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for Los Angeles County Sheriff 2022

Sheriff Alex Villanueva was sworn in as Sheriff on December 3, 2018.

Since that time:

1. There have been **(91) Federal and (43) State lawsuits filed against Sheriff Villanueva and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.** A record number of litigated violations and taxpayer responsible debt for defense and settlements. (Refer to www.lacourt.org & pcl.uscourts.gov)
2. Villanueva's comments and actions described as **racist.** During a training exercise at CRDF, Villanueva referred to a Black Custody Assistant as a **"knuckle dragger"** which the jailer interpreted as a **racial slur.** The county settled with the Custody Assistant for \$10,000.00 to avoid an embarrassing and racially charged court case. This isn't a statement of mistake. It is a bigoted state of mind. (Los Angeles Superior Court - Case #BC483047)
3. Sheriff Villanueva was **suspended as a sworn member** of the department as a supervisor for (5) days and (10) days **for allegedly failing to timely report derogatory statements by another employee.** These disciplinary matters and racist statements that continually occur within a lengthy career represent a long-term pattern of systemic failure to protect victims and allow victimization of others to flourish.
4. Sheriff Villanueva assigned a female deputy to closely work with him as his personal Administrative Deputy after his 2018 election win. The deputy had been involved in an on-duty traffic accident in 2017 that killed two boys, one 7-year-old and a 9-year-old. The investigation revealed the deputy was at fault for the accident and deaths. The lawsuit by the plaintiff's reveals and alleges, based on deputies' statements, that Robles-Placencia, (the female), was a "Banditos Associate" who was being supervised by a "shotcaller" for the gang at the time of the accident. It would seem apparent, based on Villanueva giving Robles-Placencia this **highly coveted administrative position** that all other females with stellar and recognized careers were bypassed to work in Villanueva's Sheriff's office. An indication of early biased promotion and placement based on who you know not what you know. (The County settled claim for deaths for \$5 million dollars) (May 12, 2020 & September 15, 2020)
5. Sheriff Villanueva is **killing misconduct investigations report finds.** (March 12, 2019)
6. LA County's (42) contract cities wrote a letter to Sheriff Villanueva expressing 'a unique set of concerns' with his actions which may lead the Board of Supervisors to defund the

Department leaving cities unsafe and deputies un-trained. This mass City collective of concerns is unprecedented as they realized Villanueva was reckless in his relationship with the Board of Supervisors who allocated the money county-wide. (April 24, 2019)

7. A Watchdog group slams LA Sheriff Villanueva over closed officer probes signifying a blatant **lack of transparency** from Villanueva revealing a **failed campaign promise**. (May 21, 2019)
8. Sheriff Villanueva accused of **sexist** remarks when describing female deputies during radio interview. Once again Villanueva projects his unprofessionalism and sexism. (June 6, 2019)
9. **Lawsuit filed against LASD** and County of Los Angeles by Does 1-100 by Deputy Concepcion Hernandez-Garcia **for sexual harassment and hostile working environment and retaliation** at East Los Angeles Station. Another Villanueva failure to handle and control a reported caustic environment knowingly needing attention. (June 24, 2019)
10. The FBI announces an investigation of a secret society of tattooed deputies at the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station as well as similar **gang-like groups elsewhere within the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department**. A direct reflection of this known issue not being addressed from within. (July 12, 2019)
11. Sheriff Villanueva denied he knew about 'degrading' searches of women at the CRDF Custody facility when he was a Lieutenant. **County memo refutes Villanueva's claim stating Villanueva knew about the strip searches**. (County paid out \$53 million dollars on this lawsuit while Villanueva was the assigned and responsible watch commander overseeing the jail and responsible to ensure that these types of actions, directly violating women's rights, were not administered or condoned). (July 17, 2019)
12. Sheriff Villanueva hired his son, who was reported by media sources, to have a **disqualifying background based on LASD standards**. (July 22, 2019).
13. Democratic Party rebukes L.A. Sheriff Villanueva. Some felt 'misled, almost conned.' (August 15, 2019)
14. Eight deputies file a **lawsuit against LASD**, and Sheriff Villanueva alleging a tattooed secret deputy gang society 'Banditos' exists at East Los Angeles Station. The lawsuit alleges:
 - a. Racial discrimination in violation of FEHA (CAL. GOV. CODE SECTION OF FEHA 12940 et. seq.);

- b. Failure to take all reasonable steps to prevent discrimination in violation of FEHA (CAL. GOV.CODE; SECTION 12940 et. seq,);
 - c. Harassment and hostile work environment in violation of FEHA (CAL. GOV. CODE SECTION 12940 et. seq,);
 - d. Retaliation in violation of FEHA (CAL. GOV. CODE SECTION 12940 et. seq,);
 - e. Battery;
 - f. Assault;
 - g. Negligence; Negligent hiring, Training, Supervision, and retention
 - h. Intentional infliction of emotional distress
 - i. Negligent infliction emotional distress
 - j. Deprivation of Civil Rights under STATE CODE #51 (UNRUH ACT) AND #52.1
 - k. Declaratory and injunctive relief
 - a. (LA Court case #19SCTV33158)
 - b. (August 18, 2019)
15. An amended lawsuit further describes a **violent gang in LA County unabated by Villanueva**. Its members are Deputy Sheriffs. (October 11, 2019)
16. Sheriff Villanueva rehires a corruption investigator who was accused of posing as a deputy sheriff in a bizarre jail incident questioning Villanueva's judgement, hiring practices and background checks. (October 23, 2019)
17. A Federal lawsuit targets vicious gangs composed of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies. (October 24, 2019)
18. A Sheriff's Lieutenant at West Hollywood Sheriff's Station accuses Sheriff Villanueva of bias against women. She alleges harassment, discrimination, retaliation at the hands of Sheriff Villanueva. (LA Court case #20STCV03294) (January 28, 2020)
19. Sheriff Villanueva says he's more concerned with protecting illegal immigrants than LA County residents from crime. (Article Leah Anaya Reporter). (February 16, 2020)
20. Sheriff Villanueva said he ordered deputies who took photographs of the Kobe Bryant helicopter crash site to destroy the photographs. This was administrative investigation evidence and possible criminal federal evidence purposefully destroyed by admitted order. This was thought out and carried out knowingly destroying critical evidence for self-serving purposes of protecting the violators and likely Villanueva's career. (Felony violation of Federal and State Laws). (March 2, 2020)

