



BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON PUBLIC SAFETY

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TO: Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chairman
Supervisor Hilda L. Solis
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SUBJECT: Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Safety – November 2017 Update (Item No. 2, Agenda of August 15, 2017)

On August 15, 2017, your Board approved a [motion](#) by Supervisor Kathryn Barger and Supervisor Janice Hahn to establish a Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Safety (Commission). The Commission was tasked with conducting a robust and in-depth analysis of department-specific strategies, challenges, and opportunities presented by Public Safety Realignment (AB 109), Proposition 47, and Proposition 57.

Your Board directed the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CCJCC) to staff the Commission and the Chief Executive Office, Office of County Counsel, and other County departments to provide additional support needed. Your Board also requested that the Commission provide 90-day progress reports to your Board. This report is the first such report and provides an overview of the Commission's formation and launch.

Establishment of Commission Membership

Per the approved Board motion, Commission membership is comprised of representatives from designated justice, public safety, health, and government agencies, as well as appointments from each Board office.

CCJCC staff worked with the specified agencies identified in the motion, and each formally designated its member representative to the Commission. However, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation – which was also identified in the motion – ultimately indicated that it would not be able to participate as a formal member.

In addition, with the support of the Executive Office's Commission Services Division, CCJCC staff worked with your offices to process Board appointments to the Commission. Appointments were confirmed by your Board at the October 24th Board meeting.

The current Commission member roster is attached.

Launch of Commission Meetings

The Commission held its first meeting on October 30th at the Hall of Justice. Following introductory comments by Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Supervisor Janice Hahn, and Sheriff Jim McDonnell, the agenda addressed various administrative matters, including an overview of the Brown Act by County Counsel staff, the election of the chair and co-chair, and the selection of a labor-law enforcement organization to be represented on the Commission.

- ***Election of Chairperson and Co-Chairperson*** – Pursuant to the Board motion, the chair and co-chair were elected by the Commission’s membership.

Members elected Judge Stephen Larson as Chair of the Commission. Chair Larson is a former United States District Judge and former Chief of the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Los Angeles. Chair Larson is currently a partner in the law firm of Larson O’Brien, LLP. He also serves on the Board of Directors of National Community Renaissance, a national non-profit organization that aims to promote healthy communities through the development of affordable housing and the provision of other social services.

Members elected Troy Vaughn as Co-Chair. Co-Chair Vaughn has over 20 years of experience in executive roles for Los Angeles area non-profits, including Shields for Families, Lamp Community, and Weingart Center for the Homeless. He is currently the Executive Director and Chair of the Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership, a network of organizations throughout Los Angeles County dedicated to creating viable housing and employment solutions and system-wide change for formerly justice-involved individuals.

- ***Selection of Labor-Law Enforcement Organization*** – The approved Board motion identified specific agencies/organizations by name whose representatives serve on the Commission and also established one member seat representing the labor-law enforcement community. At its first meeting, the Commission selected the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS) to fill the labor-law enforcement community membership seat on the Commission.

Planning Process and Next Steps

The Commission aims to convene two meetings in December (dates pending) and will establish a set schedule for meetings thereafter. It is anticipated that meetings will be held on a monthly basis.

As discussed at the first meeting, the Commission will initially focus on information gathering and the review of existing reports and data, as much data and information has already been collected related to AB 109, Proposition 47, and Proposition 57. CCJCC staff is coordinating with County departmental staff and other stakeholders to identify pertinent information for the Commission’s review and to determine the best manner for presenting it to the Commission.

During the information gathering and review process, the Commission will identify gaps in data and consult County departments and other stakeholders for additional information that can inform its work.

The Commission is in its early stages, and the structure and process for fully addressing the deliverables outlined by the Board will continue to be discussed at upcoming meetings. For example, given the size of the commission and the various deliverables, the Commission has discussed the potential establishment of ad hoc work groups at future meetings to address specific deliverables.

The Commission will also develop a framework for future reports to your Board on its work, including immediate, short-term, and long-term recommendations, as requested by your Board. In the meantime, CCJCC has established a webpage to support the Commission and share information among members and with the public. It can be accessed at <http://ccjcc.lacounty.gov/Blue-Ribbon-Commission>.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mark Delgado, Executive Director of CCJCC, at (213) 974-8399 or via email at mdelgado@ccjcc.lacounty.gov.

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