



LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

Meeting Date: 9/23/2021

AGENDA ITEM: 2c

Motion to Request that County Counsel Forward Potential Illegal Activity by the Los Angeles County Sheriff to the California Attorney General for Investigation

At the July 2021 meeting of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission (Commission), Commissioner Sean Kennedy presented a memorandum regarding the *Villanueva Administration's Investigation of Oversight Officials, etc.* (Memorandum), which outlined many of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (LASD) abuses of power. The Memorandum details the LASD's pattern of publicly announcing the opening of criminal investigations of various department heads, public officials, oversight officials and other professionals who disagree with the LASD. Moreover, Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva has placed members of the Commission in danger by publicly announcing private information concerning the Commissioners, including their places of residence and the value of their homes.

The Commission subpoenaed Sheriff Villanueva to attend the Commission's September 23, 2021 meeting to discuss the LASD's abuse of power. Despite being properly served on August 26, 2021, the Sheriff wrote to the Commission's executive director that he will not attend the Commission's September meeting.

WE THEREFORE REQUEST that County Counsel:

1. Immediately consider all legal remedies, including filing a petition with the Los Angeles County Superior Court for an Order to Show Cause as to why Sheriff Villanueva should not be held in contempt for his failure to appear pursuant to a properly served subpoena.
2. Determine if the actions of Sheriff Villanueva and or the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department violated any federal, state and or local county laws, regulations or policies and report back within 30 days on the status of this review, including whether information should be referred to appropriate investigating authorities.



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- 3. Request that the California Attorney General exercise its direct supervisory authority of the Sheriff under Article V, Section 13 of the California Constitution to review and manage Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department investigations of elected Los Angeles County officials, former elected Los Angeles County officials, and appointees of a current or former elected Los Angeles County official, including but not limited to Inspector General Max Huntsman, members of the Office of Inspector General, those serving on the Commission, and Commission staff.
- 4. Request Commission staff to subpoena Undersheriff Timothy Murakami to appear at the October 21, 2021 Commission meeting to answer questions on the issue of LASD intimidation of persons and officials who have direct oversight of the Sheriff's Department.

Motion

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