21. Sheriff Villanueva escalates tensions with ICE over agents arrest of illegal aliens. (March 12, 2020)
22. Sheriff Villanueva gave permission during the pandemic to start engaging in 'selective responses' to certain crimes.' He creates a suppression team designed to go into communities and enforce unconstitutional health laws imposing policing and government over-reach. Villanueva becomes the "Mask Police" completely consistent with his leftist thought process. He decimates detective units investigating crimes thereby endangering the public with continued crime sprees to create the unit that targeted families at gatherings for funerals, weddings, birthdays, and celebrations. (March 16, 2020)
23. Sheriff Villanueva reduced the jail population by more than (600) people and **was asking officers to cite and release offenders**, when possible, to protect inmates from the coronavirus while knowingly endangering the public by re-introducing offenders likely to repeat. (March 16, 2020)
24. Sheriff Villanueva is Anti- 2nd Amendment. During the pandemic Sheriff Villanueva was releasing inmates from jail. At the same time, Villanueva said, "Buying Guns is a Bad Idea" and "Doesn't Mix with People Staying at Home." **He believes in releasing criminals and suppressing the citizens right to protect themselves.** (March 20, 2020)
25. Sheriff Alex Villanueva and Los Angeles County are being sued by the NRA and three other groups for **ordering the closure of gun shops in Los Angeles County during the pandemic.** (January 20, 2022, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled, 'The Closure of Gun Stores was Unconstitutional and a Violation of Law'). Villanueva knowingly and politically targeted gun shops based on his political aspirations and beliefs as opposed to his duty to uphold the Constitution and protect other's rights. His hopeful way to reingratiate his beloved democratic socialists. (March 27, 2020)
26. Sheriff Villanueva was **removed by the Board of Supervisors as the head of Emergency Operations Center (EOC). He was deemed 'incompetent.'** This historic and monumental move, based on Villanueva's inability to manage and organize as viewed by the County Board, caused a critical setback to safety in LA County regarding major reactions to mass events. (March 27, 2020)
27. During the pandemic, Sheriff Villanueva said inmates being released was effective, however, he warned there may be a surge in crime because of their release. **Villanueva effectively knew he would increase crime and had no plan, but instead proceeded to place a crime wave in motion.** He is no different than Gascon. Gascon releases those and fails to file. Villanueva releases those convicted which is more concerning. (Public Safety Issue) (April 13, 2020)

28. Sheriff Villanueva freed thousands of prisoners during the pandemic and then boasted of this huge prisoner release. The media reports the sheriff **released 25% of inmates over coronavirus**, and now he said he is worried there might be a crime wave. (April 15, 2020)
29. Sheriff Villanueva threatened to close numerous bureaus, patrol stations, support units and unfunded patrol positions during the pandemic, but never followed through with it. It was a bluff and poorly planned call to cause more fear. (May 4, 2020)
30. Sheriff Villanueva refused to testify before the Office of Inspector General (OIG) and the Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) on departmental oversight matters breaking all campaign promises and solidifying his lack of cooperation and failed transparency. (May 7, 2020)
31. Sheriff Villanueva and Department of Children & Family Services clash over the plan for the Sheriff to perform random targeted child welfare checks during COVID-19. Villanueva's politically motivated checks were stated by DCFS to likely place children in danger with no probable cause. Some believed that Villanueva was trying to position himself to have unabated access to homes in violation of the 4th Amendment to apply health protocol and continued oversight of his political beliefs and targeted programs. (May 14, 2020)
32. Sheriff Villanueva is under investigation by a Watchdog group that is investigating allegations he covered up leaked photos of Kobe Bryant's death. (May 18, 2020)
33. Sheriff Villanueva once again **states he will not testify about jail conditions, defying subpoena from oversight commission**. It would appear Villanueva's lack of fixing, repairing and adjudicating massive mental health condition violations within his jail system was being hidden. (May 20, 2020)
34. On June 13, 2020, Sheriff Villanueva was in civilian attire speaking at Peterson Park in Diamond Bar/Walnut area at a 'Black Lives Matter' booth. Support of defund politics and a group that calls for the death of police officers. (Photographs are available) (June 13, 2020)
35. Change.org' initiated a 'RECALL PETITION FOR SHERIFF ALEX VILLANUEVA.' Recall Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva. (June 24, 2020)
36. Sheriff Villanueva is named in an L.A. Times Lawsuit over failure to release public records. (July 1, 2020)

37. OIG said Sheriff Alex Villanueva's comments on cuts to Special Victims, Cyber-crimes bureaus were 'false.' Villanueva is accused of misleading the public once again. (July 2, 2020)
38. An Attorney for a top female L.A. County Official accuses Sheriff Villanueva of defamation over Facebook Live comments. Clearly, **Villanueva continues to represent himself as a Sheriff violating basic manners and bullying others.** (July 23, 2020)
39. Los Angeles County Sheriff Villanueva made a **personal attack** and **sexist slur** against a member of the Board of Supervisors. The pattern of sexism and racism continues. (July 27, 2020)
40. Lawsuit of Deputy Sheriff's belonging to deputy gangs cost LA County \$55 million and Villanueva still is clueless on how to gain control and resolve the issue. (August 5, 2020)
41. Mayor Aja Brown and City Council called on the State for Investigation on Compton Sheriff's Deputies: Call follows allegations of violent sheriff's gang known as the 'Executioners.' Villanueva's failure to address deputy gangs has now resulted in unabated spreading of this phenomena department wide. (August 6, 2020)
42. Sheriff Villanueva has announced a permanent ban on ICE transfers once again choosing criminals over victims and feeding his liberal, progressive followers. (August 18, 2020)
43. Sheriff Villanueva refuses to turn 25,000 criminal illegal immigrants over to ICE indicating they will once again terrorize the public. (August 23, 2020)
44. LA County female CEO wins \$1.5 million harassment settlement against Sheriff Villanueva. (August 31, 2020)
45. Sheriff Villanueva's new policy banning his department from turning over any illegal immigrant criminals to ICE, no matter how serious the crimes, will result in innocent people – often immigrants themselves – being killed or raped, Homeland Security's No. 2 official said. (August 30, 2020)
46. Sheriff Villanueva's receives a letter from the ACLU. 'TELL L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF ALEX VILLANUEVA TO RESIGN.' (September 4, 2020)
47. A former federal judge who is a member of the LA County Citizens Oversight Commission (COC), **called for the resignation of Sheriff Villanueva.** (September 17, 2020)

