



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

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## REPORT BACK ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT (LASD) IMMIGRATION POLICY ADHERENCE (ITEM NO. 14, AGENDA OF JANUARY 10, 2017)

On January 10, 2017, the Board directed the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (COC), Office of Inspector General (OIG) and Auditor-Controller to report back quarterly related to the review and analysis of the Sheriff's Department's (Department) adherence to the policies described in their January 10, 2017 letter associated with their policies, practices and procedures related to Immigrant Residents.

In May 2019, the COC responded to the Board Motion with our adopted report and twelve (12) recommendations<sup>1,2</sup>. The COC has continued to monitor the LASD immigration policy adherence since our report was adopted. The COC staff began attending monthly immigration workgroup (IWG) meetings with representatives from the LASD, the Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA) and the OIG the same month our report was adopted. These meetings have provided a mechanism for the COC and collaborating county agencies to engage the LASD to further increase public transparency and accountability with regards to their immigration policies, procedures and practices. The COC staff also continue to routinely schedule LASD jail facility tours and ride-a-longs to attain an on-going understanding of their operational status.

The COC is eager to advise that since adopting our report the LASD has made some positive enhancements to their immigration policies, procedures and practices that include: (1) The Implementation of a permanent moratorium on SB54 transfers to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), (2) The Public webpage posting of LASD Immigration Stats w/charts and tables depicting releases, including by location such as jails, stations and courts, and (3) The LASD Patrol Stations having consistent lobby bulletin board displays for immigration information and other pertinent county public information materials.

<sup>1</sup> Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission. (2019). Civilian Oversight Commission May 21<sup>st</sup> Minutes. Retrieved from

[http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/commissionpublications/agenda/1057553\\_May2019MeetingMinutes\\_f\\_.pdf#search="](http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/commissionpublications/agenda/1057553_May2019MeetingMinutes_f_.pdf#search=)

<sup>2</sup> Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission. (2019). L.A. County Sheriff's Department Cooperation with Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Retrieved from

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The collaborative efforts of the IWG have been instrumental to the monitoring of the LASD immigration policy adherence. The COC encourages the LASD to continue its enhancement efforts as we continue our on-going monitoring of the LASD immigration policy adherence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 253-5678.

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