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**Re: The Guardado Family's Request for Immediate Release of Los Angeles
County Coroner's Autopsy Report of Andres Guardado**

Dear Supervisors & Ms. Wickham,

Our firm has been retained by Elisa and Cristobal Guardado, the parents of Andres Guardado, in connection with his death at the hands of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

We write to request the immediate release of the Los Angeles County Coroner's autopsy report of Andres Guardado. We have made similar requests to Sheriff Alex Villanueva, which have thus far been ignored.

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It is our understating that the Los Angeles County Medical Examiner's office completed the autopsy of Andres on June 21, 2020. The Sheriff's Department reportedly has placed the autopsy report under a "security hold" --- thereby preventing the report's release and the disclosure of the facts therein.

On June 18, 2020 at approximately 5:53 p.m., 18-year-old Andres Guardado was gunned down by a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department deputy who reportedly fired six (6) shots at Andres' back while he was running away from the shooting deputy and his partner.

We have been informed that Andres' body was left in the alley overnight, while the family waited to see their son and mourn his death, only to be denied any access to see him. Moreover, the entire time that their son's body was in the custody of the Los Angeles County Coroner's office, the family was also prevented from seeing him.

As of today, the results of the County's autopsy have not been disclosed, thus depriving the Guardado family from knowing what the County Medical Examiner's office's conclusions are regarding their son's death.

The Sheriff's Department has stated on one hand that it is "committed to transparency and strengthening community faith in the investigative process" – while simultaneously preventing the release of the autopsy report. What has been happening since June 18th is far from transparency.

We are requesting that you, the County Board of Supervisors, and Ms. Wickham, as County Counsel, intervene and arrange for the release of Andres' autopsy report. You are in a position to help the Guardado Family learn what the Medical Examiner's office concluded. Please take the necessary steps to have the autopsy report released, which will in turn help the family members as they deal with their grief, loss, and anger.

Sincerely,

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