

**Marina del Rey
Lessees Association**

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April 27, 2022

The Honorable Holly J. Mitchell
Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple Street, Room 866
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: Funding deputies for Marina del Rey Sheriff's Station

Dear Supervisor Mitchell:

The Marina del Rey Lessees Association, composed of nearly all of the residential, hospitality, commercial, and anchorage leaseholds in Marina del Rey, is committed to the County's vision of Marina del Rey as a "vibrant destination" for residents and visitors and as a "desirable place to recreate and live," as noted in the Marina del Rey Vision Statement adopted in September 2014 (Department of Regional Planning).

As part of this vision for our community, quality of life has always been a key issue for maintaining Marina del Rey as a safe place for residents and visitors from all over the County to visit and enjoy the many water-oriented and land-based recreational amenities, in addition to the hotels, restaurants and shopping experiences.

County supervisors representing unincorporated Marina del Rey have recognized the importance of funding the assignment of two additional Sheriff's deputies sharing the daily patrol of our community to address "quality of life" issues and provide "Care First" intervention that assists those in need of compassionate care and supportive services in sensitive situations.

The Marina del Rey Sheriff's Station operates with a limited number of deputies that respond to crime and law enforcement issues. They have two additional deputies that are specially trained to use a "Care First" approach in dealing with "quality of life" issues. These deputies offer supportive services, crisis intervention, and housing referrals to individuals in vulnerable situations.

It should also be noted that the Marina Sheriff's station covers significant areas not immediately adjacent to Marina del Rey, including Ladera Heights, Baldwin Hills and View Park/Windsor Hills. The presence of the two additional deputies assigned to "quality of life" in Marina del Rey does allow for regular patrol deputies to respond to the most exigent circumstances in areas outside of the Marina if there is a shortfall of law enforcement resources at any given time.

The Marina del Rey Lessees Association and the thousands of residents, workers and visitors in our community would appreciate your careful consideration of continuing to provide the funding necessary for the two additional Sheriff's deputies committed to a "Care First" approach of helping those most in need of a variety of supportive services.

We look forward to working with the Second District in a cooperative spirit of maintaining and enhancing Marina del Rey as, according to the Marina del Rey Vision Statement, "a vibrant, sustainable, pedestrian-/visitor-/resident-/ and boater-friendly destination that supports water-oriented activities, provides low-cost access to the water, contains a variety of shopping and dining experiences, and is a premier location where people want to play, relax, and live." A safe and secure community is essential to fulfilling the promise of our community's vision.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kelly King" followed by a stylized flourish or initials.

Kelly King

President, Marina del Rey Lessees Association

cc: Claudia Gutierrez, Office of Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell
Gary Jones, Director, Department of Beaches and Harbors
Chief April Tardy, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Captain Chris Johnson, Marina del Rey Sheriff's Station
Members, Small Craft Harbor Commission