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February 8, 2021

VIA EMAIL

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

**Re: Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial Community Care Demonstration Project**

Dear Chairperson Solis and our Board of Supervisors:

NAMI Greater Los Angeles County, NAMI Westside Los Angeles, and NAMI Urban Los Angeles join in writing you today to reconsider a decision in support of our county's Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial population. We have been active members and partners in Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for our county's law enforcement agencies, the Permanent Steering Committee of the Office of Diversion and Re-entry (ODR), the Alternatives to Incarceration Workgroup, the recently convened Alternatives to Incarceration Initiative, the Men's Central Jail Closure Workgroup, the Alternative Crisis Response Workgroup, the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Oversight Committee, and the Mental Health Commission where NAMI GLAC CEO, Brittney Weissman, serves as Chair.

Few challenges in mental health are more serious or more complex than the Incompetent to Stand Trial population. Our Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial (MIST) clients represent the very definition of the phrase "the criminalization of the mentally ill." Our county has addressed this dilemma for our MIST population in the county jail with astounding success through innovative Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR) programming. In addition, since July 2018 ODR's Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial (FIST) program has restored 323 individuals while in the jail, thereby avoiding state hospital placements, and another 226 are currently being restored in the community on active court orders. ODR has successfully managed both programs, and we applaud their effort and success.

When the county decided not to build a mental health jail, there were approximately 300-400 justice-involved persons living with serious mental illness who were acutely ill and required the highest level of mental health care. To date, after five years of implementation of the Sequential Intercept Model, the county has offered no remedy for this population beyond the progress by ODR mentioned above.

Yet the state and county systems supporting the IST population are crashing. IST court calendars continue to increase, jails get more crowded with people who should not be there, wait lists and referrals are rising, and individuals are not moving towards treatment and competency restoration as prescribed by law. FIST clients are the most acutely ill and challenging population in the mental health community to address, and for decades they have been "the forgotten ones" left to languish in the LA County jail. This is unconscionable and we understand an opportunity

has presented itself to the county to address this long-overlooked issue through state funding for a Community Care Demonstration Project for Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial project (CCDP-IST). We ask the County to fully and transparently investigate the possibility of this pilot, which is in complete harmony with our Care First, Jail Last approach of our Alternatives to Incarceration Initiative. To let this opportunity slip through our fingers conflicts with our criminal justice reform movement.

The program stands to move many more justice-involved individuals with very serious mental illness from jail into a therapeutic environment in the community. According to the Rand study, “Estimating the Size of the Los Angeles County Jail Mental Health Population Appropriate for Release into Community Services” (2020), up to 68% of felony ISTs could be treated in a less restrictive therapeutic setting in the community. The remaining 32% of people with very serious mental illness who are not eligible for community placement will need adequate beds in the jail system to receive their constitutionally mandated appropriate level of care. Those who must move to a state hospital level of care should receive the level of treatment they require while waiting for this transition and, perhaps, many will not need to move to the state hospital at all.

We ask you to request a report from the Department of Health Services detailing the ability of the proposed project and state funding to successfully manage this program. We believe the expertise to address these issues resides in Los Angeles County and we should be part of the solution. In the spirit of our countywide criminal justice reform movement, we also respectfully request full public disclosure and stakeholder involvement in this important decision.

Sincerely yours,



Brittney Weissman, CEO  
NAMI Greater Los Angeles County



Mark Gale, Criminal Justice Chair  
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Harold Turner, Executive Director  
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Erin Raftery Ryan, Executive Director  
NAMI Westside Los Angeles



CC: Christina Ghaly, M.D., Director, Department of Health Services  
Judge Songhai Armstead (ret.), Director, Alternatives to Incarceration  
Judge Peter Espinoza (ret.), Director, Office of Diversion and Reentry  
Jonathan Sherin, M.D., Ph.D., Director, Department of Mental Health  
Health & Justice Deputies, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