48. Sheriff Villanueva is **called upon to resign** by Civilian watchdogs, (2) LA County Supervisors. (September 18, 2020)
49. Several LA County, City Officials **calling for Villanueva to resign**. (September 18, 2020)
50. Sheriff Villanueva is being sued by Vanessa Bryant over leaked helicopter crash scene photos. (September 22, 2020)
51. Democrats, we put sheriff Villanueva into office, so we must remove him. (September 30, 2020)
52. Villanueva realizes he needs politically to begin acting like he is a conservative or he will never be re-elected. (October 1, 2020)
53. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is reviewing allegations Villanueva falsely reported a crime when he accused the county's former Chief Executive Officer of violating conflict of interest laws in a referral to the State Attorney General's Office. (October 6, 2020)
54. Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission issues "**Resolution Expressing NO CONFIDENCE in Sheriff Villanueva's leadership**" and condemning his failure to cooperate with the commission. (October 15, 2020)
55. Sheriff Villanueva's refusal to provide misconduct roster led to sanctions, \$2-million judgment. **Villanueva's arrogance and refusals consistently are paid for from tax-payer dollars**. (October 18, 2020)
56. Sheriff Villanueva is being sued by the husband of woman killed in the Kobe Bryant crash over photos taken at scene. (December 22, 2020)
57. Sheriff Villanueva's top aide is accused of making a Japanese **racial slur** which seems to be the common thread surrounding Villanueva. (December 23, 2020)
58. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is facing Civil Rights Violation Investigations. (January 22, 2021)
59. Sheriff Alex Villanueva attempted to build a helipad close to his house in La Habra Heights on a plot of land that is owned by the Southern California Gas Company. Villanueva started building even after the owner said, "no." If taxpayer funds utilized this is a crime. If donated funds were used where is the reporting? No reporting, a crime. (February 10, 2021)

60. Sheriff Alex Villanueva said he will not honor a subpoena from the county Inspector General on what he knows about “deputy gangs” within the sheriff’s ranks. Could it be Villanueva himself is part of one of the infamous gangs?
(March 22, 2021)

61. A Fourth Amended Complaint is filed against the County and Sheriff Villanueva claiming:

- a. Conspiracy to interfere with Civil Rights under 42 U.S.C. #1985; Deprivation of Civil Rights under 42 U.S.C. #1983; Deprivation of Civil Rights under STATE CODE 51 (UNRUH) ACT) AND 52.1
- b. Taxpayer suit to prevent the illegal expenditure of funds (CAL.CODE CIV. PROC. 526A)
- c. Racial Discrimination in violation of FEHA (CAL. GOV. CODE SECTION 12940 et. seq,);
- d. Failure to take all reasonable steps to prevent Discrimination in violation of FEHA (CAL. GOV.CODE; SECTON 12940 et. esq,)
- e. Harassment and hostile work environment in violation of FEHA (CAL. GOV. SECTION 12940 et. esq,);
- f. Retaliation in violation of FEHA (CAL.GOV.CODE SECTION 12940 et. esq,);
- g. Unlawful retaliation; Labor Code 1102.55 (WHISTLEBLOWER LAW);
- h. Battery;
- i. Assault;
- j. Negligence; and
- k. Intentional inflictions of emotional distress

(March 22, 2021)

62. Sheriff Alex Villanueva put “Operation Homebound” into motion and ordered his deputies to ‘Forcibly Inject’ handicapped adults and children with COVID-19 shots. This would appear to be a **violation of human rights without authority and without research**. This was then and is now an experimental vaccine that deputies have zero business administering and police departments have no business injecting. (Video available)
(March 24, 2021)

63. Sheriff Villanueva is sued again. Judge rules the Sheriff will remain a Defendant in skateboarder’s lawsuit. (May 12, 2021)

64. Sheriff Villanueva said Deputy Gangs don’t exist, then states they are in every police department. Civil Lawsuit filed against the department contradicts the Sheriff’s statement. Flip flop, truth is disregarded, and politics prevails. (May 27, 2021)

65. Sheriff Villanueva and the department are **accused of fraud** by the City of Compton. Alleged is overbilling and fake service billing. (May 27, 2021)

66. Sheriff Villanueva hopes to curb homelessness on the Venice Boardwalk by 4th of July while taking unincorporated county deputies and leaving their jurisdiction without homeless police service. LA City is Not the Sheriff's policing jurisdiction but in search of votes for 2022 he leaves his area unprotected for headlines. (June 7 & 9, 2021)
67. The Los Angeles County Democratic party Tuesday adopted a resolution in solidarity calling on L.A. County Sheriff Alex Villanueva to resign. (June 9, 2021)
68. Sheriff Villanueva is under scrutiny for the rising crime in L.A. County. In many cases more than 100% increase. **Failed crime suppression with arrests down 30%**. Villanueva blames everyone else. – PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE! (June 10, 2021)
69. According to Sheriff Villanueva's news reports, more than (440) employees of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department have left the job as the end of April. No planning, no way to fill positions, **bad policy, failed recruitment, inept oversight**. (June 4, 2021)
70. Sheriff Villanueva claims there are no deputy gangs within the Sheriff's Department. Testimony contradicts the Sheriff's claims. Court files put Sheriff's claim in doubt. (June 29, 2021)
71. Sheriff Villanueva has new additional legal issues regarding deputy gangs as (17) New Defendants have been identified in an ongoing lawsuit against the 'Banditos' and LASD. (July 16, 2021)
72. Sheriff Villanueva has more than (100) weathered Sheriff's Black & White Ford Explorers currently parked in a dirt lot behind the motor-pool at Peter J. Pitches Detention Center. The vehicles appear as though they have been there a few years with rats eating the wiring and were purchased new but never made operational. Some report that the vehicles were not street ready because Villanueva refused TRUMP money. (Photos 09/01/2021)
73. LA Times reports Sheriff Villanueva has apparently started his own 'Secret Police' unit. His Civil Rights and Public Integrity Detail is claimed to target Villanueva's critics. A grim reminder of the 1940's. (September 23, 2021)
- 74. Sheriff Villanueva is known to be pro vaccine mandate and is forcing his employees to get vaccinated under threat of termination.** Five Los Angeles County employees file a lawsuit against their employer, alleging the vaccine mandate for county workers is unconstitutional. In reality, thousands of workers signed up in this lawsuit including Sherriff's deputies as John and Jane Does because they were afraid of Villanueva retaliation. (October 5, 2021)

