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County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission,

Special Hearing on Deputy Gangs in the Sheriff's Department

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Comment	What is your name?
<p>how is it that the LASD can say there are no gangs when alex v, has said he refuses to even ask if any deputy is even in a gang? how can he fight the gangs while refusing to investigate how big of the problem there is?</p>	<p>i'm far too scared of LASD to put my real name</p>
<p>my personal experience was having my boss arrested and sent to jail on made-up crimes AFTER we worked doing home remodeling for the deputy's mother. this deputy was able to use a swat team and more than 15 police that I saw for his own personal gains.</p>	
<p>in front of all those cops and a few swat members who were still outside, i saw first had a deputy. the only deputy in the entire group with a jacket walk up to the car my boss and I had just arrived in and planted a gun i saw him remove it from the inside of his jacket, then pull out an evidence bag from his outer pocket, call out to the rest of the cops that he had found a gun. they laughed when I said that wasn't there, that cop took the good in the evidence bag and left in the same car he was brought in. they used that gun as justification to start searching the entire property for the money my boss was given.</p>	
<p>how exactly can so many deputies work outside of LASD control with zero repercussions, they got away with robbing my boss and setting him up to go to jail.</p>	
<p>the thugs in LASD are uncontrolled and operate with zero oversight, they are a danger to any community they are in as they are run right now. my boss was never able to recover once in the LASD system, he was a victim of LASD and the thugs in LASD, not sure if they were a gang, clique, or sub-group but they acted exactly like a gang.</p>	
<p>I was 15-16 and while standing outside being held by the back of my neck I was told in numerous ways how my life has now ended and I was going to prison for decades where I would be repeatedly raped. AND none other officers stopped him, not one good apple in the bunch. LASD needs to be disbanded and abolished no one has any control over that lawless group of thugs.</p>	
<p>Can you please record the entirety of this Special Hearing and post it on the Civilian Oversight Commission Youtube page? Thank you.</p>	<p>Harry, Goldcrest Films</p>
<p>I am a resident of LA County and I would like to say that these deputy gangs cause harm to our communities. They shoot people so they can get tattoos. These deputies are supposedly supposed to be protecting us, but they have proven time and time again that they form gangs, are corrupt, and are committing violence in our communities. We must end these deputy gangs. The sheriff's department has caused too much harm to our communities, and we must end their existence in our community.</p>	<p>Andrew Graebner</p>
<p>My name is Shelsea Sanchez with the National Lawyers Guild Los Angeles. I urge the commission to fully support this charter amendment being proposed by the Check the Sheriff coalition. Families have been showing up for so long asking for accountability for their loved ones murdered by LASD. This is not a radical ask but a simple implementation of checks and balances. We are well aware of deputy gangs' existence and their continued harassment and targeting of Black and Brown communities. By supporting this amendment, you will be supporting communities adversely affected by LASD.</p>	<p>SHELSEA SANCHEZ, nlg la</p>
<p>Good morning to all present at this gathering. I am requesting that whatever findings are discovered about this gang member organization is known swiftly and rapidly shared with the community in the form of any and all communication platforms. Following the investigation and findings I am confident that this body will take serious steps towards holding anyone within this gang member organization accountable! we cannot afford another Andres Guardado, Dejon Klzsee, Fred Williams, Fred Holder, Edgard Ortiz scenario where this gang member organization resort to violence/brutality before the respect of humanity! this oversight committee must act in accordance with what the community wants not what this gang member organization requests!!!</p>	<p>EJ Medal, Centro CSO, BLM, Reform Jails L.A. and many others! Activist</p>
<p>Since the 1970s this gang member organization had disrespected lives and killed human beings!</p>	

which is not only a sin to our mothers, fathers, daughters, sons, brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, grandmas, and grandpas, but a sin to humanity!

We cannot afford for this oversight committee to overlook what has been going on for far too long and not act now! After Rodney King and George Floyd people know the reality of this gang member killer kkkop organization that works all over this United States. Here in California, most particular in Los Angeles County we must listen to our communities. Our communities do not want to see any more gang member tactics being used on any traffics stop! There must be communities' procedures that this gang member organization must follow in order to be a part of our communities!

We are not asking for departmental procedure or city procedures we are asking for community procedures that will be followed by this gang member organization! This is not going to end the way this gang organization wants it!

Today people are doxing! killer cops, lying cops, and shutting down gang member police stations! People are not afraid anymore! What will come is only to be seen when it happens! so my recommendation is that the oversight committee takes swift action to erase what has been the norm since the 1970s or before! accountability is a big factor! meaningful measures that will help the impacted mothers is also a big factor!

I will share the mentality I have witness firsthand with this inept gang member organization.

In 1998, this gang member organization surrounded my NISSAN SENTRA because as my constitutional right was being violated for filing complaints about their gang member procedures, targeting, harassing, following, intimidating, etc., did not work! this gang member organization failed at its efforts to keep me quiet! We must not allow this gang member organization to continue to use our money our taxes our community resources to be used in a way that tarnishes government!

