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Signed,

Ashley Brim

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Thank you,

Michael Wodkowski
Los Angeles

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From: Molly Talcott <molly.talcott@lacounty.gov>
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<mailto:Elizabeth.Belli@lapd.lacity.org>
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Andy Arena

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Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 10:26 AM
To: PFinfo@policefoundation.org; lapcfails@gmail.com; Police Commission; Mayor Garcetti
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LA Commissioners: The options for listening sessions you gave are inaccessible due to the late notice we received. 2 one-hour listening sessions for a city of 4 million people is not going to allow you to get a reasonable sample of input from the community.

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Annica Stitch

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Over the summer I attended a Black Lives Matter-led protest in the Fairfax district, which ended in complete chaos instigated by LAPD. There was no reason for the LAPD to escalate violence to the point that officers were shooting rubber bullets at us and hitting folks with batons, keeping us from getting back to our homes and transportation. The group of people I was with had to walk three miles to my apartment instead of going back to my partner's home, where everyone had parked their cars, which was located three blocks away. We were lucky in that we had these options; so many folks were stranded and had to figure out other modes of transportation to get to safety (during a pandemic, no less). Or they were flat out arrested. The justification that I heard was "rioting", "destruction of property", and other reasons in this vein, but property can be rebuilt. There is absolutely no justification for enacting violence on civilians during a protest, and the fact that LAPD continues to justify their violent actions leaves me no trust in this LAPD assessment project.
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LA County Resident

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Meital Yaniv

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Bethany

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Subject: LAPD Assessment

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Signed,

Michele Wetteland
pronouns: she/her

From: kristen studard <kristen.studard@lapd.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 11:16 AM
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Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT 2/2/21

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Signed,

Kristen Studard

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Signed,

Courtney Valentine

From: Jewell Karinen <jewellkarinen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 11:22 AM
To: Police Commission
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How many people can the Commission truly hope to reach and hear from, with two hours of "listening?"

The community spoke loud and clear when hundreds of thousands marched in the streets to protest police brutality and murder.

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Jewell

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Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 11:23 AM
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Dear Commissioners,

I am again deeply disappointed that the Board of Police Commissioners continuously fails to listen to community members. We have asked that community outreach be announced far in advance (especially since every meeting or session you ever host is during work hours which makes it difficult or impossible for community members to attend). We have also asked that outreach be accessible, making it more likely that the community will engage.

The Commission failed to do this. We have been given less than a week’s notice regarding the upcoming "listening sessions," and each session is only one hour long. This means that the vast majority of people will NOT be heard. The LAPD responded horrendously to the uprisings over the summer. The LAPD is historically violent and uninterested in actually taking care of the community even though their mandate is to "protect and serve." The voices of community members that are impacted by the actions of the police must be heard, and these sessions will not allow for that.

I also take issue with how research is being funded. The LA Police Foundation is funding the “independent assessment” with $350k (at the request of LAPD), and the Board tried to keep this information hidden from the public by deferring approval of funding to the City Council. It is irresponsible and dishonest to conduct an "Independent investigation" that was requested by LAPD, and will be paid for by the same foundation that has donated millions of dollars to LAPD for the brutalization and surveillance of Black, Brown, and poor neighborhoods now and in the past.

Additionally, I demand that the public comment period of the Commission meetings be longer than 45 minutes. You are silencing the voices of Angelenos by limiting who can speak at your meetings and for how long. If you are being paid to serve the good of the community, then do your job. Listen to what the community is actually asking of you.

Signed,
Lex Ryan

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www.lexryan.co
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Showing Up for Racial Justice

From: Jewell Karinen <jewellkarinen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 11:24 AM
To: Pinfo@policefoundation.org
Cc: lapcfails@gmail.com; Police Commission; Mayor Garcetti
Subject: Comment on LAPD Assessment

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Signed,
Jewell Karinen

Business owner in Los Angeles, CA
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 11:27 AM
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Phillip Kim

From: Stacy Greenberg
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Signed, Stacy

Stacy
From: Laura Adery
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 11:31 AM
To: Police Commission
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Sincerely,

Laura Adery, Ph.D.

