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Conference Room

THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF VIOLENCE IN L.A JAILS (C2ESV) PROPOSES COMPREHENSIVE MODEL OF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT

Los Angeles – The Coalition to End Sheriff Violence in LA Jails is launching a report researched and drafted by students from the UCLA School of Law International Human Rights Clinic that outlines a comprehensive model of civilian oversight of the Sheriff's Department. Members of the coalition and supporters will brief the media on key components of the report. In late June, the County Supervisors are expecting the new Inspector General and the Interim Sheriff to present their report and findings on the notion of a permanent civilian oversight body for the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.

Speakers will include:

Patrisse Cullors - Executive Director of Dignity and Power Now/ The Coalition to End Sheriff Violence

Reverend Cecil Chip Murray - Former Commissioner of the Citizens' Commission on Jail Violence.

Miriam Krinsky - Attorney and former Executive Director of the Citizens' Commission on Jail Violence.

Sandra Neal - Member of the Coalition and mother of a survivor of deputy violence.

- The eight-page report synthesizes research of civilian oversight models across the country. The document provides a thorough

breakdown of the functions and capacities of an effective community based civilian oversight body.

- The report proposes that the Civilian Review Board will direct the functions of the new Office of Inspector General while prioritizing the input, complaints, and voices of communities directly impacted by Sheriff violence.
- The report has been submitted to the five County Supervisors, the Office of Inspector General, and the Sheriff's Department. The Coalition urges them to support permanent civilian oversight that has the power and community backing to hold the largest Sheriff's Department in the country accountable for any future abuses.