendly, pragmatic and realistic in their approach. Whoever trains them should be training the LAHSA and SJC staff in the proper way to help people. Especially for those who often say they are not interested in</p>	<p>Shawn Stern</p>
<p>Sheriff V.</p>	<p>What he did in Venice is GREAT!</p>	<p>Mike Franzini</p>
<p>We support Sheriff VILLANUEVA: COC should focus on the basic things people need: MORE POLICE & SAFETY; LESS CRIME; LESS HOMELESSNESS; and NO ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION etc...</p>	<p>We support Sheriff VILLANUEVA! COC should focus on the BASIC things people need: MORE POLICE & SAFETY; LESS CRIME; LESS HOMELESSNESS and NO ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION etc...</p>	
<p>Support Sheriff Villanueva</p>	<p>I support Sheriff Villanueva for taking action to make Venice safer and returning public space to the public.</p>	

Civilian Oversight
Commission that You
Support Sheriff Villanueva

I support Sheriff Villanueva. He got action moving at Venice Beach Boardwalk when nothing was happening. I support his thoughts on safety, crime, and public access to public places. I like that he supports Businesses and residents.

Terry Ballentine

Venice clean up and
relocation

Please see through your vision. There is so much more needed that the city /political/societal systems aren't even able to see yet. I have a unique perspective and view, and once I have time will work with some others with expertise to submit a proposal. LA has an opportunity to create a model for the world. We have everything we need to get people back to healthy productive members of their community. Until then, citizens deserve a safe and clean environment. Thank you

Cynthia

<p>Sheriff Villanueva and the Venice Beach Homeless Crisis</p>	<p>As a business owner on the boardwalk, my heart breaks for the homeless situation, but in my first 5 weeks of being open, my employees were threatened and products were stolen from my store 4 times. 3 of my employees quit in fear for their safety. Meanwhile, Mike Bonin is bragging about clearing handball courts that nobody uses and tourists don't see. He obviously doesn't get what the pain points are or the priorities should be. The situation is tough, but we need a safe boardwalk and tourist dollars and the actions taken by Sheriff Villanueva have begun to ameliorate both those issues.</p>	<p>Tyler Walz</p>
<p>Supporting the Sheriff</p>	<p>It's about time that our public representatives did something to address and further ameliorate the crisis at the beach. We residents are being overwhelmed by the unhoused living in squalor at the beach. It is unsafe and unhealthy for all of us.</p>	<p>Susan</p>
<p>Agenda item 2</p>	<p>The Sheriff answered our plea to clean Venice! Without his action we would still be drenched in the crime and violence created by this unwelcome homeless community that Bonin supported! The people of Venice are fed up with the disregard Bonin is giving Venice Community.</p>	<p>Corinne</p>
<p>Homeless</p>	<p>Sick of what the liberals and progressives have done to my community. We need the sheriff to help clean up the mess the "Do nothing Democrats " created. So I guess they're not do nothing Democrats did a great job of destroying my community. The sheriff is a great leader. Even that loser Garcetti is jumping ship in abandoning us.</p>	<p>Alan Goldberg</p>

Item 4 regarding Sheriff Villanueva and the good work he is going in Venice!	As a resident of CD-11, I wholeheartedly support Sheriff Villanueva and the actions he has taken to clean up and restore our parks and beaches so that these areas can be enjoyed by everyone! Mike Bonin has been unresponsive for almost 8 years! He doesn't care about his constituents, how his inaction has hurt families and local businesses. He has failed us and the homeless miserably! I welcome the Sheriff's presence! To finally have someone on the side of hard working tax paying residents is a breath of fresh air! I urge ALL of you to get on the right side of history and support our Sheriff!	Carla Spitz
Agenda item #2	I strongly Support Sheriff Villanueva for taking action to make Venice safer and for helping to return parks, beaches and other public spaces to the public. I hope to see more action like this!	
Support for Sheriff Villanueva	It has been heartbreaking to see live in Venice and see its descent. While I lost all faith in local government, I must admit to be extremely surprised with Sheriff Villanueva's brave stand against the mayhem. I support the Sheriff and the brave men and women of law enforcement.	Assaf Raz
Homeless	I fully support sheriff Villanueva's efforts to clear homeless encampments from public use areas	Gloria Kim

