

# Striving to improve transparency & accountability with respect to the Sheriff's Department

The Commission functions as a bridge between the community and the Sheriff's Department by providing the community an additional means of giving input to the Sheriff, obtaining answers from the Sheriff regarding community concerns, and by uplifting community concerns that otherwise might go unnoticed.



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## SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



*"Our Commission was forged out of the voices and struggle of members of the community, elected officials and law enforcement. Thus, we do not take our charge lightly."*

- **Brian K. Williams**, Executive Director

## What we do

### **Obtain Community Input:**

Through public meetings, telephone and email, the Commission gathers feedback on specific incidents involving the use of force, jail conditions, or civil rights violations.

### **Access Information:**

Through subpoena power, the Commission obtains documents and testimony necessary to perform its oversight function.

### **Recommend Improvements:**

After review and analysis of practices, policies and procedures, the Commission makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff's Department.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The public is encouraged to attend the Commission's monthly public meetings, town halls and conferences to comment on matters affecting their community.

Find upcoming meeting dates online at [coc.lacounty.gov](http://coc.lacounty.gov).

## COMPLAINTS

Since the Commission does not investigate complaints, we work closely with the Inspector General to process complaints. Complaints are forwarded to the Sheriff's Department for investigation, which can be monitored by Inspector General staff.



## ISSUES UNDER REVIEW

We are reviewing or have recommended improvements related to:

- Deputy gangs
- Detention environment
- Use of Force policies
- Sheriff's Department budget
- Family Assistance Program
- Mental Evaluation Teams
- Body worn cameras
- Immigration policies
- Prison Rape Elimination Act
- Inspector General reporting
- Significant events, including use of force in patrol