75. Sheriff Villanueva, at 4am three days after the mandatory vaccination lawsuit is filed, has his Undersheriff change the Department's position from mandatory vaccination to Non-Mandatory Vaccination. **The Sheriff suddenly becomes an advocate for Non-Mandatory Vaccinations mere hours following what he believes will be another lawsuit which will implicate him in unconstitutional forced vaccinations.** Many deputies witnessed this miracle Villanueva transformation serving his political and self-survival interest. (October 6, 2021)
76. Sheriff Villanueva, despite claiming he is now non-mandatory vaccination, continues to order his employees to enter their personal and confidential information into the Fulgent tracking system causing release of employee information and ownership of employee information (including genetic data) to be owned by Fulgent. He forces his employees to enter their information under threat of termination if they refuse. **This violation of Hippa and of every employees constitutional right to privacy is forced by Villanueva.** (October 7, 2021)
77. Sheriff Villanueva's Vaccinations 'mandate,' is shrinking ranks. A total of (617) sheriff's department employees filed for early retirement in 2021. **Villanueva creates his own deputy shortage due to his negligence** in understanding the Nuremberg Code, vaccination patents, vaccination ingredients, religious exemption, the Constitution, the Peace Officer Bill of Rights and HIPPA Laws. (November 3, 2021)
78. Sheriff Villanueva is being sued for creating an atmosphere within the LA Sheriff's Department for **civil rights violations** and not only approved but encouraged. (November 9, 2021)
79. Sheriff Villanueva claims Fulgent is a Communist Chinese Company and discontinues the use of the data base. This is the same company Villanueva forced, at threat of termination, thousands of his employees to enter and compromise their personal information. **Villanueva's actions were reckless, unconstitutional and display his association with government control of health and vaccine status.** (December 3, 2021)
80. Sheriff Villanueva, his wife Vivian and a retired Deputy Sheriff, are being sued by a Deputy Sheriff assigned as a 'Recruit Training Instructor' at the academy, for **harassment and retaliation.** This lawsuit would be indicative of the rumors that the Sheriff's wife is deeply involved in making promotions, deselections and running the Department. (January 13, 2022)
81. Sheriff Villanueva stated **the crime stats show 94% jump in Homicides** in LA County and **13,600 Auto Thefts over the last year.** (January 20, 2021)

82. Sheriff Villanueva has legal issues in the jails regarding a Federal Court Order as Mental illness festers in L.A.'s jails and **Villanueva fails to meet mandates to protect the mentally ill.** (January 24, 2022)
83. Fulgent seeks to file lawsuit against LA County Sheriff's Department and Sheriff Villanueva for defamation leaving county taxpayers on the hook for thousands if not millions of dollars. What Sheriff would **force employees at threat of termination to enter data** when he had not researched the company? An inept Villanueva. (January 24,2022)
84. A new lawsuit says, 'YES,' Sheriff Villanueva and the LA County Sheriff's Department have gone back to 'rigged promotions' along with other forms of 'favoritism & corruption.' (January 26, 2022)
85. California Attorney General to Review Sheriff's Department cases deemed "politically motivated" by LA County lawyers. (KTLA) The potential and egregious outcome of this alleged **vindictiveness in weaponizing a police force to go after political enemies** is not a surprise to many who understand Villanueva's past and present behavior. (February 1, 2022)
86. Sheriff Villanueva forces deputies who have no symptoms of sickness to test with PCR, which has been stated to be ineffective by CDC, or be terminated. Department tests at Central Jail and the covid testing company mandates each deputy take two tests one after the other. Invasive violation of civil rights with no common sense. Vaccinated deputies who can get covid per CDC are not required to test asymptomatic. **Clear and decisive discrimination ordered by Villanueva.** This is concerning after Johns Hopkins University reported the vaccination can be administered through the testing process. (February 4, 2022)

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86 Bonus Points for Sheriff Alex Villanueva

Sheriff Alex Villanueva was sworn in as Sheriff on December 3, 2018. Since that time:

1. Sheriff Villanueva Accused of Running His Department 'Like a Prison Yard.'

"Substantial evidence exists to support the conclusion that the are gang-like, and their influence has resulted in favoritism, sexism, racism and violence," according to the report.

(October 5, 2020 - City News Service)

2. Sheriff Villanueva sues LA County to stop the Inspector General subpoena for interview over deputy gangs.

(March 23, 2021 – Torrance Daily Breeze)

3. LA County Sheriff going home to home forcibly injecting Handicapped adults and children with COVID-19 shots

Why do uniformed deputies engage and assist in an unconstitutional public health vaccination process? On January 7, 2021, Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva put “Operation_Homebound” into motion.

(April 24, 2021 – Health Impact News)

4. LA County Supervisors’ Motion Addresses LASD’s “Continued Harassment and Retaliation” Against Families of Those Killed by Deputies.

(May 2, 2021 – Witness LA News)

5. Law school seeks details of Sheriff’s misconduct cases, Los Angeles County.

(May 3, 2021 – Daily News)

6. Secrecy clouds deputies who fire weapons. LA County Sheriff’s refusal to identify personnel and shootings runs counter to ruling by state’s high court.

(May 7, 2021 – Los Angeles Times)

7. Judge rules Sheriff Will remain a defendant in the skateboarder’s lawsuit.

A skateboarder won a round in court today when a judge ruled that Sheriff Villanueva will remain a defendant in the plaintiff’s lawsuit claiming he was falsely imprisoned by two deputies allegedly associated with an internal clique at the Compton station known as the ‘Executioners.’

8. A sheriff who won’t name the shooters. The California Supreme Court has ruled that law enforcement agencies must quickly release the names of officers involved in shootings.