Sheriff Villanueva's recent homelessness involvement

We get it, the Sheriff needs some good publicity and he's discovered that vague "law and order" rhetoric really fires up those wealthy Westside NIMBYs who just recently discovered there are homeless people in the world. Sheriff V's successful grandstanding in Venice has now inspired him to take over Santa Monica. (He didn't actually get anything DONE in Venice, but boy it got the attention of those Fox viewers! Jurisdictional bullying aside, please let him know that those of us who live outside the Pacific Palisades bubble are still waiting for him to comply with the edicts to submit police misconduct reports to the DA and to comply with the court order(s) to be transparent. We know he has no actual ability to resolve L.A.'s homeless quagmire. Please, C.O.C., do something about this hypocrite.

Elise Johnson

Sheriff Villanueva's bold moves in Venice

I applaud Sheriff Villanueva's bold measures in Venice to reinstate beaches and parks to Venetians. The Venice boardwalk has long been a major tourist attraction. Never has it been downplayed on yelp and trip advisor as much as it has been for being filthy, unsafe, and full of needles and human feces. Bonin has let the asylum inmates rule the beach. I also applaud ay efforts to get transients from out of state to their home states, as a tax payer, I do not want to pay their food, board, and medical expenses. Angelenos and Venetians should not have to compromise our lives for things that we have no asked for. Until now, we Venetians have had no representation in Ca government of any type. NO one hears our voices, yet we are crying. our children are crying, and we live in fear. Please Sheriff Villanueva, increase your presence at the beach and parks. while many cannot afford to live at the beach (except homeless drug addicts and gang members), please come into Venice and utilize the same approach on Venice Blvd between electric and Erewhon (a nasty encampment where I do live), and along 3rd St behind golds gym between 3rd st and rose.

howard giller

July 15 Agenda item 2.c. - LACSD activity in Venice Beach re: unhoused population

I support the Sheriff's activity to take action to reclaim the beach from unlawful camping, crime, violence, and property damage driven by the unchecked growth of the unhoused on the Venice Beach boardwalk over the past 18-24 months.

Bruce Krysiak

Other officials have failed in their duties to maintain order and cleanliness, breaking their commitments to residents around the Bridge Housing on Sunset Ave as well as violating the CA Coastal Commission's mandate to protect and enhance California's coast and ocean for present and future generations.

Immediate further action is still needed to reverse the sad decline of our beachfront parks and recreations areas in and around Venice Beach and elsewhere. We need solutions, not excuses.

homeless

I appreciate Villanueva. I am tired of homeless and filth and people thinking they can live a hobo life and set up housekeeping with garbage everywhere and I pay taxes. I am tired of criminals running our streets.

gwen zeller

Item 2.c.

As a 28 year Venice resident, I strongly support the actions of Sheriff Villanueva and his incredible HOST outreach team. The Sheriff has stepped up where our councilman has turned his back on us and those he allows to continue living and often suffering on the beach and in our public spaces. I've had the opportunity to watch the Sheriff and his team act with care and compassion to help place those unhoused seeking help. The basic need to regulate public space has been ignored with the safety of residents put at risk. Crime statistics in Venice are staggering. As a community we've watched innocent people die. We've watched houses burn and a young pup burned alive. We've become accustomed to the horrible news of yet another attack or casualty. It is not a crime to be homeless, but there are rules and regulations that must be abided by for any society to function. The Sheriff is the only responsible adult in the room. He has given new hope to residents in Venice that we may actually be able to live a life without fear and be able to feel safe on our beaches and in our public spaces again. I applaud the Sheriff and his efforts. I'm embarrassed for the situation our Councilman has allowed to happen. It is unconscionable that Mike Bonin has let this continue for so long and would never have made the attempt he's making now to clear the beach had it not been for the Sheriff's initiative. Please let the Sheriff and his heroic HOST team continue their work- an effort that didn't require going to the city for 5 million dollars to help 200 people. An effort that doesn't involve "housing solutions" of million dollar beach

