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Honorable Kathryn Barger
Member, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, 5th District
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 8th Floor
500 W Temple St., Room 869
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: ITEM 51-C, OPPOSE

The Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS) strongly opposes Item 51-C on today's Board hearing agenda. On behalf of more than 7,900 sworn personnel dedicated to providing quality public safety services for Los Angeles County residents and businesses, we believe this measure is a step in the wrong direction.

From strictly a public safety perspective, this measure seeks to cut vitally needed resources from the Sheriff's Department and District Attorney's Office without regard for the severe underfunding both agencies already endure.

As a certified bargaining unit representative, we can only guess how many layoffs this measure will cause to our members and other AFL-CIO represented union members.

Among the many other issues, it is clear to us that reassigning ten percent of the Net County Costs to allocations that are dictated by charter, and not your elected Board, and not your successors, constitutes bad government policy that takes budgetary control away from elected officials.

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We would prefer to convey these and other issues to you, personally, rather than by letter or by testimony at your Board hearing tomorrow. We urge you to meet with us and the other labor organizations directly impacted by this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Hernandez', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ron Hernandez, President
Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs

Cc: Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis
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