From: Liz Cackowski <liz.cackowski@lapd.org>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 11:34 AM
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Annedell Walker

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Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 11:40 AM
To: Police Commission
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Kimberli Meyer

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Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 11:42 AM
To: PFinfo@policefoundation.org
Cc: lapcFAILS@gmail.com; Police Commission; mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
Subject: LAPD Assessment

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Disgustedly,

Mayank Keshaviah
Los Angeles, CA 90034
From: Mayank Keshaviah <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 11:52 AM
To: Pinfo@policefoundation.org
Cc: lapcfails@gmail.com; Police Commission; mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
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Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 11:52 AM
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Andrea Silenzi

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Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 11:56 AM
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Jacqueline Smith

(Los Feliz)

From: Jacqueline Smith <jacqueline.smith@example.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 12:04 PM
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Signed,

Annie Brennan

From: Mia Schulman <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 12:18 PM
To: PFFinfo@policefoundation.org
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If you do not want people to call you a corrupt politician, then stop acting like one.

Signed,
Mia Schulman

Mia Schulman | Producer
she/her/hers
mailto:________________________
From: Lionel Mares <________________________>
Hello,

My name is Lionel Mares. I would like to know if the Los Angeles Police Commission has a newsletter subscription? I would like to be informed of future meetings via Zoom (webinars) or in person. I would like to keep myself informed on Public Policy relating to but not limited to Policing. If you can please get in touch with me that would be awesome! Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Lionel Mares

Sent from my iPhone
From: Sonia Giacomazzi <sonia.giacomazzi@lacity.org>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 12:28 PM
To: Police Commission
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mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
Subject: Public Comment 2/2/2021

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Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 12:29 PM
To: P芬fo@PoliceFoundation.org
Cc: lapcfails@gmail.com; Police Commission; mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
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Signed,
Sonia Giacomazzi

From:  Marc Jablon <contact@contact.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 12:34 PM
To:  PFinfo@policefoundation.org
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Marc Jablon
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Signed,

Erin Serfass

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Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 12:40 PM
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Leah Zipperman

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Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 12:41 PM
To: Police Commission
Cc: mike.n.feuer@lacity.org; mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org; ana.guerrero@lacity.org;
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Thank you,

Caroline

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Caroline Christ, M.Ed.

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Sincerely,

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Los Angeles 90032

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Signed,

Meridith McNeill

From: Chris Riddle <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 12:44 PM
To: Police Commission
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Subject: Public Comment 2/2/2021

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It's lip service and political theatre like this that has eroded the public trust in this commission. A commission that was intended to be the public's voice in matters of policing in LA. Time and again the commission has taken little to no action on the public input they have already received. Why should the public expect more "listening sessions" paid for by LAPD to make any more of a difference? It's an insult to the people you are supposed to represent. I demand action, not more studies and input.

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Signed,

Chris Riddle

---[mailto:](mailto:meridithmcneill@gmail.com)

From: Meridith McNeill <meridithmcneill@gmail.com>
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Signed,

Meredith McNeill

From: Tiana McKenna <tiana.mckenna@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 12:45 PM
To: Pinfo@policefoundation.org
Cc: lapcfails@gmail.com; Police Commission; mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
Subject: LAPD Assessment

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Sincerely,
Tiana McKenna
Los Angeles 90032
From: Margaret Starbuck
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 12:55 PM
To: Police Commission
Cc: mike.n.feu@lacity.org; mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org; ana.guerrero@lacity.org;
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Signed, 
Margaret

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Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 1:00 PM
To: Pinfo@policefoundation.org
Cc: lacfails@gmail.com; Police Commission; Mayor Garcetti
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I’ll tell you my story about abuse by the LAPD during the summer months. Several friends of mine were unlawfully detained while walking to their cars after a protest downtown. The police were unnecessarily rough and intimidating with them during the holding process, they were insulted and harassed at the station. They were told “You don’t have the rights you think you have.” They were held overnight, not charged, and released the next morning.

