



CITY *of* CALABASAS

April 13, 2023

Honorable Lindsey P. Horvath, Supervisor
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, 3rd District
821 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Opposition to Involuntarily Rotating Deputies to Other Stations Every 5 Years

Dear Supervisor Horvath,

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Calabasas, I am writing to express our opposition to the recommendation made by the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission to involuntarily rotate deputies to a different patrol station every five years.

While Calabasas recognizes and commends the Commission's efforts to address the formation of deputy cliques within the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, we believe that this particular recommendation would have significant negative consequences for the members of our community.

In particular, we believe that involuntarily rotating the deputies currently assigned to the Sheriff's Malibu/Lost Hills Station will disrupt the strong bonds and relationships that local deputies have built, which have been critical to our Station's success. By requiring deputies to be reassigned every five years, this recommendation would be depriving our community of experienced and trusted law enforcement personnel with the specific institutional knowledge required to effectively serve the unique and diverse needs of our community.

Rather than disrupt these cherished and successful relationships between the members of our community and our local Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff's Station personnel, we are requesting that you consider the various recommendations from the Commission designed to address the formation of deputy cliques. Focusing efforts on the other recommendations listed in the report would promote our shared goals ensuring effective community-based policing, while also supporting initiatives to eliminate the formation of deputy cliques.

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In conclusion, the Calabasas City Council strongly urges the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission to reconsider its recommendation to involuntarily rotate sheriff deputies every five years. We encourage the Commission to focus on other strategies listed in the report that will also eliminate the formation of future deputy cliques, without sacrificing the relationships and expertise that our deputies have built within our community.

Respectfully,

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David J. Shapiro, Mayor

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