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Arif Alikhan is the Special Assistant for Constitutional Policing and the highest ranking civilian commander at the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). He oversees LAPD's internal audits and inspections, planning and research, risk management, legal affairs and government affairs. He also serves as a senior policy advisor to LAPD Chief Charlie Beck. Chief Beck appointed Mr. Alikhan in October of 2013 and he began serving with the LAPD on February 20, 2014.

Before joining the LAPD, Mr. Alikhan served in several senior homeland security, counterterrorism, and law enforcement positions in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. He was a federal prosecutor with the United States Attorney's Office in Los Angeles for nearly a decade, served as a senior advisor to two U.S. Attorneys General in Washington, D.C. during the George W. Bush Administration, and was appointed to the Obama Administration in 2009 as the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. His local government experience includes serving as the Deputy Mayor for Homeland Security and Public Safety for the City of Los Angeles from 2006 to 2009 and most recently as the Deputy Executive Director for Homeland Security, Law Enforcement and Fire Services for Los Angeles International, LA/Ontario International and Van Nuys airports.

Mr. Alikhan's academic experience includes serving as the Distinguished Professor of Counterterrorism and Homeland Security at National Defense University's College of International Security Affairs at Fort McNair in Washington D.C. and as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Southern California's Gould School of Law. He has been a featured lecturer at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, UCLA, USC, Penn State, the University of North Carolina, San Diego State University, Loyola Law School Los Angeles, the University of California at Irvine and King's College London. He has also participated on numerous panels for research and policy institutes such as the RAND Corporation, South Asia Society, Annenberg Retreat at Sunnylands, and the Aspen Institute.

Mr. Alikhan graduated with honors from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles where he was Chief Articles Editor of the Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review. He served as a judicial extern to Judge Arthur L. Alarcon of the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and as a judicial law clerk for United States District Judge Ronald S.W. Lew in the Central District of California. He subsequently worked as an associate in the White Collar Crime Group at the Los Angeles firm of Irell & Manella and then joined the criminal division of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles where he served as the first Chief of the Cyber and Intellectual Property Crimes Section for the Central District of California.

Mr. Alikhan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Ecology from the University of California at Irvine where he graduated *cum laude*. He participated in executive education programs at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government on crisis leadership and has received several professional certifications in computer security, aviation, and airport security.

Mr. Alikhan is an appointed Patron of the International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation in London and serves on the Director's Advisory Board for the National Counterterrorism Center in Washington, D.C.