REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE A

Vote Yes on Measure A: END DEPUTY GANGS

Multiple investigations have uncovered over a dozen deputy gangs within the L.A. Sheriff's Department, who have abused county residents for decades.

These include the Compton "Executioners," whose tattoos depict a skull with an alleged Nazi-style helmet, the East L.A. "Banditos," and the white supremacist Lynwood "Vikings."

Sheriffs have resisted meaningful actions to stop deputy gang violence, instead denying their existence and shielding deputies from discipline.

Settlements related to deputy gangs have cost taxpayers about $55 million.

YES ON MEASURE A means Sheriffs who condone deputy gangs and their abuses could be removed.

Vote Yes on Measure A: END SHERIFF ABUSE OF POWER

"With [Sheriff] Baca's knowledge and ... involvement, [Undersheriff] Tanaka oversaw a group of deputies and mid-level commanders who worked to derail the FBI investigation [into corruption and civil rights abuses]." – L.A. Times, May 12, 2017.

"[Sheriff] Villanueva through his subordinates ordered the deputies involved [in taking and sharing pictures of the tragic Kobe Bryant crash] to delete the crash photos instead of opening an investigation into the alleged misconduct." – L.A. Times, June 17, 2022.

"The Sheriff's Department's handling of the case [in which a deputy knelt on the head of a handcuffed individual] is the subject of a criminal grand jury investigation." – L.A. Times, August 24, 2022.

If found liable for cause, Sheriffs who cover up serious misconduct, lie in official statements, or obstruct investigations should face real consequences. We need a direct way to keep them in check.

YES ON MEASURE A means adopting common-sense checks and balances to hold any Sheriff accountable.

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