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TO: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Chair
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FROM: Max Huntsman
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SUBJECT: REPORT BACK ON TRUTH ACT FORUM – LASD INMATE LOCATOR
SYSTEM AND PUBLIC ACCESS TO INMATE RELEASE INFORMATION

Purpose of Memorandum:

On October 29, 2019, the Board of Supervisors asked the Office of Inspector General (OIG) to provide the Board with information on the Department's inmate locator servers and any other publicly available server.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) allows the public to locate an inmate via their public website by inputting the inmate's full name and date of birth in their inmate locator.¹ In 2017, LASD added two additional links to their public website:

- 1) On January 6, 2017, LASD published a link on its public website that lists the names, booking numbers and *projected* release dates of inmates. This link provides anticipated release dates as far out as 2028.²
- 2) On June 17, 2017, LASD published another link on its public website that lists the names and booking numbers of all the inmates being released that day.³ This

¹ Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's Inmate Information Center, at:

http://app5.lasd.org/iic/?_ga=2.23572542.585899044.1574813061-460894037.1574813061

² Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's Inmate Release Report, at:

<http://shq.lasdnews.net/CrimeStats/CAASS/RELEASES.pdf>

³ Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's Pending Releases, at:

<http://shq.lasdnews.net/CrimeStats/CAASS/StationCourtReleases.pdf>

information is first displayed on a monitor at IRC's release area, then uploaded onto LASD's public website every five minutes.

To help protect victims of crimes, the Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) was created by Appriss Safety Solutions and provides concerned citizens access to timely and reliable information regarding an offender's custody status. Victims are able to call a toll-free number, visit www.vinelink.com, or use the VINELink mobile app to anonymously check on an offender's custody status. Victims can also register, free of charge to receive automated notifications about changes in that status via their choice of format; phone, email, or text. TTY (hearing impaired) service is also available.⁴

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office advises victims to register with VINE after an offender has been sentenced. General information regarding VINE is also provided on LASD's public website.⁵

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⁴ Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) at: <https://www.vinelink.com/#/home>

⁵ Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, VINE – Victim Information and Notification Everyday, at: <http://shq.lasdnews.net/pages/PageDetail.aspx?id=1723>