

Los Angeles County

# Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission



San Francisco Sheriff's Dept. Oversight Board

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# Introduction

**Danielle Butler Vappie,**  
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Los Angeles County Sheriff  
Civilian Oversight Commission



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# Our Background

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2014: L.A. County Board of Supervisors approved the creation of the Commission



2016: Board approved the ordinance that created the Civilian Oversight Commission (Chapter 3.79 of the County Code)



2016: Board appointed nine Commissioners



Provide oversight for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

# Our Vision

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Facilitate transparency & accountability



Review, analyze & oversee the Department's policies, practices & procedures



Build bridges & give the community a stronger voice



Recommend solutions to the Board, the Sheriff's Department & the public

# Our Progress

<b>Our Cause</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Protect civil rights</li><li>• Support effective policing</li><li>• Increase confidence in the justice system</li></ul>
<b>Our Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide engagement &amp; build bridges</li><li>• Research, interview &amp; analyze</li><li>• Recommend solutions to problems</li></ul>
<b>Our Impact</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure greater transparency &amp; accountability</li><li>• Reform the criminal justice system</li></ul>





# Our Team



# Our Commissioners

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**Sean Kennedy**



**Jamon R. Hicks**



**Robert Bonner**



**Irma  
Hagans Cooper**



**Luis S. Garcia**



**Patti Giggans**



**James P. Harris**



**Hans Johnson**



**Lael Rubin**

# Ad Hoc Committee Membership

- Harris
- Cooper
- Hicks

Budget



- Cooper
- Garcia
- Giggans

Conditions of Confinement



- Rubin
- Bonner
- Harris
- Kennedy

Deputy Gangs



- Bonner
- Harris
- Hicks
- Kennedy

Disciplinary Process



- Garcia
- Cooper
- Johnson

Quality of Life



- Kennedy
- Giggans
- Hicks
- Rubin

Use of Force



- Johnson
- Garcia
- Harris

Technology



- Hicks
- Giggans
- Kennedy
- Rubin

Subpoena/ Resolutions





# Complaints

- “Investigate through the OIG...”
- “Work with and assist the OIG in soliciting community input and feedback on issues being investigated by the OIG...”

The screenshot displays the website for the Office of Inspector General, County of Los Angeles. The page is titled "FILE A COMPLAINT" in large orange letters. Below the title, a paragraph states: "Unless you tell us not to, your name and complaint will be forwarded to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for investigation. If you want us to keep your identity secret we will not forward your identifying information or complaint to the Sheriff but we will probably not be able to investigate your complaint." Two blue buttons are presented: "I Want My Complaint Investigated" with a magnifying glass icon, and "I Want To Keep My Identity Secret" with a mask icon. At the bottom, a dark grey button labeled "File a Commendation or Complaint" is circled in orange. The browser's address bar shows "oig.lacounty.gov/commendation-complaint/" and the contact information "(213) 974-6100 | InspectorGeneral@oig.lacounty.gov".

# Recommendations

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*Providing solutions for change*

- Deputy Gangs
- Sheriff's Department Jails
- Use of Force
- Mental Health Evaluation teams
- Family Assistance Program
- Immigration Policy
- Body Worn Cameras
- Brady List
- Unmanned aircraft system
- Fort Apache East L.A. Station Logo



# Review & Monitoring

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*Review, analyze & oversee*

- Inspector General reporting
- Professionalism & courtesy
- Street takeovers
- Deputies in County health facilities
- Prison Rape Elimination Act
- Bail reform efforts
- Litigation costs
- Significant events, including use of force in patrol





# Strategic Priorities

*Building trust through reform*

- Deputy Gangs
- Deputies in schools
- Jail conditions
- Hiring & recruitment
- Discipline & SB2
- Use of Force reform
- Brady List
- Transparency (AB1491)





# Commission Meetings & Special Meetings

- Commission meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month
- Special meetings in 2022 assisted with the deputy gangs report





# Community Engagement

- Informational tables at community events
- Community meetings, town halls & educational conferences
- Outreach to community groups & members of the public
- Social media presence on twitter, instagram, facebook & youtube

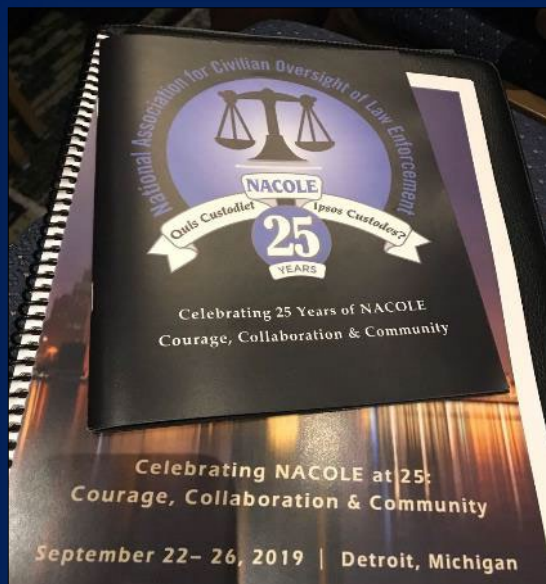
*Magnifying the community's voice*



     
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# National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE)

- Conference
- Committees





# Community Policing Annual Conference

- Commission-hosted
- Developed with Human Relations Commission & Public Health
- Nearly 200 attendees in 2019 & 300 in 2018

*Building bridges*





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*Upcoming meetings:*

**Commission Meeting**

Thursday, June 15

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Community Meeting in South L.A.**

Saturday, June 24

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



# Questions? Contact us to learn more:



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