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Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission  
County of Los Angeles  
World Trade Center  
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Dear Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission:

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S PLANS ON THE  
COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH SYSTEM REPLACEMENT, BUDGET  
MITIGATION AND PROVISIONAL FINANCING USES SPENDING

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) would like to thank the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (Commission) for its support of the Department's Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD) replacement budget request submitted to the Chief Executive Office (CEO) for Fiscal Year 2022-23. This correspondence is in response to your Commission's June 24, 2022, letter to Sheriff Alex Villanueva which requested that the Department provide a written status of the proposal for the CAD system replacement, a budget status report and/or mitigation plan, and a report of Provisional Financing Uses (FFU) expenditures.

The CAD system serves as the most critical command and control communication system for the Department in dispatching field patrol deputies and other law enforcement personnel to 911 emergencies and calls for service. It also provides law enforcement personnel with vital data such as Department of Motor Vehicles records and warrant information. CAD system replacement will also allow for the capability to interface with the Sheriff's Automated Contact Reporting system which captures data reportable to the California Attorney General pursuant to the Racial and Identity Profiling Act of 2015.
As requested, please find the attached copy of the Department’s proposal to replace the CAD system. The Department’s $13.1 million CAD replacement request consists of consultant services, software and hardware, system maintenance, and seven (7) information technology personnel positions. As of this date, the CAD replacement request is still pending the approval of the CEO. Given this request was not approved by the CEO in either April’s Recommended Budget phase or June’s Final Changes Budget phase, the Department is hopeful for approval in the last Supplemental Budget phase, which is scheduled to be adopted October 4, 2022, by the Board of Supervisors (BOS). It must be noted that the presently identified $13.1 million cost associated with the replacement of the Department’s CAD system is only an estimate at this time and is subject to change prior to project implementation. Should the project cost change, the Department would respectfully request that the CEO approve the allocation of sufficient funding to cover the full cost of the project.

As to your Commission’s request of the Department to provide a written budget mitigation plan and/or budget status report to the CEO, BOS, and the Commission, the Department respectfully assures your Commission that the Department, as well as all County departments, is already required to submit periodic budget status reports to the CEO. For the record, the Department ended fiscal year 2020-21 well within its BOS-adopted budgeted allocation. The Department submitted its most recent budget status report to the CEO last month (June 2022), which estimates the Department is practically on target again despite the CEO’s routine practice of supplanting the Department’s net County cost with Public Safety Augmentation Funds coupled with the severe underfunding of mandated obligations including, but not limited to, maintaining compliance with consent decrees and court agreements pertaining to the proper care of the County’s custody population. To be frank, there is no real budget mitigation without additional County resources being allocated to the Department.

Regarding your Commission’s request for a written report of PFU spending, the Department must defer this task to the CEO as PFU funds are monitored, reviewed, and disbursed by direction of the CEO. However, the Department would appreciate your support in urging the CEO to return the Department’s $143.7 million in routine daily operating funds held hostage in PFU since October 2019, particularly considering the Department’s demonstrated fiscal competence. The CEO’s confiscation of these funds was a knee-jerk reaction resulting from its ineptitude to acknowledge the fiscal consequences of its
outmoded budgetary policy to not allocate funding to the Department to cover uncontrollable cost increases such as BOS-negotiated cost-of-living-adjustments for overtime, or rising workers' compensation medical expenses.

Thank you for your support. Should you have any questions, please contact Undersheriff Timothy K. Murakami at [redacted]

Sincerely,

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