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The Honorable Janice Hahn
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 W. Temple Street, Room 822
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Dear Supervisor Hahn,

On behalf of the City of Lomita, we greatly appreciate your work to improve public safety services. Lomita has a long-standing and positive contractual relationship with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to provide patrol and public safety services for our community. That partnership has led to exceptional public safety services for our residents and businesses and continues to be one of the highest priorities of our city.

We are concerned with the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission's recent recommendations to impose rotations among patrol personnel which could lead to a loss of experience and community-based policing. Involuntary transfers and work location rotations among patrol personnel will have a negative impact on the continuity and delivery of policing services provided within our city and community. We understand that fully learning the intricacies of public safety in our community requires at least two years for a deputy to learn the nuances and culture of our unique community. The rotation of patrol personnel impedes our city's ability to provide community-based policing to our residents and erodes the progress our city has made.

We understand the challenges associated with deploying bilingual deputies who meet the particular linguistic needs of our city. The rotation of deputies may lead to a loss of the Sheriff's personnel who possess this much needed skill set, personnel we have worked so hard to bring to our community.

Sincerely,

Barry Waite
Mayor

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