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Agenda Item or Topic		Name
1	<p>Good evening Sir,            In response to your request:            On February 18, 2021, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Detectives served a search warrant for records on the offices of Peace Over Violence and LA Metro. The search warrant was signed by a judge in connection to an on-going criminal investigation. We are unable to offer further comment at this time, in order to preserve the integrity of this active investigation.            Take care,            John            ##            "Do What Is Right and Just, No Matter What the Personal Cost"            Colonel Donald G. Cook, USMC (ret), Medal of Honor Recipient            CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: This communication with its contents may contain confidential and/or legally privileged information. It is solely for the use of the intended recipient(s). Unauthorized interception, review, use or disclosure is prohibited and may violate applicable laws including the Electronic Communications Privacy Act. If you are not the intended recipient, please contact the sender and destroy all copies of the communication.</p>	Silence Dogood
George Gascon	George Gascon seems more interested in prosecuting police officers than criminals.	Beverly Teens
Recall Gascon	We are keen on recalling Gascon as he's too liberal on crime and criminals.	Valerie Griffin
George Gascon, DA	<p>District Attorney Gascon's refusal to prosecute laws like 3 strikes and special circumstances that have been approved by voters and/or legislators are disqualifying and should result in votes of "no confidence" from all LA County municipalities and territories, as well as removal from office. Crime is ascendant in Los Angeles County; criminals commit crimes within hours of being released on no-cash bail; and the residents of Los Angeles County are demonstrably less safe as a result of DA Gascon's condemnable policies. He needs to be removed immediately. I applaud the LA Sheriff's Department's attempts to fill this void; and I support all funding requests the LASD needs to continue to do the great job they do for South Bay Angelenos.</p>	Ryan Schroeter
Incarceration statistics, recidivism	<p>Please tell our community what your data and research has shown regarding letting murders and child killers out of jail before their sentence is complete. Do you not believe in punishment when you commit a crime? What are you relying on when you are releasing dangerous people out into the community. Many people want to know.</p>	Stephanie
George Gascon	<p>George Gascon has mentioned NUMEROUS times that his policies are backed by SCIENCE and DATA. I want to know the NAMES of the AUTHORS and TITLE of those 'science and data' papers that he so often alludes to.</p>	Levi Javier
Keeping criminals incarcerated	<p>Mr Gascon should not be letting these criminals out of jail if they've killed someone, raped someone or is a pedophile and has been charged, or committed robbery and intent to harm some one by committing harmful crimes. They do the crime and need to service the time! Especially those that got Life sentences. Why do you think they could handle being in the real world after being incarcerated most of their life's. And do you really think family need to take care of them and need another mouth to feed?            You need to lose your position cause your not making my/our life's safe!!!</p>	Corrina
Public safety	<p>I am extremely concerned about the increase in all types of crime in LA County directly due to Gascon's "reform" policies. I want to see the evidence he insists that exists proving his policies work. He should be helping victims, not criminals.</p>	
2. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION- b. Discussion with District Attorney George Gascón	<p>George Gascón needs to resigned Recalled. His directives have put Los Angeles County residents in more danger then ever before. Please consider a Vote of No-Confidence for Gascón.</p>	

Last year a wave of so-called Progressive trends started to sweep across the country after protests over the killings of blacks occurred. CBSNews.com did a 2-part series called "Black People Killed by Police in the U.S. in 2020". Although many view CBS as slightly Left-leaning, it actually did a wonderful job describing what some of these people were doing to be shot... something that seemed to allude the mainstream media. I'm not saying all of the shootings or killings were justified, but CBS's series told the other side of the story. And I bring this series up because Mr. Gascon has implemented directives and policy that, once you read the CBS articles at <https://www.cbsnews.com/pictures/black-people-killed-by-police-in-the-u-s-in-2020/> <https://www.cbsnews.com/pictures/black-people-killed-by-police-in-the-us-in-2020-part-2/> you can see how violent people with guns and knives would be allowed a light sentence and be back on the street when you can't include certain enhancements.

There was a Progressive agenda being pushed, and the voters were swept up in it without actually researching the far-reaching effects it would have. And so it appears that Mr. Gascon chose to jump on the bandwagon as it ran through Los Angeles County. There can always be improvement in our different systems and it is important that we stay on top of that. However, for Mr. Gascon, who was voted in to protect the Victims, to prosecute the offenders, and to see that justice is done, has betrayed those voters. He does not care about the Victims. He wants chaos created in the name of Progressiveness. Dropping gun enhancements and gang enhancements only emboldens the evil out there. And, as a District Attorney who took an oath to uphold the Constitution, to deliberately break the law by dropping the 3-strike law defies logic. Mr. Gascon always alludes to the "studies" proving his reasoning for his directives and policies, yet, to my knowledge, he has yet to actually produce those for the public to view. And the question would be "who" did the studies" and did they have an agenda that matches Mr. Gascon's?

In closing, I hope the Oversight Committee understands that the Sheriff's Department will always stand for the Victim and not the criminal. And that the majority of the Deputy District Attorney's in the D.A.'s office

D.A. George Gascon

Ronald Wilton

Lowering prison population

Why not get the less severe charges prisoners and divert there sentencing to a lesser charge if they agree to get mental help and therapy along with a career insight for there future.?

Mary

When will the accountability issues within the sheriffs department be addressed in a meaningful way?

Gascon

Steve hill

Expungement for persons still doing wrong within the city

Najee Ali who is asking for his record to be expunged, but yet is misrepresenting him self as an employee of the city or who works for the sheriff department. Mr Ali has recently used his position to threaten individuals at the mosque, he has used his position to tell people he knows people in a threatening manner of intimidation.

