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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

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Lancaster Station Community Advisory Committee
Lancaster, California

Dear Lancaster Station Community Advisory Committee members:

LANCASTER STATION RESPONSE TO CAC RECOMMENDATIONS

The Lancaster Sheriff's Station Community Advisory Committee (CAC) published its fourth annual report to document the community engagement efforts of Lancaster Sheriff's Station between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021. On pages 11 through 14 of the CAC's 4th Annual Report, the CAC made the following recommendation to Lancaster Station to help improve the overall relationship between the Sheriff's Department and the community:

- Discussions on multiple topics in regards to recruitment of African American Deputies, Coffee with a Deputy, Community Engagement, and Spanish-language at public events, were mentioned in these meetings. All of these suggestions were taken into consideration.

The Training and Scheduling Unit has conducted off-site recruitment efforts to Lancaster Station which consist of going to Pitchess Detention Center and speaking to a diverse group of Custody Deputies, many of which reside in the Antelope Valley. Not only was off-site recruitment conducted, but Lancaster Station has implemented a Patrol Preparation Program for Custody Deputies who have an interest in coming out to patrol in Lancaster. The Patrol Preparation Program brought about an excellent, diverse culture of Custody Deputies interested in patrol. Positive information was given to the deputies to reassure them that working in their community can bring about positive results that will be seen by the deputy as they continue to work hard and immerse themselves in their community to which they have a vested interest in.

It was stated by the CAC that Coffee with a Deputy was only held at Crazy Otto's restaurants. As a solution to this recommendation, Lancaster Sheriff's Station will host Coffee with a Deputy, in which the station will provide free coffee and pastries while having open dialogue with the community in a safe location.

Community Engagement has continued to be priority for Lancaster Station. Due to COVID, community engagement has slowed down, but never stopped. Lancaster Station has conducted online community engagement via Zoom Workshops. These workshops involved speaking with at-risk youth and college student. Throughout the year, the Zoom Workshops helped with staying in contact with Lancaster Sheriff's Station during quarantine. Due to the success of the workshops, Lancaster Station will continue to conduct them on a regular basis for the community members who cannot not physically attend.

Lancaster Sheriff's Station has multiple certified, bilingual personnel. The Community Relations team for Lancaster Station has a certified, Spanish-speaking Law-Enforcement Technician and Deputy. We will continue to provide Spanish translation during any event we attend. As a solution to the CAC's recommendation involving Spanish translation, Lancaster Station will ensure the flyers state that Spanish translation will be available.

Lancaster Sheriff's Station would like to recognize the hard work and effort of the Community Advisory Committee. The recommendations made will help reinforce the commitment of the Deputies at Lancaster Sheriff's Station to utilize the CAC. Additionally, it will help improve the relationship between the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and our Community.

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

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