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ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF



July 28, 2021

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY REGARDING THE HOMELESS CRISIS

As you may recall, on June 23, 2021, I sent you a letter urging the Board of Supervisors to declare a local state of emergency on the homeless crisis. On June 28, 2021, I received a correspondence from County Counsel, Rodrigo A. Castro-Silva, stating, "the County provides robust services for persons experiencing homelessness through various county departments."

It is clearly evident the "robust services" being provided are not working, and we continue to see the unnecessary loss of life on our city streets every day. I am asking for your response to the matter, rather than County Counsel. Despite whatever disagreements you may have with me, we must unite together on this important topic to save lives. If I do not receive any response, I will assume County Counsel's response is the position you are taking on the matter, and I intend on making the June 28, 2021, correspondence public.

Should you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA
SHERIFF

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