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Honorable Supervisor Hahn
Los Angeles County Supervisor
Los Angeles County Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisor Hahn,

I am reaching out to you not only on behalf of the City of Lomita and my City Council colleagues but also as a close friend. I want to thank you for the time and effort you've put into ensuring Los Angeles County remains a safe place to live, work, and play.

Public safety remains among the most important issues in Lomita. As one of the 44 cities that contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services, we share in your commitment to ensure the Sheriff's Department has sufficient resources to keep our streets safe.

Sheriff Luna has indicated that the Department has more than 1,400 vacant deputy positions, and another 1,400 vacant professional positions. With mental health taking a front and center role in the Sheriff's administration, he has also expressed the need to ease the high scheduling and overtime demands on Deputies. The physical and mental fatigue our Deputy Sheriff's experience from the demanding hours, many of whom work nearly 100 hours of overtime each month, are concerning.

Moreover, Los Angeles County will soon be in the global spotlight as we prepare to host the 2028 Olympics and 2026 World Cup, providing a backdrop as a premier tourist destination. In the spirit of cooperation, Lomita is committed to working with your office to take any necessary steps that will reduce the number of vacancies and support retention efforts for Deputy Sheriff positions.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to our concerns. Please reach out to me or our City Manager Andrew Vialpando at (310) 325-7110 if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Mark Waronek
Mayor
City of Lomita