

Board of Supervisors Poised to Make History and Establish LASD Civilian Oversight, Community Demands More

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Los Angeles, C.A. – As social unrest erupts all over the country and the nation’s focus is turned towards the epidemic of violence among law enforcement, Los Angeles residents join together once again in an effort to establish a Civilian Review Board of the infamously violent and scandal-ridden Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department. This time around the implementation of civilian oversight seems likely as a majority on the newly configured Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors have expressed support.

Dignity and Power Now — whose motto reads, in part, “for all incarcerated people, their families, and communities” — and a coalition of community organizations, the Coalition to End Sheriff Violence, have been heavily advocating for civilian oversight for the past 2 1/2 years, releasing both this report and video. They say it is no longer a question of whether there will be a board, *but what kind of board it will be*. Their five nonnegotiable conditions include **there be at least nine members on the board with four appointed by community organizations, independent legal council, no law enforcement or retired law enforcement serving on the board, subpoena power, and that the board guide the work of the Inspector General.**

“This Tuesday the new county Board of Supervisors has the opportunity to make history and set a precedent for the rest of the nation,” says Dignity and Power Now Executive Director Patrisse Cullors. “The Board can help keep the Los Angeles community safe from sheriff violence and human rights abuses, both in and outside the county jails, by voting YES on civilian oversight and establishing a board free of corruption *that is truly by the people and for the people*. We won’t settle for anything less.”

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