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Dear Attorney General Bonta,

On behalf of the City of Lomita, I am writing to express concern regarding the ongoing negotiations between your office and Los Angeles County that could severely limit the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (LASD) ability to enforce penal (PC) and vehicle code (VC) violations throughout the county.

As a contract city that partners with LASD for law enforcement services, we rely heavily on the Lomita Sheriff's Station, which is located within our city limits, to ensure public safety for our residents. Any agreement that limits LASD's enforcement capabilities will directly affect our community's safety and could result in a disparate enforcement of laws across Los Angeles County, as not all cities contract with LASD. Such an imbalance in law enforcement practices may lead to confusion among neighboring jurisdictions, potentially undermining the rule of law.

Holding LASD to a different standard than other law enforcement agencies in California would not only place an unfair burden on the deputies who serve our city but could also jeopardize the well-being of our community. Public safety is the top priority for the City of Lomita, and we are deeply concerned about the negative impacts this could have on our residents.

While we support the advancement of progressive policing policies and law enforcement accountability, we strongly believe that such changes must come with adequate state funding for training and technology to ensure LASD can continue to provide effective and equitable law enforcement.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss our concerns in further detail, either in Los Angeles or Sacramento, at your convenience. The City of Lomita values our partnership in maintaining the safety and security of our community and looks forward to your response. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Bill Uphoff
Mayor