Marjorie Weitzman

d. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Update

I would like to thank the Sheriff's office for protecting our parks and beaches for safe use by all.

andrea e

2.C

Finally, an agency has taken responsibility with making Venice livable for the MAJORITY of the people that live here. Sheriff Villanueva, after considering his options and the potential political fallout of the ONLY action that made any sense in bring this problem to resolution, DID THE RIGHT THING and the difficult thing. It was the right thing for the homeless people that were placed in proper shelter, it was the right thing for the health, safety and welfare of Venice's residents and visitors, it was the right thing for the environment (which has been decimated by the filth and pollution that the homeless community was forced to unleash on our town). He called out many politician for what they've proven themselves to be: dismissive of RESIDENTS needs, wasteful of public funding desperately needed to solve the source of homelessness by spending it on overpriced homeless supportive permanent housing and completely insensitive to the need for tourism to support retail and entertainment businesses on Venice's streets and boardwalk. Bringing a hero like the Sheriff before you is a politically motivated act of vengeance. Admit your failure to resolve this problem of homelessness effectively, learn from the failure and move forward with better strategies!

Glen Irani

Homeless situation

Happy the sheriff Villanueva finally stepped in and is making a big difference in cleaning up Venice beach

Lois

Unhoused issue in Venice	<p>The presence of the Sheriff gave me hope and I felt heard after experiencing deaf ears and no action from Council member Bonin over the last three years living here in Venice. I filed police reports for an aggravated trespass (took 4 days for the police to arrive as there aren't enough in Venice) on my gated property and witnessed (repeatedly) and a unhoused man moving a large bag underneath from the side fenced non entry of Bridge Housing. Filed a police report when captured on him video and nothing was done to protect the unhoused or housed. The police told me to not engage individuals violating the law as many have been attacked when filming. Human feces, needles, fights, gun shots continuously make me feel unsafe. The unhoused need job training/skills and mental health help. This local community resources is over extended and law enforcement has not provide resources to protect ALL. Do better. Be better. This isn't safe or a way to live for the unhoused or housed.</p>	Mary Kelsey
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2c	<p>We are concerned that parks and beaches are being used and continuing to be appropriated for homeless shelters where other locations are available. A TERRIBLE precedent is being set for appropriating recreational spaces for inappropriate uses.</p> <p>2. We trust our Sheriff to manage law and order throughout the County and to manage a coordinated approach to managing homelessness.</p> <p>3. Make public safety a priority</p> <p>4. We will hold public officials accountable for decisions that damage the city. Enough is enough.</p> <p>- Concerned residents of CD-11</p>	Marjan Rajabi
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2-C	Definitely in support of 2-C!	Ellen Jones
Sheriff	<p>I am appreciative Sheriff Villanueva’s involvement in cleaning up Venice Beach. Mike Bonin Shiela Kuel has long ignored my hometown community. Meth was being manufactured in a neighboring building crime up 177% kids have to step over needles on their way to school. As a brown women I appreciate the help from a brown Man. Mike Bonin uses his white privilege to oppress the brown kids of Westminster Elementary school by allowing them to witness daily drug deals and overdoses from their school yard. He is making my neighborhood into a ghetto. Ask yourselves if what happened at Venice Beach would be allowed to happen to white kids in Beverly Hills. Thank you Sheriff and please come back to Venice. Don’t abandon us!</p>	Sha So
Item 4	<p>I wish to thank Sheriff Villanueva for taking action to try and arrest the horrific disintegration and destruction of our second major tourist destination and beautiful natural resource when no one else would. His pragmatic, compassionate approach is welcomed by resident, tourists and business owners across not just Los Angeles, but the nation.</p>	
4	<p>I support the sheriff for the way he is attempting to handle the homeless situation and his efforts to reclaim public spaces and reinstate the basic contract of civil society; in contrast Bonin has failed all residents and has created an appalling situation.</p>	

