



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

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March 22, 2023

**To:** Lieutenant Evelyn Vega, Acting Captain  
Los Angeles County Sheriff Department  
Audit and Accountability Bureau

**From:** Nune Petrosyan, Management Analyst  
Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission

## REQUEST FOR POLICY AND/OR INFORMATION:

In 2022, the Civilian Oversight Commission (Commission) created a Technology Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate the use of all technology utilized by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD). A recent Los Angeles Times<sup>1</sup> article revealed the need for oversight of LASD's use of helicopters. As such, the Commission requests that LASD provide the following information:

1. Departmental policies related to helicopter use
2. Policies or process for filing a complaint about helicopter use
3. The total number of helicopters in LASD's fleet
4. LASD helicopter flying schedules from January 1, 2018 to present
5. Route justification from January 1, 2018 to present
6. Provide a list of all specialized technology equipment on LASD helicopters
7. List of complaints received from January 1, 2018 to present related to helicopter use that includes, but is not limited to (non-confidential):
  - a. Nature of complaint & outcome/findings
  - b. Patrol division or area of the County where the complaint arose
8. Describe the different altitudes that LASD helicopters fly and the reason for flying those altitudes
9. Identify a subject matter expert regarding LASD helicopter use and provide their contact information, including email address and phone number

## REASON FOR REQUEST:

Fulfillment of this request will enable the Commission to better understand LASD's operations and policies related to helicopter use.

## WHEN SPECIFIC INFORMATION IS NEEDED:

Please submit a response to this request by **May 5, 2023**.

## CONTACT PERSON:

Please contact Nune Petrosyan via email message at  
have any questions.

should you

<sup>1</sup> [Where L.A. sheriff's helicopters fly extra low and loud - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](https://www.latimes.com)