After their release the LAPD put their names and addresses up on the LAPD facebook page along with photos of their personal protective gear and other seized belongings to brag about how they had caught violent instigators. They then received days of death threats and other online harassment from LAPD officers and supporters. They endured all this just for exercising their lawful rights to assembly, and free speech. It’s unconscionable that a police force in the United States would think this kind of naked abuse of power is acceptable. And now you think you can make up for it with a couple hours of “listening sessions” that will change nothing. Shame on all of you.

This is an absolute insult to community members and to folks’ experiences, and we reject it on every level, in every aspect.

Signed,

Chris Riddle

Yvonne Eadon <mailto:yvonne.eadon@lacity.org>
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Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 1:02 PM
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Subject: Public Comment for the 2/2/2021 LA Police Commissioners Meeting

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Dear Commissioners,

On Friday, the Board of Police Commissioners announced two “listening sessions,” convened in order to get input from the public regarding the LAPD’s response to the mass uprisings and George Floyd Protests that happened over the summer. While characterized as reaching out to get “vibrant input” from community members, it is obvious that the purpose of the meetings is not actually to listen but rather to create a space in which community members can feel as though they are being heard.

Though community members (and even some of LAPD’s own previous research contractors!) have made it clear that any such community outreach efforts, in order to be effective, must be scheduled as far in advance as possible, and be accessible in a number of formats to make it easier and more likely that community will engage, the Commission has failed on these points. Giving less than a week’s notice, and offering only two one-hour listening sessions, does not give the community enough time to show up. How many people can the Commission truly hope to reach and hear from, given these hindrances?

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Signed,

Yvonne M. Eadon

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Yvonne M. Eadon, MLIS
Information Studies Doctoral Candidate
UCLA
She/ her
From: Yvonne Eadon <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 1:08 PM
To: PFFinfo@policefoundation.org
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Subject: LAPD Assessment

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Signed,

Elizabeth Sommer

From: Liz Sommer
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 1:15 PM
To: PFi
Cc: lapcfails@gmail.com; Police Commission; mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
Subject: LAPD Assessment

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Signed,

Elizabeth Sommer

From: Belle <belle@lacity.org>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 2:07 PM
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Subject: Public Comment 2/2/2021

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Good afternoon,

On Friday, the Board of Police Commissioners announced that they would be holding two "listening sessions" to gather community comments on the LAPD's response to the protests in the summer of 2020.

The listening sessions were not announced with enough time or with enough variety of format for community members in which the issue concerns to be made aware of them. Additionally, the sessions are only an hour long which does not give ample time for our community to truly be represented and heard.

With these sessions being funded by the Los Angeles Police Foundation to the tune of $350k, at the request of LAPD, something the Board of Police Commissioners attempted to keep hidden from public view by deferring approval of this $350k to the City Council, we can be sure that this "independent investigation" requested by the LAPD and paid for by an organization who has donated millions to the LAPD, is not in service of its community's true needs. Ergo, we cannot accept these listening
sessions as an earnest attempt to hear us.

Further, I demand that public comment at your meetings is not limited to forty-five minutes. Despite your opposition, your limiting of who can speak and for how long is suppressing our community's ability to have any influence.

Our demands:

* Do not limit public comment at your meetings to forty-five minutes
* Reject the "listening sessions"

Melinda Adams <mailto:melinda.adams@lacity.org>

From: Sarah Bowers <sarah.bowers@lacity.org>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 2:12 PM
To: Police Commission
Cc: mike.n.feuer@lacity.org; Mayor Helpdesk; ana.guerrero@lacity.org; Eileen Decker; ethics.commission@lacity.org; Dale Bonner; Sandra Figueroa-Villa; Steve Soboroff; lapcfails@gmail.com; Richard Tefank; Michel Moore; William J. Briggs, II; tips@laist.com; Mayor Garcetti; councilmember.bonin@lacity.org
Subject: Board of Police Commissioners: Public Comment 2/2/2021

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Commissioners:

* "Listening Sessions." You've recently announced "listening sessions" for Angelenos to voice their concerns, comments, and frustrations about LAPD's response to Summer 2020's mass uprising and George Floyd protests.

I would say thank you, but everytime someone says thank you I feel like you disregard the rest of their comments and the remaining hundreds of constructive feedback comments, so I'm not going to say thank you. Community members (and even LAPD's own research contractors) have made it very clear that such efforts to reach out to the community need to be announced far in advance and to be accessible in a number of formats. Instead, you made this announcement less than a week in advance and offer only two one-hour sessions.

