

Join Times staff writers Robert Faturechi and Abby Sewell for a discussion at 1 p.m. Wednesday on civilian oversight of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

L.A. County Supervisors on Tuesday voted for the newly appointed inspector general to work with interim Sheriff John L. Scott to study setting up a civilian commission that would oversee the department. Supervisors also appeared interested in trying to create a commission with sufficient legal authority so that it is not purely an advisory body. That step, though, would likely require legislative action at the state level.

Since the proposal was initially floated, federal authorities have indicted 20 current and former officials at the sheriff's department.

Sheriff Lee Baca, who earlier endorsed a civilian oversight commission, has also since stepped down.

While Baca made his support for such a commission clear, Scott said only that he is "OK with the concept" but wanted to know more about how the body would be structured.

During Wednesday's chat, readers can submit their questions and comments to the chat moderator via Twitter, @aribloomekatz, or through the L.A. Times homepage, where the chat will be streamed starting at 1 p.m.

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