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General Comment: Sheriff Villanueva is unfit for his job. A recent Inspector General report revealed that LASD has a history of violence against community members. In 2017, 2018, and 2019

Tobin DeMarco

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Ashley Locke

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There has too long been a patter off LASD officers killing community members suffering mental health crises - Nicholas Burgos and Ruben Herrera at Harbor-UCLA, along with the murders of David Ordaz, Jasmyne Eng, Eric Briceno, and more. LASD is in no way trained or prepared to handle mental health crises. The County has spent nearly \$36,000,000 in contracting Sheriffs stationed at various Department of Health Services facilities. We demand these funds be reallocated toward creating additional dedicated de-escalation teams at each hospital, hiring community advocates who can focus on de-escalating conflict while working as patient advocates, investing in mental health services and response teams, and training private security, hospital staff, and providers in de-escalation, anti-racism, and trauma-informed care that is patient-centered and ethically sound.

I have a history with mental illness, law enforcement, and healthcare institutions. When I look back on the breakdown I suffered while in hospital years ago, I count myself lucky to be alive. I can't help wondering how the response might have been different were I not white.

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J.Stephen Brantley

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Autumn K.



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Delia Brown

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It makes absolutely no sense to expand the Sheriff Department's Budget for any reason. We have seen repeatedly the lack of transparency, accountability and return on investment this brings to the community. In addition, as a licensed clinical psychologist, I would urge that there should be absolutely no association with the Police or Sheriff if our goal is to truly provide adequate mental health service teams for the community, so MET teams are a great idea that have no place within the Sheriffs department. If individuals are motivated to apply for the MET position, they can be first in line at another community organization- but ask yourself what motives they could have to became law enforcement, that are inherently incompatible with the notion of public safety and trust in our society, where Policing was born out of the terrorizing and bounty hunting of chattel slavery. We need to reinvent and reimagine, LASD has already been given way too many chances, and we must change our strategy to effectively meet this need given the overwhelming evidence.

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Thank you for using your power to serve the community in these ways, as you have been charged to do.

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Thank you for your leadership on these issues.  
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Non-law enforcement responses to mental health crises are important to me because people with mental illness are 16 times more likely to be killed during a police encounter, and, according to the Treatment Advocacy Center, "make up a disproportionate number of those killed at the very first step of the criminal justice process: while being approached or stopped by a law enforcement officer in the community."

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April

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General Comment: Sheriff Villanueva has consistently shown that he is worse than unfit for his job. Since the public execution of George Floyd on May 25, LASD has killed at least 18 community members, almost

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Jessamy Gloor

We have a chance to advance justice right now for the more than 17,000 incarcerated people in Los Angeles County. These are people from our communities — our friends, our family, our neighbors — who are living in cages. The vast majority of whom are suffering from serious mental illness, addiction, and homelessness.

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also please continue to decrease the number of inmates in all county jails and prisons

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Taylor Owens

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Michael Hammersley

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Cheryl Auger

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Ashley Brom

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Folks with mental health concerns need care not punishment. Law enforcement is only prepared for punishment. They have proven their incapacity for hell so please stop paying them for a job they don't train for nor can succeed at. People have overwhelming called for this.

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Angela McLafferty

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As the mother of a child with a severe mental health condition, I consider myself incredibly fortunate that I had awareness of what was happening and the resources to immediately get her the compassionate care that she needed. I cannot fathom what it would have been like if I was not able to help her when she was in crisis, she had to seek help at a hospital and law enforcement interfered. It would be traumatizing in the least and potentially fatal. It's unacceptable to have LASD in health facilities.

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Mary Gallo

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General Comment:

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Health professionals respond to mental health crises without killing the patient. Guns do not have a place in mental health crises response. Law enforcement are not trained for mental health crises response, nor do they want to respond to those calls due to lack of training- they just fear losing funding- that's not leadership.

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kylie sparks

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This is a general public comment for LASD Civilian Oversight Commission meeting of 3-18-21 re:increase in shootings under Sheriff Villanueva:

I have come to believe Sheriff Villanueva is truly unfit for office and needs to be removed. I follow news in LA closely because I have Latino family members living there. I was alarmed to read about a recent Inspector General report that revealed LASD shootings under Villanueva's tenure dramatically increased compared to 2017 and 2018. In 2019, shootings increased 27% from 2017-18 levels; in 2020, 45%. Even if the pandemic has increased crime, there is no excuse for these disturbing numbers: since George Floyd died on May 25, 2020, LASD has killed at least 18 community members, almost all of which were Black and Latino and all in South LA, East LA, and the Antelope Valley. What is going on with deputies at LASD stations in those particular areas?

