

July 29, 2016

The Honorable Jim McDonnell
Sheriff
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
211 West Temple Street
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Dear Sheriff McDonnell:

The Quality and Productivity Commission thanks you for taking time out of your busy schedule to meet and update us on Department operations. We commend you as a "change agent" for aggressively combatting the scourge of Human Trafficking, where girls as young as 12 years of age, are victimized. You have effectively focused the newly formed L.A. Regional Human Trafficking Task Force on connecting victims to services, prosecuting traffickers and addressing the demand side of the problem by holding predators accountable.

Commissioners were impressed with the outcomes achieved by collocating stakeholders such as the District Attorney, DCFS, the DEA and Probation with deputies. In the relatively short time that this program has been operational, since November 2015, more than 100 children have been rescued and over 200 people arrested.

We strongly support the award-winning partnership you have developed with the County Health Agency (Departments of Mental Health, Public Health and Health Services) to provide quality services for jail inmates. You gave us an appreciation for the serious budget implications on the horizon for the department as felons serve longer terms in the County Jail, and will need health and psychiatric care during that time. Recent statistics show that more than 30 percent of the inmates suffer from mental illness.

Other areas of concern are the outcomes associated with the implementation of AB 109, where low-level offenders were released from prison; and the passage of Proposition 47, which reduced many felony convictions to misdemeanors. Recent increases in property and violent crimes have been linked to these groups.

Members of the Commission also were impressed with additional quality and productivity improvements, such as:

- Incorporating sustainability practices into department operations, namely a laundry water recycling project at the Pitchess Detention Center, and moving forward on a pilot project that would use All Electric Vehicles for Patrol

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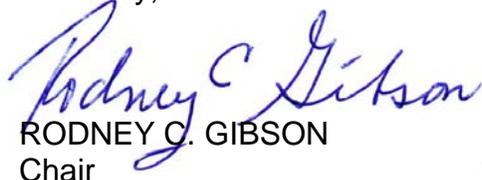
- Utilizing the Youth Centers as vehicles to strengthen community relations by offering homework assistance, sports and recreation programs for neighborhood youth
- Promoting job opportunities on various social media platforms, such as Twitter and Facebook, to reach potential recruits

The Commission looks forward to working with you and your team on:

- Full implementation of SORTS (Sheriff's Online Reporting Tracking System) for crime and incident reports
- Securing funding to develop a Body Camera Program that specifically addresses the handling of a regional data base and equipment architecture adaptable to new technology
- Enhancing the resources of deputies in the field by providing NARCON, tourniquet and AED kits
- Studying efforts to equip and prepare foster youth with the education and resources that will keep them out of the Human Trafficking trade

Thank you for an engaging conversation. We look forward to working with your Productivity Manager Glen Joe. Please contact Victoria Pipkin-Lane, Executive Director, at (213) 974-1361 for additional information.

Sincerely,



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