(May 13, 2021-Torrance Daily Breeze)

- 9. Sheriff Villanueva says Deputy gangs don't exist, are also in every police department. "If someone can find a gang member who wears tan and green, please let me know."**

(May 27, 2021- KNOCK LA)

- 10. Sheriff's Department is accused of fraud. City of Compton accused the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department of "rampant" fraud**

City of Compton claims that the agency routinely charges for patrol work that is not done.

(May 27, 2021 - Los Angeles Times)

- 11. on June 6, 2021, the Los Angeles Democratic Party voted on a motion to formally call for the removal of LA County Sheriff Alex Villanueva. The motion passed, with 91% of its members voting in favor.**

LA County Democratic Party calls for Sheriff Villanueva's resignation. Citing deputy gangs and the LASD, the party that endorsed Villanueva in 2018 is now asking for his removal. Update:

(June 2, 2021 – KNOCK LA)

- 12. Sheriff Villanueva must meet inspector general. Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva long-standing refusal to meet with the county's Inspector General about "secret societies" within the sheriff department drags on.**

(June 3, 2021 - Torrance Daily Breeze)

- 13. Over 440 LA County deputies have left this year, as sheriff calls violence, homelessness 'existential threats.'**

More than 440 employees Los Angeles County Sheriff Department have left the job as of the end of April already over half of the total number of personnel who did so during each year in recent history. Fed up and disgruntled no reason to stay.

(June 4, 2021 – Fox News)

- 14. Los Angeles County Sheriff Villanueva said he would be sending deputies out to Venice Beach Tuesday morning. Even though the beach lies within the Los Angeles police department's jurisdiction.**

Sheriff Villanueva is sending deputies to Venice Beach encampments. Villanueva said the homeless crisis was forcing his hand and he was going to get involved

(June 7, 2021 - CBS2/KCAL9 News)

- 15. LA County Democratic Party calls on Sheriff Villanueva to resign.**

The Los Angeles County Democratic party Tuesday adopted a resolution in solidarity with the family of Andres Guardado calling on LA County Sheriff Villanueva to resign.

(June 9, 2021 – CBS2/KCAL9 News)

- 16. In a move some criticized as exploiting the homelessness crisis for political gain, Los Angeles County Sheriff Villanueva sent deputies Tuesday to Venice Boardwalk.**

Sheriff Villanueva's plan for boardwalk criticized as being political. to begin to fulfill his pledge to clear the area of homeless encampments by July 4.

(June 9, 2021 – Torrance Daily Breeze)

- 17. The L.A. County Democratic Party is calling on Sheriff Alex Villanueva to resign, accusing him of "perpetuating a culture of police brutality" among his more than 9000 deputies and failing to rid the department of "deputy gangs."**

LA Democrats helped elect Sheriff Villanueva now they want him out.

(June 9, 2021 - LAist News)

- 18. Pressure Mounts on LA County Sheriff Villanueva to resign**

Board groups join resignation effort. LA County Democratic Party latest to call for resignation.

(June 9, 2021 – California Globe)

19. According to new crime stats just released by Villanueva the crime rate for 2021 compared to this time in 2020 is going in the wrong direction... and fast.

No surprise as many crimes-increase in L.A. County – Public safety Issue. Surprisingly absolutely no one who lives here, crime in Los Angeles County is up across the board.

(June 10, 2021 – Torrance Daily Breeze)

20. Venice groups condemn sheriff's actions toward homeless.

Several Venice organizations have criticized the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department saying it is calling for the “forced displacement and criminalization of unhoused people” on the boardwalk.

(June 13, 2021 – Torrance Daily Breeze)

21. Warrant: Sheriff investigating commissioner's nonprofit.

L.A. Metro. He previously undisclosed search warrant served at the headquarters of the LA Metropolitan transit Authority in March indicates Sheriff's detectives are digging into a potential felony involving a contract between Metro and peace over violence, a nonprofit run by a civilian oversight commissioner critical of Sheriff Alex Villanueva in the past.

(June 19, 2021 – Torrance daily Breeze)

22. L.A. County watchdog demands Sheriff's Department release oversight information it has 'intentionally impeded.'

(June 20, 2021 – Torrance Daily Breeze)

23. Op-Ed: Villanueva's bogus Venice Beach 'outreach' is just a cover for criminalizing homelessness.

Sheriff Villanueva's deployment of armed deputies to the Venice Boardwalk is at best a desperate political stunt and at worst a continuation of a long history of punitive abuse of poor people in Los Angeles.

(June 28, 2021 – Los Angeles Times)

24. Do threats, extortion, and ongoing failure to cooperate make civilian oversight of the LA Sheriff's Department completely impossible?

Los Angeles County Sheriff Villanueva continues to act as if he and the department he has led since December 3, 2018, when he was officially sworn in after his dark horse election victory, have no real obligation to cooperate with LA's two oversight entities.

(June 28, 2021 – Witness LA News)

25. Testimony contradicts Sheriff Villanueva's claims about handling of the banditos at East L.A. Station.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Villanueva has repeatedly touted what he says was his first act in office in December 2018: removing the Capt. of East LA Station, or a group of tattooed deputies known as the 'Banditos' ran roughshod and dictated where deputies would be assigned.

(June 29, 2021 – Los Angeles Times)

26. Court files put Sheriff's claim in doubt. Villanueva's account of his handling of Banditos deputy group is contradicted by new station leader.

(July 1, 2021 – Los Angeles Times)

27. Sheriff suffers setback in bid to avoid subpoena from L. A. County Inspector General to discuss deputy gangs.

(July 8, 2021 – Torrance daily Breeze)

28. Letter to the Editor: Sheriff Villanueva's autocratic leadership style puts L.A. in danger.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Villanueva needs to be removed from office. He is running his department as an autocratic leader, thwarting existing laws in forms, and doing whatever he feels like. He has acted in ways that protect alleged deputy gangs. When a deputy suspected of trying to become a member of such gang killed 18-year-old by shooting him in the back five times. Villanueva mocked the county's effort to investigate shooting.

(June 14, 2021 – Los Angeles Times)

- 29. Deputy alleges harassment, discrimination by purported LASD gangs. A white Sheriff Lieutenant who said he had given up hope on a baseball career to join law enforcement, said he was harassed by two alleged deputy gangsters and targeted for his race.**

(July 28, 2021 – California News Time & A.V. Times)

- 30. The local Democratic Party establishment that helped him elect his law-and-order Democrat 2018 has turned against him, suggesting an uphill battle.**

Los Angeles County Sheriff Alejandro Villanueva thinks he can survive at the ballot box and 2022. Knowing he can't win democrats, Villanueva begins a charade of conservative values to appeal to desperate republicans.

