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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF



August 30, 2022

Brian K. Williams, Executive Director  
County of Los Angeles  
Civilian Oversight Commission  
350 South Figueroa Street, Suite 288  
Los Angeles, California 90071

Dear Mr. Williams:

## RESPONSE TO THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION'S LETTER DATED JANUARY 7, 2021

This correspondence is in response to your letter dated January 7, 2021, in which you requested an update on what actions the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has taken to investigate and address claims of discriminatory statements by Undersheriff Timothy K. Murakami. A Policy of Equality investigation was initiated, once the allegation was made that inappropriate comments were made by Undersheriff Murakami, while he served as the Captain of Industry Sheriff's Station.

The following information was sourced from the Department's Performance Recording and Monitoring System (PRMS):

On March 19, 2020, an administrative investigation was opened, under case #IV2506144, which named subjects, Undersheriff Murakami and a second, lower-level supervisor, and was closed on November 12, 2020. It was alleged that Undersheriff Murakami made comments to Complainant (Lieutenant) Carlos Parga in the workplace which were in violation of the Policy of Equality. It was further alleged that a witness supervisor failed to report the violation at the time it occurred. The investigation determined that Complainant Parga had also allegedly failed to properly report the conduct at the time, it had occurred. This caused the initiation of a related administrative investigation, under case #IV2516621, which was opened on September 9, 2020, and closed on December 17, 2020.

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As a result of the investigations, the Department determined the allegations against Undersheriff Murakami were, "Unresolved." It was determined that the actions of the lower-level supervisor warranted that he be re-briefed on the Policy of Equality. The investigation pertaining to Complainant Parga also resulted in the allegations of Policy of Equality violations being, "Unresolved."

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my Chief of Staff, Commander John L. Satterfield, at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alex Villanueva".

ALEX VILLANUEVA  
SHERIFF