Today on 5/21/2022 I attended a march rally with the family of Edgar Ortiz where once again we all witness the abuse this gang member organization exhibits every time, we the people utilize our constitutional rights to protest march and expose what this gang member organization does every single time people exercise their constitutional right!

The Lakewood gang member station had the ghetto bird(helicopter) hovering over us for about 20 minutes. Kids/toddlers/ grandmas/ dads, moms/community members were present! people in cars/trucks/firefighter engine trucks etc., honking and supporting our constitutional rights to show that this gang member organization will not get away with anything anymore!

In addition, these gang members at the Lakewood Station had their rubber bullet riffles ready What is happening is that not only are these gang members which are supposed to be public servants, work for the communities, respect humanity, and put public safety above all! have been doing the opposite since people decide to finally use their constitutions right to protest their evil sinful hatred procedural culture used by this gang member organization to try and cover up and silence our communities!

Can the CoC please update the public on the Andres Guardado case?

Patrick Miler

Why is it taking so long to investigate?

Has any outside investigation been done?

Are the deputies still suspended? Are they being paid?

When LASD deputies have committed an alleged crime in LASD jurisdiction is there anybody other than LASD who can investigate?

<p>If there Sheriff decides not to investigate or co-operate with oversight bodies does that mean that deputy crimes are essentially allowed to pass unpunished?</p>	
<p>Sheriff Villanueva’s adopted policy on deputy gangs does not prohibit soliciting or joining a deputy gang. Any punishment is solely tied to a separate misconduct. Villanueva’s policy ignores the well-recorded history of deputy gangs and their principal purpose of misconduct and civil rights violations. His promotion of a code of silence coupled with the fact that the Palmdale and Lancaster Sheriff stations have been under a Settlement Agreement with the Department of Justice since 2015 has led to untold suffering for our Black and Brown communities. Villanueva, and LASD which includes the deputy gangs the Cowboys and Rattlesnakes are the single greatest threat to the civil liberties, lives, and safety to communities of color in the Antelope Valley. I am asking that this body recommends to the Board of Supervisors propose to the voters a charter amendment that will establish an impeachment process to allow removal of the Sheriff for serious misconduct.</p>	<p>Raquel Derfler, Cancel the Contract AV, Steering Committee Member</p>
<p>The county of Los Angeles and the State of CA should take over the LASD. The LASD needs to be Reorganized and Restructured. The County and the State should remove and terminate all deputies. We need to reorganize the Sheriff's Department. The State should get involved in taking over the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD) and remove/terminate all employees. Seek and Prosecute all Deputies who are involved in sub-groups that act and behave like Street Gangs. They must be terminated and prosecuted. Law Enforcement is no place for Gang-members and/or 'Thugs'. The County of Los Angeles should do all that it can to crack down on abuse, mismanagement, corruption, and fraud within its jurisdiction. The Sheriff, Alejandro Villanueva, should be permanently removed and barred from serving in Law Enforcement. He should be held accountable for the actions of his subordinates who continue to operate in deviance. Law Enforcement should be a place where good people enforce the laws, not break them. The Sheriff's Department has become very toxic and political partisan. Law Enforcement should be no place for partisan politics and tribalism. It must be taken over by the Los Angeles Civilian Oversight Committee.</p>	<p>Lionel Mares</p>
<p>How is LASD still around? They’re the largest criminal gang in the county and we pay them for it? Do your jobs and dismantle the entire department and prosecute every deputy gang member.</p>	

Public Comment	Name, Organization & Title
<p>As a community, we should all use our resources to help in this situation and I firmly believe CoC is a good start. Let's stay focused</p>	<p>Ana Moncada, Advanced Healthcare Administrators, Administrator</p>
<p>I became aware of these gangs when my friend's son became a sheriff back in the 80's. He said he had to join a gang to get promoted.</p>	<p>Dorothy Reik, LACDP, Central Committee elected member</p>
<p>LASD gangs are operating with impunity & Sheriff Villanueva refuses to acknowledge their existence. He and the deputies must be accountable</p>	<p>Marc Francois, Haitian American Caucus, Director of Policy & Partnerships</p>
<p>My family was personally affected.</p>	<p>Theresa Saracho, LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER, FORENSIC NURSE PRACTITIONER</p>
<p>I would be incarcerated if I would have done what several Deputies were able to cover up. Organized crim</p>	
<p>The gangs in the sheriff's departments needs to be abolished we need a different kind of policing in the city of Los Angeles.</p>	<p>Helen Jones, Dignity and Power Now, Community Organizer</p>
<p>The State should take over the LASD and remove all deputies. We need a reorganization and restructuring of the LASD.</p>	<p>Lionel Mares</p>
<p>They exist!! I was personally attacked.</p>	<p>Tracy Bodell, Sheriff Deputy</p>
<p>This investigation is long overdue and very much appreciated by the local community. Thank you for your time and effort.</p>	<p>Michelle Clark</p>
<p>This is a term that should NOT exist. How is it the people that pay for police services are fighting against their own oppressors?</p>	<p>R Plunkett</p>
<p>Would you consider the blue line a gang of its own?</p>	<p>Neil Radimaker, journalist</p>