(August 17, 2021 – City Journal.org)

- 31. Artist inked 'Banditos' tattoo months after Sheriff ban deputy cliques.**

A Los Angeles County sheriff deputy received an alleged "Banditos" tattoo six months after new policy ban cliques in the department, according to the tattoo artist who inked it.

(August 23, 2021 – Spectrum News 1)

- 32. Sheriff Villanueva demotes high-ranking official who is trying to unseat him.**

In a letter last week Villanueva notified the individual he was being demoted from Chief to Commander. It was, a Sheriff's Department spokesman indicated, and unapologetic move to shut a competitor out from planning meetings that the Sheriff regularly holds with senior staff.

(September 7, 2021 – Los Angeles Times)

- 33. RAND report: Deputy cliques pose problems for LASD.**

(September 14, 2021 – Spectrum News 1)

34. 'EXECUTIONERS,' 'Reapers,' and 'Banditos': Gangs of Sheriff's deputies are wreaking havoc in L.A. a new official report finds efforts to clean up the decades old gang culture within the department are failing.

(September 14, 2021 – Rolling Stone)

35. Petty sheriff strips a chief's badge in spite.

It won't be the first time a gamer, a player, a Big Kahuna in office politics, feeling threatened by a rival, demoted him because he had the power to. But when Sheriff Alex Villanueva stripped a Chiefs badge off a longtime star in the Sheriff's Department after that chief announced he's running for the county's top law enforcement job, that's not just office politics as usual.

(September 16, 2021 – Torrance Daily Breeze)

36. Sheriff can ban deputy cliques, attorney says. LA County lawyers contradict his claims about cracking down on gang -like groups.

LA County Sheriff Alex Villanueva has spoken against what he calls a "witch hunt" of officers.

(September 17, 2021 - Los Angeles Times)

37. His deputies got caught forming gangs, but LA's Sheriff is 'too busy' to talk about it.

What happens when a chief law enforcement officer acts like he's above the law? Embattled Los Angeles Sheriff Villanueva is refusing to comply with a subpoena from the county's Civilian Oversight Commission motion for flouting the commission, insisting only that he's "booked for the entire day."

(September 21, 2021 - Rolling Stone)

38. L.A. Sheriff trashes RAND report on Deputy gangs, refuses subpoena to talk to LASD Oversight Commission, & claims that County Counsel's legal opinion on Deputy gangs is laughable.

(September 22, 2021 – Witness LA)

39. Sheriff Villanueva dismisses report on Deputy ‘Gangs’ calls them ‘people who go to the river and party.’

LA County Sheriff Villanueva on Wednesday largely dismissed A RAND Corporation report on Deputy subgroups or “gangs” within his department, saying the survey of more than 1600 of his deputies overstated any problem.

(September 22, 2021 – LAist)

40. L.A. Sheriff has his own goon squad to fight political enemies oversight Board alleges.

L.A. County Sheriff Villanueva is targeting his critics using a little-known investigative unit of deputies to open criminal inquiries on his political enemies, according to the Civilian Oversight Commission.

(September 23, 2021 – Daily Beast)

41. Los Angeles County Sheriff Villanueva berated other public officials in the media Wednesday at a news conference that was supposed to be about a recent report that deputy led gangs are still active within the department.

Sheriff disputes report of deputy- led groups.

(September 23, 2021 - Torrance Daily Breeze)

42. Unit accused of being sheriff ‘secret police.’ L.A. County deputies have pursued cases involving Villanueva’s most vocal critics.

On paper the deputies are scattered around the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department in various assignments. A third is assigned to a gang crime unit.

(September 23, 2021 - Los Angeles Times)

43. Watchdog panel to review of L.A. Sheriff’s unit for possible crimes, intimidation.

A watchdog panel that oversees the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department on Thursday asked County attorneys to look into whether a special investigative unit has targeted critics of Sheriff Alex Villanueva who broke the law.

(September 23, 2021 - Los Angeles Times)

44. Panel: Is sheriff abusing his power?

Watchdog commission once review, contends Villanueva has a pattern of investigating enemies.

(September 24, 2021 – Torrance Daily Breeze)

45. LA County panel requests County Counsel forward potential illegal activity to the California Atty. General.

The sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission hosted a virtual meeting and acted on several important items including unanimously approving a motion requesting that Los Angeles County Counsel forward potential illegal activity by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) to the California Atty. General for investigation.

(September 24, 2021 – South Pasadenan)

46. Sheriff Villanueva lambasts Santa Monica's approach to downtown homelessness.

A crazy action when unincorporated LA County and contract cities are besieged by homeless

(September 29, 2021 – SMPD News)

47. Sheriff Villanueva ignored CYA (Cover Your Ass) warnings over whistleblower intimidation by LASD investigator.

(September 29, 2021 – The Current Report)

48. Sheriff Villanueva is pursuing the Trump-D Santos-Cruz political strategy of embracing outrageously anti-progressive initiatives to ensure highest name recognition in upcoming elections.

(October 14, 2021 - Malibu Times)

49. Is L.A. Sheriff Alex Villanueva rounding up a 'posse of cowboys?' Your L. A. County Sheriff Alex Villanueva, and you're in trouble. Multiple lawsuits against your deputies allege excessive force and wrongful deaths in encounters with civilians. L.A. County supervisors have openly talked about how to prematurely

end your four-year term. One of your supervisors and two more plan to run for the sheriff's seat in the next election.

(October 16, 2021 - Los Angeles Times)

50. Anti-Asian hate crime jumped in 2020 in L.A. County RACIAL VIOLENCE. Number of incidents recorded reached a 20-year high, statistics indicate.

(October 21, 2021 – Torrance Daily Breeze)

51. L.A. Sheriff Defiance invites federal role.

A responsible Sheriff would take seriously repeated reports of internal games of deputies that, as one Loyola Law school official put it, "foster a culture of violence and escalate uses of force against community members, including fatal shootings." Such a leader would not only investigate the matter, which would eagerly meet with County officials to report on his progress for dealing with such issues.