Item 4	<p>Its time the police serve and protect all i applaud our lapd now for taking rhe right stand doing their job and upholding their oath. The rest of the elected officials may you reap what you sow for yourselves and tour families and i hope los angeles votes all of you out of office.</p>	Gwen zelker
Sheriff Villanueva	<p>Thank you Sheriff Villanueva! Without you stepping up, Mike Bonin would continue to sit on his hands and not take action. Your proactive participation in helping Venice residents feel safer in our neighborhood, where we pay taxes, is greatly appreciated and has forced Mike Bonin to do his job. Without your efforts Mr. Villanueva, Venice would be seeing an increase in crime and health hazards by a continued (and flagrant disregard) inaction by elected councilman, Bonin. I'd like the record to state, Mike Bonin has proven he cannot carry out his duties as district 11 Councilmember, recall Mike Bonin today for his inability to protect and prioritize tax-paying residents from increased crime, unsanitary health hazards, and complete mismanagement of this homelessness crisis in Venice.</p>	Carlos
Venice Homeless Crisis	<p>Thank you Sherif Villanueva for even caring. It seems nearly no one from government / law enforcement does. The situation is dire. It feels third world in the 'city of Angeles'. We used to take our kids on the boardwalk to the skate park. No more. It's volatile and unsafe due to mentally ill and drug addicted homeless people living in large encampments. There is defecation on the streets, sidewalks and beaches. It is a true health and safety crisis. Again, thank you Sherif Villanueva for raising your voice and attempting to restore LA's infamous beach to something resembling safe.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Jesse Fischer</p>	Jesse Fischer

Sheriff Villanueva

I support Sheriff Villanueva and urge the committee to help him continue his efforts to provide safety for our Venice community by eliminating the dangerous homeless encampments in Venice. My home has been broken into and my family threatened on several occasions by homeless derelict people, and I am at the point of living in fear in my own home. I can no longer allow my family or visitors to go to the boardwalk because of the danger presented by the encampments and drug use of the homeless there. The Sheriff supports moving people into proper homes that are safe for everyone & protecting our community from threats & danger. My tax dollars are meant to support my community, family safety, home, and neighborhood; not the homeless who are destroying all of it.

Zelda Lambrecht

Sheriff Villanueva

I Support Sheriff Villanueva for taking action to make Venice Safer and returning Public Space to the Public. At this point, I'd vote for the Sheriff for president - politically, I'm liberal and I support the Sheriff. I am afraid to walk my streets at any time of day, Los Angeles has gone to shit. Wake up - the Sheriff is THE ONLY person protecting the citizens. The rest of the county/city officials should be ashamed of themselves. In what world is it good for anyone - and I mean anyone and everyone - to have drug addicted, mentally ill people wreaking havoc on the streets - rats, sewage, trash - Los Angeles officials are the problem - where's the 6 billion dollars. We have THE WORST politicians in office right now and it's time for the Sheriff to expose them all. Thank you Sheriff, I am a huge fan. And this whole COC committee is ridiculous. Let the Sheriff help us - don't continue to ruin Los Angeles, COC.

Kate

Sheriff Vilanueva

I support Sheriff Vilanueva. The Sheriff needs to save LA because city council RUINED it.

Randee Kaye

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Stop the madness! Stop allocating public beaches and parks as appropriate places to allow homeless encampments. Once it starts it will never end, and what will Los Angeles look like to the eyes of the world when the Olympics will be held here in 2028? Will we be proud or embarrassed by the massive amounts of homeless on our once inviting beaches & parks? Stop the madness!

