

Video: Non-Profit Fed Up with Sheriff Violence and Bureaucratic Working Group Process Releases Powerful Rant Video

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Los Angeles, C.A. – With the largest and most infamous sheriff’s department in the country and the largest jail system in the world, Los Angeles County has the opportunity to lead the way in independent civilian oversight, but so far the working group designated with deciding the oversight commission’s scope, power, and responsibilities has not addressed the public’s demands. One organization – Dignity and Power Now – is fed up and has released the first in a series of scathing videos taking aim at the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department.

The video release comes on the heels of DPN’s 1000 Calls in 60 Days campaign, where people are encouraged to call their working group members to demand a civilian oversight commission *with power*. **Their demands are that the commission have subpoena power, at least nine members on the commission with four appointed by community organizations, independent legal counsel, no law enforcement or retired law enforcement, and that the commission guide the work of the Inspector General.**

This is the first in a series of videos by Dignity and Power Now that will be released online to put pressure on the working group members and county supervisors who are slated to decide the commission’s role within the next two months. Leading up to the decision the non-profit will project the videos in large scale on Twin Towers Correctional Facility.

“The working group process is deliberately disengaging and an affront to those of us who have been fighting for *effective* oversight for years,” says Patrisse Cullors, executive director at Dignity and Power Now and the Coalition to End Sheriff Violence. “We refuse to let the details of this commission get lost in a bureaucratic process and will use whatever resources we have to ensure the future civilian oversight commission has the power to hold the nation’s largest and most violent sheriff’s department accountable – including video.”

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