Secondly, I'm tired of voicing my frustrations and my opinions to you because you heed none of it. In fact, you actively do the opposite of what the
majority of the public asks you to do. Your efforts to appear involved and caring
amount to nothing when your actions prove you don't really care what people are
saying and you don't really strive for holding LAPD accountable at all.

Lastly, why in the world is the Los Angeles Police Foundation paying for
this research? And why did you try to keep this hidden from public view by deferring
approval of this $350k to the City Council? How is the Los Angeles Police Foundation
going to provide any kind of "independent" research or investigation when they're
the ones donating hundreds of thousands of dollars to LAPD?

No. I don't want to participate in these listening sessions that obviously
just another one of your political ploys you implement to cover for the fact that
you haven't changed anything since this past summer's uprisings.

* Public Comment. If you really want to hear from the public, then stop
limiting the public comment period to be only 45 minutes long.

Signed,
Sarah Bowers

From: Belle
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 2:16 PM
To: PFinfo@policefoundation.org
Cc: lapcfails@gmail.com; Police Commission; mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
Subject: LAPD Assessment

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Good afternoon,

I'm writing to express my opposition to this project on every level. The listening
sessions are not an earnest forum for the Los Angeles community to be heard.

It was initiated by the LAPD, funded by the Los Angeles Police Foundation, announced
with too short of notice for community members to be involved, and the sessions
themselves do not allow ample time for our communities to express their opinions.

There must be a better way to extend a hand to the people, but this is not it.

Thank you.

Melinda Adams
From: Audrey Georg
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 2:27 PM
To: Police Commission
Cc: mike.n.feuer@lacity.org; mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org; ana.guerrero@lacity.org; Eileen Decker; ethics.commission@lacity.org; Dale Bonner; Sandra Figueroa-Villa; Steve Soboroff; lapcfails@gmail.com; lou@LegacyLA.org; Richard Tefank; Michel Moore; William J. Briggs, II; tips@laist.com; kevin.rector@latimes.com; mayor.garcetti@lacity.org; City of Los Angeles
Subject: My Public Comment regarding the commissioning of an investigation by the National Police Foundation for Police Commission meeting on 2/2/2021

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Commissioners:

On Friday, the Board of Police Commissioners announced two upcoming “listening sessions” to be conducted by the National Police Foundation (NPF) to get input from the public regarding the LAPD’s response to the mass uprisings and George Floyd Protests occurring over the summer. While positioned as outreach for “vibrant input” from community members, this is clearly not the intention, and is not in good faith.

Though community members (and even some of LAPD’s own previous research contractors!) have made it clear that any such community outreach must be announced far in advance and be accessible in a number of formats to make it easier and more likely that community will engage, the Commission has FAILED to do this, giving less that a week’s notice, and offering only two, one-hour listening sessions! How many people can the Commission truly hope to reach and hear from, given those restrictions?

Additionally, there is the matter of who is paying for the research. This “independent assessment” is being funded by the Los Angeles Police Foundation to the tune of $350K, at the request of LAPD, something the Board of Police Commissioners attempted to keep hidden from public view by deferring approval of this $350k to the City Council - even though Moore commissioned this investigation by NPF in July 2020. So now we have an “independent investigation” that was requested by LAPD, paid for by the same foundation that has donated millions of dollars to LAPD for the surveillance, occupation, and brutalization of Black, brown, and poor neighborhoods presently, and in the past. These “listening sessions” are a sham and are more of the same bad idea proposed over and over again by LAPD and the PC - cops
investigating the malfeasance and criminal behavior of other cops.

Further, the "lessons learned" from the NPF's investigation of the Christopher Dorner pursuit was that it resulted in the development of a Palantir application for the Joint Regional Intelligence Center (JRIC) called ClueMan, that enabled data sharing between regional law enforcement through the now discredited and banned Palantir tools. They used the "lessons" to make Palantir data gathering and analysis and data sharing between agencies faster, less restricted, more responsive.

