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To: Lieutenant Evelyn Vega, Acting Captain
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD)
Audit and Accountability Bureau (AAB)

From: Tracy Jordan, Principal Staff Analyst
Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission

REQUEST FOR SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS AT THE JANUARY 19, 2023 MEETING:

The Civilian Oversight Commission (Commission) requests the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) provide two subject matter experts (SME) to participate in the virtual Commission Meeting, scheduled for January 19, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. One SME should have intimate knowledge of LASD jail conditions, and the other SME should be knowledgeable about the issue of "Street Takeovers." Each SME is invited to speak up to 5 minutes to provide an overview on the topic area. PowerPoint presentations of up to 10 slides are encouraged but not required. Following the LASD SME remarks, Commissioners may ask the SME questions on the topic area.

Conditions of Confinement in the Jails

The Commission continues to be concerned about the LASD jails conditions, specifically related to overcrowding, communicable diseases, pregnant people, and in-custody deaths. These conditions may pose a safety risk to people in LASD custody and care. The Commission has also requested a Correctional Health Services (CHS) SME to speak at this meeting. The LASD SME should be prepared to provide an overview of LASD Jail Conditions, including but not limited to the following:

1. Data of the current LASD jail population statistics, including the number of those identified as being pregnant, homeless, or with a mental illness;
2. Number of incarcerated people, including pregnant individuals, released to the Office of Diversion and Reentry or other community-based programs;
3. Describe the status and reason(s) for overcrowding and processing delays, and provide LASD's plan to remedy the issue and reduce the likelihood of recurrence;
4. Number of overcrowding-related grievances received since January 1, 2022 and explain any limitations identified, and efforts taken to address the limitations;
5. Describe LASD's plan to assist CHS in providing COVID-19 and mpox vaccinations, and explain any operational impact that communicable diseases have had on care for the incarcerated population;
6. Current practice of pregnant people's access to Out of Cell Time and personalized meal plans; and
7. Number of in-custody deaths since January 1, 2022, and explain the lessons learned or policy changes identified to reduce the likelihood of recurrence.

Street Takeovers

Sergeant Michael Downing previously spoke on at the Commission's [street takeovers conference](#) and the Commission discussed [LASD's Management Street Takeovers](#) on November 17. As the issue continues to [threaten the quality of life and safety of our communities](#), the Commission will revisit at the upcoming meeting. The LASD SME should be prepared to provide an overview of LASD prevention and response to street takeovers, including but not limited to the following:

1. Number of street takeovers that have taken place in LASD patrol jurisdictions since January 1, 2020;
2. Prevention measures that LASD has taken to reduce the likelihood of street takeovers
3. Any LASD policies, procedures, guidelines, and practices used by LASD personnel related to street takeovers, and include the status of any related policy development;
4. Training LASD personnel receive that prepares them to address street takeovers;
5. Any limitations LASD has identified in addressing street takeovers;
6. LASD's plan to reduce the amount of and the impact of street takeovers, including if a street takeovers taskforce exists and if so, describe the taskforce responsibilities;
7. Collaborations that LASD has initiated or taken part in with other jurisdictions; and
8. All outreach material prepared and distributed by LASD regarding street takeovers.

REASON FOR REQUEST:

Fulfilling this request will enable the Commission and the public to better understand LASD patrol and custody operations. Separate from this request, Sheriff Robert Luna has been invited to this meeting to discuss the overall state of LASD.

WHEN SPECIFIC INFORMATION IS NEEDED:

Please provide the jail conditions and street takeovers SMEs name, email and phone number as soon as possible but no later than, **January 4, 2023**. Following confirmation of the SMEs for each topic area, they will be provided Webex login details and contact by Commission staff to discuss the meeting.

CONTACT PERSON:

Feel free to contact Tracy Jordan at [REDACTED] should you have any questions regarding this request. Please carbon copy (cc) Nune Petrosyan at [REDACTED] should you have any additional questions or concerns.