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August 29, 1973

Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383, Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Gentlemen:

Subject: REQUEST THAT THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY
CONDUCT AN INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY REGARDING
ASSEMBLY BILL 1480--SHERIFF-MARSHAL CONSOLIDATION

As a result of your Board's action, Assemblyman Frank Lanterman introduced Assembly Bill 1480 earlier in this 1973 session of the State Legislature. As you will recall, AB 1480 would permit the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County to consolidate the Marshal's Department with the Sheriff's Department in this County. This move has been recommended by virtually every Grand Jury since 1965, investigated in-depth by this commission in 1967, and subsequently supported each year by your Board's action.

Assembly Bill 1480 was presented before the Assembly Judiciary Committee for hearing on June 26. On motion of the author, Assemblyman Lanterman, the committee voted to refer the bill to the Assembly Rules Committee and recommended an interim hearing on the matter.

As your Board is aware, the proposal to consolidate the Marshal and the Sheriff has been the subject of extreme controversy since Supervisor Schabarum (then a member of the Assembly) first introduced a bill to accomplish such a consolidation in the 1968 legislative session. We believe,

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therefore, that it is to the best interest of Los Angeles County that this subject be studied thoroughly and objectively by an interim committee of the Assembly.

We therefore recommend:

1. That the Board Chairman direct that an appropriate resolution be drawn supporting an interim committee study regarding Assembly Bill 1480 by the State Legislature.
2. Copies of said resolution, if adopted, be forwarded to the Speaker of the Assembly, the Honorable Robert Moretti; Chairman of the Assembly Rules Committee, the Honorable John L. Burton; and the author of Assembly Bill 1480, the Honorable Frank Lanterman.

Sincerely,


MAURICE RENE CHEZ
Chairman

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