It is further noted that the only other investigation NPF has done of direct police violence NPF has done was about Ferguson, so its lack of qualifications for this project are blatantly clear.

I am additionally opposing this because the NPF's own website states that among the tactics it employs when conducting investigations is to monitor the websites and social media of activist organizations who protested police violence during the summer of 2020. This is being done for the sole purpose of criminalizing those organizations and their members. I say this within the context of how the Chief of Detectives, Deputy Chief Kris E. Pitcher has been coordinating an investigative task force for criminal prosecutions for crimes of violence and property that have occurred since during the Safe LA Mobilization with his goal being to ensure successful prosecution - not of the out of control police officers, but of demonstrators and community activists.

For all the reasons above, I demand you call of the NPF investigation.

Signed,

Audrey Georg

“If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor.” Desmond Tutu

From: nina waisman <nina.waisman@lacity.org>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 2:30 PM
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Cc: mike.n.feuer@lacity.org; mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org; ana.guerrero@lacity.org; Eileen Decker; ethics.commission@lacity.org; Dale Bonner; Sandra Figueroa-Villa; Steve Soboroff; lpcfails@gmail.com; lou@LegacyLA.org; Richard Tefank; Michel Moore; William J. Briggs, II; tips@laist.com; kevin.rector@latimes.com; mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
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Thank you,
Nina Waisman

From: Audrey Georg <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 2:31 PM
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mayor.garcetti@lacity.org; City of Los Angeles
Subject: My Public Comment regarding the Chief's reported statistics on an increase of violent crime for Police Commission meeting on 2/2/2021

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I ask whether the PC and the Chief have investigated how much of the violent crime that LAPD is using to try to drum up opposition to budget cuts can be directly tied to the guns put on the street by LAPD cops and staff who were illegally trafficking them. It is noteworthy that Chief Moore NEVER mentions this crime or indicated that any officers were ever held accountable.

Signed,

Audrey Georg

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From: Michelle King <michelle.king@lacity.org>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 2:32 PM
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I also demand that you stop limiting the public comment period at your meetings to forty-five minutes. Despite your weekly protestations to the contrary, you are silencing the voices of Angelenos by limiting who can speak at your meetings, and for how long.

Michelle King

From: Savannah Caraway
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 2:36 PM
To: Police Commission
Cc: mike.n.feuer@lacity.org; mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org; ana.guerrero@lacity.org; Eileen Decker; ethics.commission@lacity.org; Dale Bonner; Sandra Figueroa-Villa; Steve Soboroff; lapcfaills@gmail.com; lou@legacyla.org; Richard Tefank; Michel Moore; William J. Briggs, II; tips@laist.com; kevin.rector@latimes.com;
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Signed,

Savannah Caraway

From: Audrey Georg <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 2:43 PM
To: Police Commission
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Subject: My Public Comment regarding the silencing of community voices, for Police Commission meeting on 2/2/2021

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Commissioners:

I prioritize my role as an activist and being one of thousands of people who want to voice opinions during Police Commission meetings. I'd also want to be able to participate in Tuesday morning Board of Supervisors meetings and/or City Council meetings. You are depriving me of these important opportunities to ensure that city and county officials and the LAPD and LAPC are held accountable to the communities they serve. You have never provided the public with any credible reason why you cannot choose to meeting at another day and time. This is entirely within your power to accomplish!

I also demand that you stop limiting the public comment period at your meetings to forty-five minutes. Despite your weekly protestations to the contrary, you are silencing the voices of Angelenos by limiting who can speak at your meetings, and for how long. LA is a city with a population of about 4 million people and your 45-minute rule effectively allows 15 people to speak. Shame on you! We know that even you are aware that this is totally inadequate and a civil rights violation.

Moreover, you proclaiming that the option to send emails is any kind of substitution for public comment given at meeting is ludicrous and insulting to my intelligence. We at least know that commissioners can hear us at meetings (even if they tune us out) and other community members can also note what we say. We can all educate each other, which does not happen with the email option at all.