Anita Bevelheimer

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The general public who live in CD11 want to safely use clean public space and not feel worried about mentally ill people, drug addicts and criminals harassing or abusing them. the general public is comprised of small business owners, voters, families, and constituents (everyday hard working people) who are not extremists or outside agitators. the sheriff is right to address the crisis in front of us and try and help while mike bonin does nothing. he lies to the public and pushes a false narrative with his hired PR company. the general public supports the Sherriff. the law needs to be enforced and it should be

HOMELESS

I VEHEMENTLY SUPPORT THE SHERIFF'S PLANS TO REGULATE PUBLIC SPACE. THE BOARDWALK IS DISGUSTING, I LIVE ON SPEEDWAY AND HAVE PERSONALLY EXPERIENCED VIOLENCE AND CRIME FROM THE HOMELESS ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS.

JONATHAN BURTON

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the TAX PAYING CITIZENS of CD11 support the Sherriff and want our public spaces back. we do not support mike bonin's stance that people can live in filth on the beach and that tax payers should have to put up with it

Unhoused excons street thugs drug dealers and addicts who terrorize Venice Villanueva's action to remove

Allow the sheriff to continue to remove and house in appropriate housing or place in mental and detox institutions. IF they refuse to move there are consequence. We live in a society with rules and laws. All the law abiding citizens who pay taxes that pay for all of this do follow rules and laws. The u house depopulation cannot be an exception since there ARE places available to go and restart living in the society not on the outside and not outside the law and rules

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I support the Los Angeles County Sheriff's department activity on Venice beach with regard to the homeless. Although other politicians have identified the homeless issue as a crisis, no one else has taken action to work to resolve the issue to prevent further economic impact and to make sure that Venice residents and visitors feel safe. The questions asked in the letter seem to be a further attempt to delay addressing the homeless crisis.

McCurrah Keller

2.c. Venice beach site

We, the residents of Venice FINALLY have someone willing to do the hard work necessary to address the homeless issue in Sherriff Villanueva. You, the COC, are questioning these actions based on a request from the corrupt, incapable Councilman Bonin? Rather than hold an inquisition, how about supporting these efforts? If Los Angeles would have let the LAPD do their job, none of this would have been necessary. But due to their inaction and stupidity, someone had to step in. Thank you Sherriff V.

Steve Bradbury

Encampments in Venice

All public encampments need to be removed from public property. From a public health issue alone they have to be relocated swiftly and promptly since people are defecating wherever they see fit. On some streets, the urination has created a horrendous smell. A pleasant walk is out of the question. This situation is out of hand; there is a complete disregard for societal rules. Why is it okay for these citizens to ignore the overnight camping restrictions at the beach or to completely block sidewalks in other parts of Venice with their excessive trash and tents? IT IS NOT. Covid and its permissions that allowed people remain in one place are no longer an issue. There is no longer a valid reason to allow them to stay put. It is time to put an end to this public nuisance. The beach has become an unsafe place to visit and is daily being enjoyed by a small faction of people - the encampments! There have been fires, shootings, fights, and blatant drug use in these encampments. Because of this, tourists and locals are staying away and businesses and vendors on Venice Beach are being impacted. The Sheriff needs to step in and assist with the removal of these trespassers.

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I am concerned that parks and beaches are being used and being continuing to be appropriated for homeless shelters where other locations are available. That a TERRIBLE precedent is being set for appropriating recreational spaces for inappropriate uses.

I trust our Sheriff to manage law and order throughout the County and to manage a coordinated approach to managing homelessness.

Gregory Alper

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HUGE THANKS to Sheriff Villanueva for being the only government official with common sense and courage to step up and clean up Venice Beach. Bonin, Garcetti, Kuehl, are guilty of looking the other way, kicking the can down the way, passing the buck, and being cruel to the homeless population by not lifting a finger to help them. It was only when Sheriff Villanueva stepped in out of compassion for the homeless, and empathy for the residents, did Bonin attempt to act to clean up the homeless crisis. Bonin had years in office to help the unhoused, but did not do anything at all. Sheriff Villanueva is our HERO!