Enough is enough. We need to stop LASD from killing our family members. These deputies are acting as execution squads, not keepers of the peace. I urge you to agendize this issue for your next meeting and bring concrete recommendations for Board of Supervisors action.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter of public safety.

Sincerely,  
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It's time to stop the LASD's ongoing extrajudicial execution of poor, sick and indigent members of our communities. As long as ordinary citizens tolerate such atrocities, we each have blood on our hands. While we cannot undo the unnecessary deaths of our people without due process, we can honor their memories by at last making changes that will show that they have not entirely died in vain.

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Celia Johnson

Not having located a copy of the actual letter, I have read several news articles about a letter from Dist. Atty. George Gascón requesting the police agencies in the county provide Brady Lists. Language used in these articles to indicate which Police Officers should be included on the Brady List includes "history of," "accused," and "officers who have engaged in acts of moral turpitude." I note that if the articles are accurate, the designation of "those with sustained findings of tampering with evidence, misappropriating property, dishonesty, family violence and other wrongdoing" is included as a subgroup under "officers who have engaged in acts of moral turpitude."

I have two questions for District Attorney Gascon:

- 1) What is the level of proof for a police officer to be included on the Brady List?
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Thank you,  
Janet West

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Juliane Crump

I live next door to where this happened. It was an atrocity the LASD handled this man's need for mental health services. The community that lived nearby not only feared that this was gang violence, but the investigation after made thwm.fear for their lives. It was poorly handled in all ways

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Sheriff Villanueva is unfit for his job! A recent Inspector General report revealed that LASD shootings under Villanueva's tenure dramatically increased compared to 2017 and 2018. In 2019, shootings increased 27% from 2017-18 levels; in 2020, 45%. Since the public execution of George Floyd on May 25, LASD has killed at least 18 community members, almost all of which were Black and Latinx and all in South LA, East LA, and the Antelope Valley. These are the very areas with LASD stations riddled with deputy gangs that perpetrate violence against the community. Enough is enough. We need to eradicate these deputy gangs and stop LASD from killing us. We urge you to agendize this issue for your next meeting and bring concrete recommendations for Board of Supervisors action immediately.

Thank you, I am grateful for your leadership,  
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General comment

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Hello, thank you for providing this forum. I attended the first hour of today's commission meeting but had to leave for work. I had already submitted a public comment yesterday evening but wanted to follow up from the LASD Chief's presentation with a few concerns.

First, part of my work role is preparing reports, presentations and visualizations, and so I'm especially interested in seeing these. I was concerned by the LASD Chief's presentation (I apologize, I forgot the name of the Chief who was presenting from LASD). He included an image of LA County with 30 other cities displayed inside the boundary. While he didn't state this outright, it was clear that he intended for this image to support his claim that LASD needed more county funding, and emphasized this by including this same slide twice. It is inaccurate if not irresponsible to claim that the needs of policing several large areas of national forest are equivalent to a providing safety to a city like Atlanta. The use of this image immediately raised a flag for me, and I hope that everyone is bringing a thoughtful lens to the understanding his presentation, for example to misleading claims about how Measure J will reduce specific LASD budget items.

Second, I'm concerned by LASD asking for increased funding and couching it as part of a Care First agenda. There is evidence across the country that Body Cameras, police youth programs, and other similar LASD ATI programs have little impact in keeping our communities safe.

As a specific example, in 2019-2020, the County spent \$35,724,000 in contracting Sheriffs stationed at various Department of Health Services facilities, only to have LASD violate established protocol and cause the death of a patient at Harbor-UCLA. These funds can and should be reallocated toward creating additional dedicated de-escalation teams at each hospital, hiring community advocates who can focus on de-escalating conflict while working as patient advocates, investing in mental health services and response teams, and training private security, hospital staff, and providers in de-escalation, anti-racism, and trauma-informed care that is patient-centered and ethically sound.

2A

Joseph Bobman

Hello

I am a long time resident of Los Angeles and I am writing out of grave concern for how my tax dollars are being spent. Armed, untrained police are not the proper or appropriate response to many of the situations they are used in. A mental health crisis, a person experiencing homelessness, people performing sex work, traffic incidents, and several other non-violent engagements do not require and in fact worsen when the cops with guns get there. They are not trained to provide appropriate care for the several and abundant social, economic, health, and mental health problems of Los Angeles.

I want my money spent on professionals trained to improve our social and personal ills. Doctors and social workers for those in need of mental health resources. Affordable and accessible housing for those in need. Food security. Healthcare. Rehabilitation for people with substance abuse problems. Decriminalization of sex work and the social and economic resources to liberate those who are engaged in it unwillingly.

Our city so clearly needs help. We need care. We need more opportunities. No more police.

Please. Help us.

LAPD Budget

Tara