(October 26, 2021 – Torrance Daily Breeze)

52. Sheriff Villanueva must testify to his 'first-hand knowledge of the Kobe Bryant crash photo-sharing.

A federal judge on Tuesday ordered Los Angeles County Sheriff Villanueva to testify under oath in a lawsuit brought by Vanessa Bryant alleging that deputies shared gruesome photos of the crash scene for her husband, daughter and seven others who died.

(October 26, 2021 - Los Angeles Times)

53. County could settle suits over Bryant crash photos.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will consider approving a \$2.5 million settlement for two families suing over the unauthorized sharing of photos of the Kobe Bryant helicopter crash, in which their loved ones were also killed.

(November 1, 2021 - Los Angeles Times)

54. Urgent reminder that Villanueva is still a gun-grabber. In an interview with the Los Angeles Airport Peace Officers Association on November 11, 2021, LA County

Sheriff Alex Villanueva said if he could, he would ban the sale of all semi-automatic rifles and detachable magazines.

(November 11, 2021 – THE LAYOVER with LAAPOA)

55. 'Running against the woke left,' Can Sheriff Villanueva shift to the right work in L.A.? For a sheriff who swept into office by convincing liberal, progressive voters he was their candidate, Alex Villanueva is making strange moves these days.

(July 12, 2021 – Los Angeles Times)

56. Sheriff Villanueva says he 'encouraged' destruction of the Kobe Bryant crash scene photos.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Villanueva told attorneys for Vanessa Bryant under oath that he encouraged deputies to delete photos taken at the scene of the helicopter crash that killed Kobe Bryant, couple's 13-year-old daughter and seven others.

(November 16, 2021 – City News Service)

57. Sheriff Villanueva said after discovering some of his deputies had shared images of the helicopter crash that killed Kobe Bryant and eight others last year, he directed the "photos never to see the light of day."

Sheriff Villanueva says he has No regrets. Destruction of evidence.

(November 17, 2021 - Los Angeles Times)

58. TWITTER MESSAGE: People's City Council of Los Angeles. Of course, Alex Villanueva is doing a fundraiser with the LA GOP. Have you heard anything he said in the past two years, it's been all reactionary right-wing rhetoric? @LA County Sheriff is a fascist.

(November 17, 2021)

59. ALEX VILLANUEVA TWITTER MESSAGE: @LACoSheriff Alex Villanueva is forbidding @LASDHQ personnel from participating in @LACountyCOC meetings.

(November 18, 2021)

60. ALEX VILLANUEVA TWITTER MESSAGE: Crime stats in Los Angeles County October 31, 2021, as compared to 2019. Homicide- UP 74.81%, All Aggravated Assaults Involving a Fireman – UP 73.26%, Unlawful Shootings – UP 73.50%, Motor vehicle Theft – UP 57.52%, Arrests – DOWN - 33.91%.

Defunding law enforcement has serious public safety consequences. (Villanueva picks a war with BOS and is surprised they react. Political ignorance and a dis-service to his employees).

(November 22, 2021)

61. ALEX VILLANUEVA INSTAGRAM MESSAGE: Los Angeles County Sheriff issues an urgent warning to residents. LEXIT CALIFORNIA on instream." LA County Sheriff just basically said that citizens are on their own. Be safe out there." Photograph on Instagram.

(November 24, 2021)

62. Dumped by Democratic Party, Sheriff Villanueva will headline LA County GOP winter wonderland party.

The Democratic Party was disappointed over his rehiring of the deputy who had been terminated over allegations of abuse and lying. Democrats are also frustrated by Villanueva's resistance to civilian oversight and what they saw as his refusal to stamp out secret deputy groups, which critics describe as gangs.

(December 3, 2021 – LAist)

63. This is the LAPD's jurisdiction and not LA County Sheriff's Department jurisdiction. Villanueva removes services from contract and unincorporated LA county.

TWITTER MESSAGE FROM ALEX VILLANUEVA: this morning, I was at Olvera Street to check up on the cleanup and outreach efforts by the @lasdhost (Homeless Outreach Services Team) HOST who has been working in collaboration with the city of Los Angeles and councilmember Kevin DeLeon in an effort to regulate public space. (December 6, 2021)

64. Sheriff Alex Villanueva L.A. County letter to the public citing progress under his leadership. ICE has been removed from the jails, patrol stations and court houses. This is a permanent moratorium on all transfers of undocumented

inmates to ICE. Federal SCAAP grant funds, previously taken in exchange for selling out the undocumented inmate database, have been summarily rejected. These milestones set me apart from my predecessors, but we didn't stop there.

(January 7, 2022 - South Pasadena)

65. L.A. County asked Judge to hold Villanueva in contempt.

The County of Los Angeles asked the judge to hold Sheriff Alex Villanueva in contempt for ignoring three subpoenas issued by the Oversight Commission last fall, in a court filing on Wednesday.

(January 13, 2022 – SCV (Santa Clarita Valley) News

66. LA Sheriff Deputy files lawsuit claiming her boss's wife stalled her career and insulted her in front of her colleagues for refusing to recruit unfit friend.

Deputy Lina Pimental said in a lawsuit filed in LA County Superior Court that her 'career progression has now been effectively terminated.'

Pimental's suit describes Vivian Villanueva's expletive-laden tirades against her after she claimed in her position that a friend was unqualified for a job.

Villanueva is the wife of LA County Sheriff Alex Villanueva and a former deputy herself.

Vivian Villanueva, the suit alleges, would be 'warning others to keep plaintiff away from her because, 'fk her, and I will go off on that b***h.'**

Villanueva is also accused of calling Pimental a 'C*' in full earshot of others.**

The Sheriff's office declined to comment on the allegations, citing pending litigation but issued a statement praising Alex Villanueva.

Referred to the Superior Court of the State of California County of Los Angeles - Central District court case number #22STCV01287.

(January 14, 2022 – Daily Mail.com)

67. A Federal appeals court rules LA County gun store closures were unconstitutional.

An order closing gun stores in the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic two years ago was unconstitutional a federal appeals court ruled. Alex Villanueva had ordered the gun stores in Los Angeles County closed on two separate occasions at the beginning of the alleged pandemic and had to rescind his orders immediately as County Counsel advised him, he could not legally close gun stores.