Martha

Encampments along the beach communities! DO

I DO NOT WANT ENCAMPMENTS. I SUPPORT THE SHERIFF. NO TO TINY HOMES IN VENICE, MDR, WILL ROGERS PARK, OR WESTCHESTER

Kim Blide

1109786_July152021Agenda .pdf (lacounty.gov) Sheriff Villanova is called to account for his intervention in the homeless crisis in Venice. I am letting you know that he has my permission and he is my representative in this matter. As a senior home owner, 37 years in Venice, my needs and concerns been dismissed, ignored and disrespected by Mike Bonin. I support Sheriff Villanova's actions and hope that this committee will take into consideration the wishes of the voters, stake holder, and taxpayers of Venice Raschel Davis

2.c. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department activity in Venice Beach I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT of Sheriff Villanueva and his Department's activity. As a nearly lifelong resident of Los Angeles County for 30-odd years, I have watched, with horror, the deterioration of our Venice boardwalk. Sheriff Villanueva's actions were appropriate and compassionate. They struck a perfect balance between proactive intervention and compassion for the individual. We need more elected public officials such as Sheriff Villanueva who remain conscious of the well-being of residents and the unhoused population alike.

2.c Venice Beach	<p>I think the sheriff has done a fantastic job. I understand the needs of the homeless, but the impact they have on the nearby community of Venice needs to be taken into consideration as well. The people who live there or who own businesses there need to be able to operate about their daily lives.</p> <p>Based on what I've seen from the media, LASD has taken a outreach approach vs heavy handed enforcement. I fully support LASDs action even though they are out of their typical jurisdiction</p>	
Agenda Item 2	Expressing Support of Sheriff Villanueva for taking action to make Venice Safer and returning Public Space to the Public	Kristine Noyes
Discussion regarding the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department activity in Venice Beach and other areas to address the unhoused population	I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Sheriff Villanueva for addressing the issues caused by the homeless population in our county.	Peter Jarjour
Sheriff Villanueva removing homeless encampments	I am in favor of him removing homeless encampments & restoring public places. The homeless have no right to slum in public beaches, parks, sidewalks, under freeways or near our homes & children's school. He's doing a great job.	Linda Snyder
Venice Homeless Clean up effort by Sheriff Villanueva.	I think Sheriff Villanueva is doing a great job with the homeless problem. Mike Bonin is a follower, the Sheriff is a leader. The BOS could learn from Villanueva.	Robert Ernestus

Homeless shelter offering	I think it's a brave solution to provide alternative housing where there is also some security to help the homeless protect each other from a times mental illness that encroaches on personal space. It would be terrific to develop a across-the-board concept we are safety healthcare and a sense of hearth and home art generated for people who are in a transitional place in their life. I applaud our sheriffs decision to work on some thing in this direction as a resident of West Hollywood	Devorah Cutler-Rubenstein
2c	We support Sheriff Villanueva's efforts to transition the unhoused to housing with the assistance of fellow officers and outreach workers. His work has galvanized other public officials and he is sincere in his desire to help. It is imperative that outreach workers without financial incentives be allowed to assist in housing the homeless.	
2c	I support Sheriff Villanueva and his addressing homelessness and lawfulness in our city. It's become too dangerous on our streets. We need to get back to normal and be able to live in a peaceful and safe community.	Elizabeth Holden
LASD in Venice Beach	The LASD has done a great job of moving homeless encampments off of the Venice Boardwalk. I very much appreciate and support the work they are doing.	Geoff Jaime
The homeless issue	Please stand behind the sheriff to do what he deems necessary to get these folks out of our neighborhood.	

Discussion on Sheriff Dept
moving homeless from
Venice Beach

I fully support the efforts the Sheriff has taken in removing the Louise Briggs
homeless from Venice Beach! It was a health hazard with the
encampments plus dangerous due to the extent of mental
illness in this population. All homeless should be immediately
relocated from the streets, given psychiatric evaluations, and
placed in hospitals and residential settings.

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I'm in full support of the L A County Sheriff and his team's initiative and action of clearing and cleaning up our public spaces, parks and beaches of all encampments.
We live in a state of emergency and our local government has done nothing!!!!
Beaches, Parks, public spaces are for all people to enjoy and have to be kept clean and safe for all people to use and local businesses to be able to thrive. It is crucial for the health of people living in a dense populated city like L.A. to be able to use public beaches and parks for outdoor activities. I thank Sheriff Villanueva for stepping in and take over and work together.

