



# Boyle Heights

Neighborhood Council

## A Resolution in Solidarity with the families who have lost sons to LASD

WHEREAS on June 18, 2020, 18-year-old Andrés Guardado was shot five times by a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) deputy, after which nearby business owners reported [the warrantless seizure and destruction of area video surveillance footage](#) by sheriff deputies and Sheriff Alex Villanueva placed a "[security hold](#)" on the autopsy, but the [L.A. County Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner](#) defied that hold, released the autopsy that ruled Guardado's death a homicide, and initiated an inquest into Guardado's killing -- the first of its kind in 30 years -- prior to which, Deputy Art Gonzalez [testified](#) that the deputy who killed Guardado was a prospective member of the "Executioners," a deputy gang operating from the Compton Sheriff's Station and [one of 18 deputy gangs that have historically operated in LASD](#); and

WHEREAS the murder of Andrés Guardado by deputies was part of a [45% increase](#) in LASD [shootings in 2020](#) alone as compared to 2017-18 levels, joining the killings of [Dijon Kizzee](#), [Fred Williams III](#), [Dana Malik Young](#), [Anthony Vargas](#), [Paul Rea](#) and [at least 13 others](#) just since the murder of George Floyd, despite uprisings led by Black Lives Matter to demand police accountability and community investment, including in L.A. County, where [nearly 80% of the 928 people killed by police since 2000 were Black or Latinx](#), yet only two police officers have been charged;

WHEREAS Sheriff Villanueva [has been called to resign by the Civilian Oversight Commission](#); has [stonewalled](#) requests from the Office of Inspector General regarding deputy shootings; has sued the county to block and avoid a subpoena to be questioned about LASD's deputy gangs, continuing to waste taxpayer money; has allowed deputies to [harass and intimidate grieving families](#) seeking justice; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council, in solidarity with the family of Andrés Guardado and Paul Rea on the one-year anniversary of their death this June 2021, condemns the perpetuation and protection of deputy gangs within LASD; calls for transparency and accountability from all police forces, from rank-and-file officers to the publicly-elected sheriff; demands an end to policies and practices that contribute to police brutality and killings and its disproportionate impact on Black and Chicano/Latino communities; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council urges the resignation of Sheriff Villanueva and officers who evade responsibility for police killings of civilians.

Community Sponsors: Black Lives Matter-LA, ACLU of Southern California, National Lawyers Guild, UNITE HERE Local 11, TransLatin@ Coalition, Centro CSO: Community Service Organization, *more pending*

In solidarity,

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