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ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF



September 14, 2022

The Honorable Rob Bonta
Attorney General
California Department of Justice
Post Office Box 944255
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Dear Attorney General Bonta:

REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

On September 14, 2022, detectives from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department - Public Corruption Unit served search warrants at multiple locations in connection with an ongoing investigation. These locations included the homes of Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl and Los Angeles County Civilian Oversight Commissioner Patricia "Patti" Giggans. Also searched were offices located at: Los Angeles County Hall of Administration, Peace Over Violence Headquarters, and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Headquarters. The investigation had been shared with other agencies and a special master was appointed.

When the search warrant was served on the residence of Patricia "Patti" Giggins, the detectives were met at the door by Ms. Giggins and her attorney. It was obvious both were already aware of the search warrant and were waiting for detectives to arrive.

As the search warrant was being served at Ms. Kuehl's residence, she conducted an impromptu press conference and stated she had been informed of the search warrant the previous evening by Los Angeles County Inspector General Max Huntsman, who is the head of the Board of Supervisors Oversight Department. She also stated she was told about the search warrant the night before by a female employed by Los Angeles County Counsel (County Counsel); who represents both myself as Los Angeles County Sheriff and the Board of Supervisors concurrently as legal counsel.

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I do not have to explain the alleged criminal, administrative, and ethical laws which were broken by Mr. Huntsman and the currently unidentified person(s) employed by County Counsel. We are confident phone records will soon reveal any text messages received by Ms. Kuehl and Ms. Giggins, which illegally alerted them to the search warrant, as well as the intent behind their actions.

Consequently, we request that you open an investigation as to potential violations of felony Penal Code §§ 148, 168, 182 and Government Code § 25303 regarding interference into a criminal investigation and advise us when the matter has been opened.

The illegal acts committed by Mr. Huntsman and County Counsel have potentially comprised the integrity of this criminal investigation including, but not limited to, the concealment or destruction of evidence.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to your response. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Undersheriff Timothy K. Murakami at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alex Villanueva".

ALEX VILLANUEVA
SHERIFF