Ruth

Removal of homeless /
Venice Beach and elsewhere

I am in favor of removal of homeless encampments from public beaches, sidewalks, parks and sidewalks.
Our city, county and state should provide adequate resources to relocate persons who have voluntarily or involuntarily become wards of the state and dependent on taxpayer public support. In order to insure public safety and health standards we have a moral and civil right and obligation to take responsibility to assist and insist with proactive humanitarian measures.

Steve Mathis

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"While we agree that the crisis of unhoused individuals must be addressed, your announced intent to intervene in this crisis raises a number of questions that we believe must be answered to clarify how your actions might better and not exacerbate this serious situation."

As a Venice community member/stakeholder the real questions to be answered are:

- Why does law enforcement need to justify its actions when enforcing the law to protect law abiding citizens?
- Why is the COC questioning jurisdictional issues when the goal is to enforce the law and protect law abiding citizens?
- As a stakeholder, why does law enforcement enforcement need to engage with law abiding citizens before enforcing the law that we have agreed to enact, now enforce?

I am in agreement in with the COC questioning LASD about prioritization of enforcement and what method is used to prioritize targets, but my feeling is that there may be a statistically higher percentage of violent crime attributed to Venice encampments than "skid row."

The LASD has demonstrated a a commitment to protect the most vulnerable-we citizens of Venice-while providing compassionate outreach to the homeless. I support law enforcement in this effort.

2C, 2D, & General Public Comments	<p>Villanueva’s presence in Venice represents an intention to continue dissolving the power of Black, Brown, low-income and poor people there and in Oakwood. This power-play deepens already deeply troubling segregationism in the beach communities. Venice has been a longstanding Black and Brown beach community, and gentrification over the last several decades has led to the whitening of the community, to the displacement of our Black, Brown, and low income loved ones, as well as to class exclusivity that pushes out anyone but the ultra-rich. This harmful, elitist protectionism of Beach communities is racist NIMBY-ism, (Not In My Backyard-ISM).</p> <p>We need to divert funding out of the Sheriff’s Department, rather than emboldening this toxic Department with more funding to harm our communities. We can do this by FULLY FUNDING MEASURE J, including all of the subcommittee recommendations, and FULLY FUNDING YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, as well as reallocating all of the County’s AB109 dollars OUT of law enforcement and LASD and into alternatives to incarceration.</p> <p>Instead of investing even another dollar in harmful, corrupt, and scandal-riddled law enforcement, we must invest in housing that affirms the freedom, peace and stability of our community members. By this, we mean that we do not want to fund carceral housing.</p> <p>With the passing of AB1185, a Sheriff like Villanueva who is</p>	Maraky Alemseged
Sheriff Villanueva presence is Venice Beach	<p>Pacific Palisades Residents Association fully supports Sheriff Villanueva's presence at Venice Beach Boardwalk. Prior to his presence our Councilmember has refused to take any action on the boardwalk, crime was increasing daily, people lives were at risk and residents have lost all quality of life. We believe that the Sheriff's presence is what forced our councilman to finally take action after years of neglect and bad policies. We still have many concerns because we believe the LAPD has been rendered ineffective due to inability to enforce any laws and are very grateful the sheriff is using his leadership to bring order to our communities.</p>	Jessica Rogers
Sheriff Alex Villanueva	<p>Sheriff Alex Villanueva has shown true leadership in dealing with the homeless crisis. The LA County Board of Supervisors seems keen on spreading more homeless encampments to justify raising more taxes.</p>	George Estregan

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department activity in Venice Beach

I support the actions by the LA country sheriff against illegal homeless encampments in Venice. Venice is being destroyed by Councilman Mike Bonin and his disastrous homelessness policies. Crime associated with homelessness continues to rise. One of the most important human needs is the need for safety, law abiding citizens and their families are being deprived of that right. The rights of substance abusers and people with severe mental health issues are being prioritized over others and ironically the "others" are the ones that are paying for the elected officials' salaries and pensions. If someone is breaking the law or mentally unfit to such an extent that they are a potential danger to others (and to themselves) shouldn't they be in a facility where they are rehabilitated and most importantly not allowed to interact with innocent members of society?

