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Attorney General Rob Bonta Office of the Attorney General 1300 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814-2919

RE: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department - Penal & Vehicle Code **Enforcement**

Dear Attorney General Bonta,

The City of Paramount is a proud member of the Contract Cities Association (CCCA), a local government advocacy association currently representing 80 cities and nearly 8 million residents in Southern California. CCCA was founded in 1957 to represent the collective interests of all 42 cities that contract for law enforcement services with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD).

CCCA have recently been apprised of ongoing negotiations between your office and Los Angeles County that could severely limit LASD's ability to enforce penal (PC) and vehicle code (VC) violations throughout Los Angeles.

The City of Paramount and CCCA are deeply concerned that the results of these negotiations would limit LASD's ability to enforce existing laws in our communities. As you may know, not every city in Los Angeles and Southern California contracts with LASD. These restrictions are likely to adversely impact public safety in our cities and create a disparate application of the law throughout Los Angeles County. This could potentially cause confusion among neighboring jurisdictions, as it could be difficult to ascertain which laws are enforceable across jurisdictions.

Holding LASD to a different set of rules than all other law enforcement agencies in California is a disservice to deputies and to the communities they serve. Each of the 80 member cities place public safety as their highest priority, which is the primary reason these negotiations are so concerning and important to the City of Paramount.

The City of Paramount fully supports progressive policing policies in accordance with applicable constitutional guidelines and holds law enforcement accountable when these tenets are violated. A significant part of the move toward more progressive policies should include state funds for training and technology. For the following reasons, the City of Paramount strongly supports the California Contract Cities Association and its efforts to raise awareness about their concerns regarding the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Penal and Vehicle Code enforcement. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact City Manager John Moreno at (562) 220-2225. We appreciate your time and consideration.

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Cc: Honorable State Senator Lena Gonzalez, 33rd District

Honorable Congresswoman Nanette Barragan, 44th District Honorable Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, 62nd District Kristine Guerrero, Public Affairs Director, League of California Cities

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