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ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

March 12, 2020

Atherine Blanco
Committee Chair
Palmdale Station Community Advisory Committee
Palmdale, California

Dear Mrs. Blanco:

PALMDALE STATION RESPONSE TO CAC RECOMMENDATIONS

The Palmdale Sheriff's Station Community Advisory Committee (CAC) published its Third Annual Report to document the community engagement efforts of Palmdale Station between July 1, 2018, and June 30, 2019. On page 15 of the CAC's Third Annual Report, the CAC made the following recommendations to Palmdale Station to help improve the overall relationship between the Sheriff's Department and the community:

- Invite various departments within Palmdale Station to speak on local radio stations to talk about topics of concern to the community.
- Host a "Teen Summit" with local high schools and college students to address important issues such as human trafficking and marijuana use.
- Host friendly sporting events between the Sheriff's Department and local students.

Palmdale Station hosts and/or participates in several local community events to improve the relationship between the Sheriff's Department and our community. In response to the recommendations of the CAC, Palmdale Station has included the following community events:

- On October 1, 2019, deputies from Palmdale Station spoke on the "La Tia & Jorge" show ("Le Padre" – 104.9FM), a Spanish radio show. On October 16, 2019, Palmdale Station deputies spoke on "La Yesenia's" Spanish talk radio show ("Hermosa" – 1470 AM). On January 27, 2020, Palmdale Station deputies were featured on "Café Con Leche," a Spanish talk radio show ("Hermosa" – 1470 AM) and on February 4, 2020, they

appeared on "Una Luz en el Desierto," a Spanish religious talk radio show. During these appearances, deputies spoke about upcoming community events hosted by Palmdale Station, holiday safety tips, and how to report crimes, emphasizing the Sheriff's Department's policy of non-immigration enforcement. They also encouraged listeners to actively participate in local Neighborhood Watch programs.

- Palmdale Station is currently working with the CAC and various other stations and units within the Sheriff's Department to host a "Teen Summit" at the Chimbole Cultural Center in Palmdale. The event, named "Minor Discussion" is planned to discuss: human trafficking; marijuana and tobacco laws and effects; and "a day in the life of a sheriff's deputy." The event was scheduled to be held on Monday, March 16, 2020, however due to the recent coronavirus pandemic, was cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.
- On August 31, 2019, 10 deputies from Palmdale Station met with approximately 50 children and parents participating in a local youth football game. The deputies spoke with the players, coaches, and parents and showed their support of the youth in our community. On December 13, 2019, approximately 10 deputies from Palmdale Station met with students from Highland High School in Palmdale and supported the school football team by participating in a pep rally and joining the students as they escorted the football team's bus.

These events reinforce the commitment of the deputies at Palmdale Station to utilize the CAC to help improve the relationship of the Sheriff's Department and our community.

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

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Ronald T. Shaffer, Captain
Palmdale Station