Signed,

Audrey Georg

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From: Amanda Hillsberg <br>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 2:50 PM
To: Police Commission
Cc: mike.n.feuer@lacity.org; mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org; ana.guerrero@lacity.org; Eileen Decker; ethics.commission@lacity.org; Dale Bonner; Sandra Figueroa-Villa; Steve Soboroff; lapcfails@gmail.com; lou@legacyla.org; Richard Tefank; Michel Moore; William J. Briggs, II; tips@laist.com; kevin.rector@latimes.com; mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
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Signed,

Amanda Hillsberg

From: nina waisman
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 2:51 PM
To: PFInfo@PoliceFoundation.org
Cc: lapcfails@gmail.com; Police Commission; mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
Subject: LAPD Assessment

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Hello,

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This project by the National Police Foundation was initiated by LAPD, and is contracted by the Los Angeles Police Foundation. The LA Board of Police Commissioners has “oversight” of this project, and has so far given community members less than a week’s notice about these seemingly critical “listening” sessions. Further, the “listening” sessions are being referenced by NPF as being “SAFE LA Virtual Community Listening Sessions,” though it is not clear if and how they are related to LAPD’s SAFE LA Task Force and Tip Line, which was established by LAPD to investigate and prosecute Angelenos identified by police and/or “community stakeholders” during the summer protests. In short, there is nothing in the contracting, oversight, funding, or project description that would assure a person who has been harmed and/or harassed by police in the past, that their comments and feedback will be treated with security or even with good intention.
The community showed up this summer in the hundreds of thousands, and LAPD was brutal in its response. From shooting rubber bullets and projectiles (that in some cases, are designed to be fired at the ground) directly at community members, shooting from cop cars, attacking people with batons, firing tear gas into crowds, “kettling” people engaged in protest, even shooting rubber bullets at and injuring a person in a wheelchair, LAPD was relentless. As the city expressed its pain, Chief Moore ordered mass arrests, and on June 1st, after arresting nearly 700 people the evening prior, Moore stated at a press conference that regarding those protesting the death of George Floyd, “His death is on their hands as much as those officers.”

The LAPD has committed harm against community members that cannot even begin to be considered in two 1-hour, police-foundation-funded “listening sessions,” which the community is informed of via police-associated organizations, with 6 days notice, and in some cases referencing the “SAFE LA Mobilization.” On the NPF website, the invitation is extended to “community members, business owners, first responders, and others who attended, observed, responded to, or were impacted by the protests between May 27, 2020 and June 7, 2020.” In a city of 4 million people, countless of which have been profiled, criminalized, and terrorized by police in their lifetime and who undoubtedly were aware of, engaged in, and/or were impacted by the George Floyd Protests, how can there be any expectation that folks’ experiences can be adequately captured or expressed in two “listening sessions” totalling 120 minutes?

This is an absolute insult to community members and to folks’ experiences, and we reject it on every level, in every aspect.

Signed,
Nina Waisman

From: Catherine Safley <catherine.safley@lacity.org>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 3:00 PM
To: Police Commission
Cc: mike.n.feuer@lacity.org; mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org; ana.guerrero@lacity.org; Eileen Decker; ethics.commission@lacity.org; Dale Bonner; Sandra Figueroa-Villa; Steve Soboroff; lapcfails@gmail.com; lou@legacyla.org; Richard Tefank; Michel Moore; William J. Briggs, II; tips@laist.com; kevin.rector@latimes.com; mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
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Though community members (and even some of LAPD’s own previous research contractors!) have made it clear that this kind of community outreach must be announced well in advance and be accessible in a number of formats to make it easier and more likely that people in the community will engage, the Commission has refused to do so, giving only a few day’s notice, and providing only two one-hour listening sessions! Such unreasonable restrictions inevitably shut out the bulk of the community from participation, revealing these sessions to be little more than an empty placating gesture.

Additionally, the source of funding for the research is suspect. This “independent assessment” is being funded by the Los Angeles Police Foundation to the tune of $350K, per LAPD’s request, a fact that the Board of Police Commissioners attempted to keep hidden from the public by deferring approval of this $350k to the City Council. So now we have an “independent investigation” that was requested by LAPD, paid for by the same foundation that has donated millions of dollars to LAPD to fund the surveillance, occupation, and brutalization of Black, brown, and poor neighborhoods both presently and in the past. These “listening sessions” are a sham.