LASD Venice

I have personally witnessed the nature in which the LASD HOST unit engages with the homeless community, and in my opinion the humane nature in which Lt. Geff Deedrick and his team conduct themselves is incredible. They treat the homeless with respect, with kindness, as human beings. Their approach is a guardian mentality, not a warrior mentality. They will spend the time getting to know each homeless person and I can tell you without reservation that the LASD HOST unit should not only be commended for their approach, but should be expanded.

David Hochman

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I am grateful to the Sheriff for intervening in the issues that exist at Venice Beach. For years, our city councilman has sat idle and watched the issues fester. The area has become so bad that a number of the homeless people who have lived there have left and relocated, many to Westchester Park. I appreciate that the sheriff officers have conducted much needed outreach and helped people get off the streets. I welcome the county intervention in the mental health and public safety issues that we see throughout LA county - even within the LA city limits. If it only serves to kick city leaders into action, it's a job well done! Too much inaction by LA city leaders, is bad for the region.
Thank you Sheriff Villanueva. We elected you and support you and ask that you keep up the good work.

Cyndi Hensch

general public comment

Calling on LA Sheriff Villanueva to direct the ELA Sheriff station Captain and deputies to stop harassing the families who have been victims of ELA Sheriff deputy killings. Also I support the OIG report on family harassment recommendations.

Carlos Montes

4. Public Comments

I have been a victim of Sheriff harassment, retaliation & abuse since 2017 coming to a head in April of last year 2020. I was targeted for several reason: personal vendetta for civil grievance against a friend/ family member of the Duarte sub station and 2) sheriff working with business retaliating against employees and patrons with civil rights grievances. Several of my civil rights & basic human rights were violated by deputies including sexual assault. While I was not a threat, semi conscious unable to move due to a medical emergency and unable to defend my modesty, my pants where pull down to my private area and my breast exposed by a female officer AFTER I was already settled on the gurney. She had to say " wait" so she could stop them from wheeling me away before she did it. During my arrest I was berated for my disabilities, kicked, pinched, locked in a vehicle with Windows up on a 80 degree day until I passed out. When moving me from the vehicle. I woke up to the same female officer cut my right arm with something. My body was left with many bruises. The deputies retaliation involved civilians in their lies and character assassination inciting others in the community to harass and assault me leading to this incident. I was targeted for seeking remedy through legitimate government channels of grievances. Deputy supervisor referenced my appeal to the sheriff oversight committee in 2018. He said I being targeted because he thought I was " being a professional victim" and a "trouble maker". Already in handcuffs He said to me, " I hope you hit someone or break a window so I can lock your a**

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I'm listening to the comments opposing sheriff Villanueva I was struck at how many are regular attendees, no doubt compensated, to promote a single point of view. We support the rights of the unhoused to be housed and dispute that in many cases they are capable of self determination due to the deterioration they suffer from living on the streets. I applaud the sheriff's efforts to use time proven tactics and to coordinate with outreach workers. We believe ALL people should have equal access to recreational spaces — housed and unhoused. Allowing the unhoused to continue to deteriorate in encampments because of political disputes is untenable. You as an appointed body will not remain appointed if you do not heed the voices of those you represent. We, the unpaid agitators, deserve to be represented and have our voices heard. And we support Sheriff Villanueva

Nina Madok

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Sheriff's Dept removal of the homeless from Venice Beach.

I totally support the Sheriff's Department's removal of the homeless from Venice Beach.

John Boucher

The Sherriff

He is doing a good job of trying to clean up the streets. It is a social problem causing the homeless situation but public safety (crime, health, quality of life, etc) should be emphasized. We are seeing diseases being spread that should not be happening in a civil society.