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December 18, 2019

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

Dear Sheriff Villanueva:

Recent reports have indicated that a specialized unit within the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD), was recently moved from the Detective Bureau to the Office of the Undersheriff. This recent change has raised concerns and we are inquiring herein what is the purpose of the move as well as the intent behind it.

We strive to ease the public and the stakeholder's concern related to the LASD and ask that you please provide a response to the aforementioned on or before December 30, 2019.

Thank you for your anticipated prompt response to this request. Please do not hesitate to call me at \_\_\_\_\_ or contact me via email message at \_\_\_\_\_ with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Brian K. Williams  
Executive Director,  
Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission



# OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**HALL OF JUSTICE**

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF



January 13, 2020

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

Dear Mr. Williams:

**RESPONSE TO CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION  
LETTER DATED DECEMBER 18, 2019**

This correspondence will serve as a response to your December 18, 2019 letter requesting a response regarding the following:

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On December 15, 2019, the Technical Operations Detail (Tech Crew) was reassigned from Detective Division, Fraud and Cyber Crimes Bureau, to the Office of the Undersheriff. The Tech Crew serves all of Los Angeles County by providing technical support and guidance to all units within the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department who provide law enforcement services to County areas, contract cities and assist other agencies.

In recent times, with the evolvement and ever increasing technological advances, the Tech Crew has been heavily tasked with an ever increasing work load. The Tech Crew has continued to provide support with its limited resources; however, this recent realignment has allowed the Office of the Undersheriff to assist in prioritizing and limiting those requests.

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Mr. Williams

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January 13, 2020

Please contact me at

should you wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

TIMOTHY K. MURAKAMI  
UNDERSHERIFF