

**Community Members, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the Office of the Inspector General Converge for Custody Town Hall**

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**Los Angeles, CA** – Dignity and Power Now — whose motto reads, in part, “for all incarcerated people, their families, and communities” — will hold a panel discussion about the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department Custody Division. **On the panel will be Assistant Sheriff Terri McDonald, Inspector General Max Huntsman, Dignity and Power Now Interim Co-Director Mark-Anthony Johnson, and Youth Justice Coalition Director Kim McGill.** Discussion topics include use of force, complaint processes, alternatives, mental health, women in jail, and the role of the Inspector General.

**When: Thursday, October 2nd, 6:00pm**

**Where: Mercado La Paloma, 3655 S. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles**

This event is free to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

“The community should be at the forefront of conversations regarding the Custody Division,” says Dignity and Power Now Interim Co-Director Mark-Anthony Johnson. “This town hall will provide everyone with the chance to have transparent dialogue with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department and the Office of the Inspector General — something which the community should *always* have the power to do.”

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