



# OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF



September 21, 2022

The Honorable Rob Bonta  
The Attorney General of California  
California Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 944255  
Sacramento, California 94244-2550

Dear Attorney General Bonta:

## REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

In response to your correspondence dated September 20, 2022, I would like to thank you for accepting my request to open a criminal investigation for alleged public corruption by Los Angeles County Inspector General Max Huntsman and a member(s) of the Los Angeles County Counsel in the form of conspiracy to obstruct justice by notifying the suspect(s) of the service of our search warrant. As previously stated, the illegal acts allegedly committed by Mr. Huntsman and County Counsel have potentially compromised the integrity of this criminal investigation including, but not limited to, the concealment or destruction of evidence.

I would also like to thank you for now accepting our February 10, 2022, request for your active participation in the investigation of Peace Over Violence, Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority, Patricia Giggans, and Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor, Sheila Kuehl, when Undersheriff Timothy Murakami wrote:

*I invite any of your deputy attorney generals, special agents, investigators, or other employees or representatives from your office to review, inspect, work alongside with, or participate in any meaningful manner with those sheriff's personnel assigned to the detail charged with these sensitive investigations. I can assure you they will be a welcome addition for their expertise and knowledge. Any accommodations needed for them to perform their functions will be met.*

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As you noted in yesterday's letter, Chief Assistant Attorney General Lance Winters received quarterly updates on February 4, 2022, and August 23, 2022. Although it is many months later than our initial request, we appreciate your attention to this very serious public corruption investigation, which originated in September 2019, at the request of a whistleblower and an investigative news report.

As a gentle reminder, we have two other public corruption cases which have been submitted to your office in which we have not heard anything on since our last communication with Mr. Winters on January 25, 2022. For the record, those cases were:

- Possible criminal conduct by former Los Angeles County Chief Executive Officer Sachi Hamai.
- Possible criminal conduct by five individuals who purportedly engaged in acts to unlawfully obtain and distribute confidential, protected personnel records.

I look forward to fully cooperating and offering any assistance with this matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Undersheriff Timothy K. Murakami at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,



ALEX VILLANUEVA  
SHERIFF