(January 20, 2022 & January 24, 2022 – Antelope Valley & Los Angeles Times)

68. Mental illness festers in LA jails. Six years after federal intervention, county inmates remain isolated and untreated.

A federal judge has given LA County jails until May 15 to meet benchmarks on the care of inmates. Many inmates of Los Angeles County jails who have serious mental illness continue to suffer in isolation and with little treatment more than six years after the Sheriff's Department reached a settlement with the federal government.

(January 24, 2022 – Los Angeles Times)

69. Sheriff Villanueva is being sued by the Coronavirus test provider.

The company that provides Los Angeles County with coronavirus testing said it plans to sue Sheriff Villanueva for defamation over claims the sheriff made alleging the company has links to the Chinese government.

(January 24, 2022 - Los Angeles Times)

70. Has the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department gone back to rigged promotions along with other forms of favoritism in corruption? A new lawsuit says YES!

(January 26, 2022 – Witness LA News)

71. LA Sheriff's Sgt. claims retaliation for testimony in 'Banditos Gang' lawsuit. A Sheriff's Sgt. Wednesday filed a whistleblower lawsuit against L.A. County, claiming top Sheriff's officials retaliated against her in part for testifying in a deposition about the "illegal, racist and discriminatory acts" of the Banditos deputy subgroup, or a gang.

The accusation is notable because it comes in a lawsuit by Sgt. Rosa Gonzales who won a \$1 million settlement from the county in 2019 after claiming she was sexually harassed by members of the Banditos where she was a deputy at the East L.A. Station. In her new lawsuit, Gonzales alleges Sheriff's officials also retaliate against her for reporting age, gender, and disability discrimination inside the department's Personnel Administration Bureau, where she started working last summer.

The lawsuit asserts Gonzales suffered retaliation for reporting that a fellow Sgt. told her a Captain had given the Sgt. the answers to the Lieutenant's test. State of California, County of Los Angeles Superior Court case number #22STCV03098.

(January 26, 2022 – LAist)

- 72.** Los Angeles County Sheriff's controversial right turn has made him a bill and to many. Los Angeles County filed a petition in California Superior Court to hold Los Angeles County Sheriff Villanueva in contempt for deliberately and openly ignoring three subpoenas issued by this state Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) last fall.

(January 29, 2022 – JURIST – Legal News Community)

- 73. California Attorney General to review Sheriff Villanueva's cases L.A. County lawyers call 'politically motivated.'**

(February 1, 2022 – Los Angeles Times)

- 74. Villanueva attempted to hire the private law firm in his failed attempt to reinstate a deputy fired over domestic violence allegations.**

Alex Villanueva is defending his hiring of the private law firm in his failed attempt to reinstate deputy fired over domestic violence allegations despite the argument of County lawyers that the firm did not have a valid contract to be counsel for the sheriff.

(February 6, 2022 – NBC 4 News)

- 75. LA County Sheriff Villanueva facing calls for impeachment from community organizations.**

Sheriff Villanueva is facing scrutiny as community organizations call for the sheriff's accountability.

(February 7, 2022 – Fox 11 News)

- 76. Seventy-four community organizations want to give the Board of Supervisors the power to impeach the sheriff**

(February 8, 2022 – KNOCK LA)

77. Sheriff Villanueva demands L.A. County leaders stop using term ‘deputy gangs.’

Los Angeles County Sheriff Villanueva sent a cease-and desist letter to the Board of Supervisors, demanding they and others stop using the phrase “deputy gangs,” to refer to secretive groups that operate within the department stations.

(February 17, 2022 – Los Angeles Times)

78. A Los Angeles County sheriff’s deputy testified about ‘inking parties.’

He is linked with a gang-like Compton sheriff’s station group with matching tattoos. The deputy admitted in the deposition that a truck displaying a flag with the image belonged to him.

(February 20, 2022 – Los Angeles Times)

79. Board of Supervisors vote to take over LASD record requests.

Citing a refusal by the L.A. County Sheriff’s Department to give County lawyers documents about deputy shootings, allegations of misconduct and body camera footage, County supervisors are taking over the job of responding to the public’s request for public records.

(February 21, 2022 – The Signal - Santa Clarita Valley)

80. Sheriff: LASD may need to return money to contract cities.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff Department, should it not be able to fulfill its contracts with cities around the county, may be forced to return money to the municipalities it works with, according to Sheriff Villanueva.

(February 26, 2022 – The Signal – Santa Clarita Valley)

81. Los Angeles County Sheriff candidates accusing, Sheriff Alex Villanueva of enabling ‘deputy gangs’ in the department.

Current Sheriff Villanueva’s job has come under increased scrutiny lately while he seeks reelection. Four candidates for Los Angeles County Sheriff criticize sitting Sheriff Alex Villanueva for allowing cliques within the department.

(February 28, 2022 – Yahoo News)

82. LA County Okays \$185,000 settlement in lawsuit over Sheriff's Department records dispute.

The board's actions specifically ordered that the settlement funds come directly from the sheriff department.

(March 1, 2022 – San Gabriel Valley Tribune)

83. Sheriff candidates criticize absent Sheriff Villanueva.

The forum for candidates for Los Angeles County Sheriff was mostly defined by who wasn't there - current Sheriff Alex Villanueva. Candidates gathered at the Warner Grand Theater on February 27 at an event organized by the San Pedro Democratic club. They criticized Villanueva repeatedly. Villanueva didn't bother to show up to defend himself, even always running for election

(March 9, 2022-Random Lengths News)

84. Villanueva's radio show violates election rules.

A candidate for Los Angeles County Sheriff on Tuesday filed complaints with state and federal agencies alleging that Alex Villanueva's weekly radio show on KFI-AM (640) violates election and broadcasting rules.

(March 10, 2022 - Los Angeles Times)

85. Alex Villanueva says staff shortage is getting critical with nearly 800 vacancies. Villanueva said some patrol stations are sometimes operating with only 70% of its personnel.

(March 10, 2022 – ABC 7 News)

86. Democratic sheriff backs GOP candidate for State Attorney General. Los Angeles county Sheriff Alex Villanueva, who has described himself as "a proud Democrat," has announced he won't back his party's candidate for California Attorney General. (March 11, 2022 – Clarion News)