



CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH CITY HALL

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TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Bruce Moe, City Manager

MEETING: City Council Regular Meeting, March 15, 2022

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 13 – Presentation by the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office
Regarding Prosecution Services

DATE: March 14, 2022

SUPPLEMENTAL ATTACHMENT

- PowerPoint Presentation (Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office)

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NUMBER OF DECLINATIONS (2021)

- 211 declinations
 - 10 were filed as PV in lieu, joined with other open cases, or referred to pre-filing diversion
 - 4 cases for further investigation
 - 1 involved suspect already in state prison
 - → **196 declinations**

BREAKDOWN OF DECLINATIONS

Reason	Declinations	Percent
20-07	120	61%
Other	76	39%
TOTAL:	196	

Note: "Other" cases may include lesser, non-primary counts dismissed pursuant to 20-07

BREAKDOWN OF DECLINATIONS

Charge	Declinations	Percent
12500	52	43%
647(f)	25	21%
Possession	23	19%
14601.1	12	10%
Trespass	5	4%
148(a)(1)	3	3%
TOTAL:	120	

DEALING WITH DECLINATIONS

- Appeal process
 - SD 20-07: “The presumption of pre-plea diversion may be rebutted upon reasoned consideration of the following factors:
 - Convictions for offenses of equal or greater severity than that charged over the preceding 24 months;
 - Documented history of threats or violence towards a victim;
 - Clear evidence of an identifiable, continuing threat to another individual or other circumstance of similar gravity.”
 - Requests for reconsideration based on the above criteria can be sent to the law enforcement liaison, Jorge Rodriguez (jorodriguez@da.lacounty.gov)
- Vehicle Code traffic violations
 - Certain traffic offenses such as VC 12500 and VC 14601.1(a) can be directly filed in traffic court

ENHANCED SERVICES AT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

- Sought and received approval for hiring a Director with a clinical psychology background to lead the Bureau of Victims Services (BVS)
 - Hired the Director: ensures that the needs of survivors were centered and that trauma informed services are provided
- Process of hiring 27 new Victim Service Representatives (17 hired)
- Sought funding from BOS to initiate a needs assessment and gap analysis.
- Community Violence Reduction (CVR) Division: embedding DA personnel (Deputy District Attorneys and DA Investigators from BOI) in at-risk communities for violence intervention and interruption

CENTRAL FILING: ELECTRONIC FILING (ECER)

- Creation of Charge Evaluation Division (central filing unit)
 - Ensures consistent filing standards throughout the County
- Electronic filing procedure (eCER)
 - 490 agencies/divisions that file cases with the LADA
 - 83% of filings officewide are submitted via eCER. Expected to be at 90% within the next month
 - LADA personnel train, register, and onboard law enforcement agencies
 - Allows electronic submissions by law enforcement and electronic discovery sharing between all parties

HOMELESS COURT FOR THE COUNTY (UPDATE)

- Discussion with County CEO and LA County Supervisor Hahn's office to create a county focused homeless court