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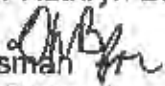
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FROM: Max Huntsman 
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SUBJECT: Inspector General's Monitoring of Los Angeles County Sheriff's
Department's Cooperation with Immigration Authorities

Since our November 5, 2018 report back on the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's adherence to policies regarding cooperation with immigration authorities, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) has continued to monitor the Department's cooperation with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and its activities in the Patrol Divisions.

Although several personnel changes were made by the new administration, we have been advised that all policies, procedures and practices pertaining to the Department's cooperation with immigration authorities have remained in place through February 1, 2019. The Department has advised us that the following changes will be made by February 15, 2019:

- TRUTH Act forms will be updated to erase any reference to an ICE interview being conducted when a detainer has been issued.
- The SB54 misdemeanor "qualifying" list will be reduced.

On February 1, 2019, the OIG visited the Inmate Reception Center and observed the following changes had taken place:

- Sworn ICE agents had been removed from the "outside agency room" and appear to have no physical presence in the jail.

- Inmates who have been issued a federal detainer and have been "qualified" by custody assistants are now walked over to the custody line area of IRC by Department personnel and transferred to agents of ICE who transport the inmate to immigration authorities.
- An inmate's release date continues to be displayed on a large monitor in the release area of IRC. The same information is uploaded on to a public website.
- ICE interview request forms and notices have been removed.
- No changes had yet been made to the SB54 "qualifying" list.

The OIG will continue to monitor the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's cooperation with immigration authorities in anticipation of producing a more extensive report back for the next quarter.

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