

## COC Request

**From:** Agosto, Anna B.

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**Subject:** FW: Correspondence for Sheriff Villanueva

Good Morning:

FYI.

Anna

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**From:** Williams, Ingrid ]

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 30, 2021 10:44 AM

**To:** Agosto, Anna B.

**Subject:** Correspondence for Sheriff Villanueva

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Good morning M. Agosto,

I hope this e-mail finds you well. Please forward the attached correspondence to Sheriff Villanueva.

Kindest regards,

Ingrid Williams  
Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission  
Board of Supervisors, Executive Office  
Office: (213)



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

World Trade Center  
350 South Figueroa Street, Suite 288, Los Angeles California 90071  
(213)

June 30, 2021

The Honorable Alex Villanueva, Sheriff  
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department  
211 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Sheriff Villanueva:

The Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) has learned of actions by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) regarding the homeless encampments in the Venice Beach area of the City of Los Angeles. While we agree that the crisis of unhoused individuals must be addressed, your announced intent to intervene in this crisis raises a number of questions that we believe must be answered to clarify how your actions might better and not exacerbate this serious situation.

Accordingly, the COC requests that you respond to the questions presented below:

1. Does the LASD have any policies, procedures, protocol, or a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that governs coordinating response efforts, specifically with your actions with respect to homeless encampments, in jurisdictions of municipal enforcement agencies? If so, what are they and did the LASD follow them?
2. What collaborative and networking steps did the LASD take with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA), or other governmental or community-based organizations who were addressing the homeless crisis prior to assigning personnel to the Venice Beach homeless encampment area? If not prior to the deployment of LASD personnel to the site, is there currently such coordination?
3. Describe the stakeholder engagement methods that the LASD is employing at the Venice beach site.
4. How was the Venice beach site chosen? Will there be similar efforts in the downtown Skid Row area?
5. Does the LASD maintain statistical reports with outcomes of interactions with the public on the LASD Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST) operation? If so, please provide and publicly post on the LASD website a copy of the most recent available report.
6. What is the LASD strategic plan and prioritization for addressing similar encampment concerns that exist within LASD unincorporated Los Angeles and Sheriff's contract cities?

We would appreciate your timely response to this request by no later than **July 9, 2021**. We also request you to attend our next COC meeting on July 15, 2021 to discuss these issues. Thank you for your consideration. Feel free to contact me at (213) \_\_\_\_\_ with any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Brian K. Williams  
Executive Director, Civilian Oversight Commission

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*Executive Director*

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