Also, I once again demand that you stop limiting the public comment period at your meetings to forty-five minutes. Despite your weekly protestations to the contrary, you are silencing the voices of Angelenos by limiting who is able to speak at your meetings, and for how long.

Signed,
Catherine Safley

From: Charlotte Soestini <Charlotte.Soestini@police.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 3:02 PM
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Signed,

Charlotte

From: Charlotte Soestini <removed>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 3:07 PM
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I’m writing to express my complete and wholehearted rejection of this project, its premise, its funding, and its presentation. The community rose up in the hundreds of thousands following the murder of George Floyd by MPD officer Derrik Chauvin, as well as in outrage and protest over the epidemic of brutality, displacement, and murder by police against the people of Los Angeles, and LAPD officers responded by harassing and assaulting community members during these very protests. These “listening sessions” cannot be trusted to honor the experiences and voices of those community members.

This project by the National Police Foundation was initiated by LAPD, and is contracted by the Los Angeles Police Foundation. The LA Board of Police Commissioners has “oversight” of this project, and has so far given community members less than a week’s notice regarding these seemingly critical “listening” sessions. Further, the “listening” sessions are being referenced by NPF as being “SAFE LA Virtual Community Listening Sessions,” though it is unclear if and how they
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The LAPD has committed harm against community members that cannot even begin to be considered in two 1-hour, police-foundation-funded “listening sessions,” which the community is informed of through police-associated organizations, with only 6 days notice, and in some cases referencing the “SAFE LA Mobilization.” On the NPF website, the invitation is extended to “community members, business owners, first responders, and others who attended, observed, responded to, or were impacted by the protests between May 27, 2020 and June 7, 2020.” In a city of 4 million people, countless of which have been profiled, criminalized, and terrorized by police in their lifetime and who surely were aware of, engaged in, and/or impacted by the George Floyd Protests, how can two “listening sessions” totaling 120 minutes are nowhere near sufficient to express and engage with the depth and breadth of people’s experiences.

This project is a cruel insult to our communities and to folks’ experiences, and we reject it on every level, in every aspect.

Signed,
Catherine Safley

From: Claire Gordon <Claire.Gordon@lacity.org>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 3:47 PM
To: Police Commission
Cc: mike.n.feuer@lacity.org; mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org; ana.guerrero@lacity.org;
Eileen Decker; ethics.commission@lacity.org; Dale Bonner; Sandra Figueroa-Villa; Steve Soboroff; lapcfails@gmail.com; lou@legacyla.org; Richard Tefank; Michel Moore; William J. Briggs, II; tips@laist.com; kevin.rector@latimes.com; mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
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Though community members (and even some of LAPD’s own previous research contractors!) have made it clear that any such community outreach must be announced far in advance and be accessible in a number of formats to make it easier and more likely that community will engage, the Commission has FAILED to do this, giving less that a week’s notice, and offering only two one-hour listening sessions! How many people can the Commission truly hope to reach and hear from, given those restrictions?

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Signed,
Clare Gordon

From: Kevin King <kevin.king@lacity.org>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 3:55 PM
To: Police Commission
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A concerned citizen
Kevin King
From: Natalie Paniccia
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 4:06 PM
To: Police Commission
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Signed,

Natalie Paniccia

From: Cait Cibulsky
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 4:08 PM
To: Police Commission
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I implore all of you to stand on the right side of history.

Signed,

Cait Cibulsky

From: Cait Cibulsky <cibulsky@lapd.org>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 4:17 PM
To: PFinfo@policefoundation.org
Cc: lapcfails@gmail.com; Police Commission; Mayor Garcetti
Subject: LAPD Assessment

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Allow me to cut to the chase: I’m writing to express my complete and total rejection of this project, its premise, its funding, and its presentation. Though the community indeed rose up in the hundreds of thousands following the murder of George Floyd, and in outrage and protest over the many people that have been brutalized, displaced, and killed by police here in Los Angeles; community members were harrassed and assaulted by LAPD officers during these very protests. These “listening sessions” are not a forum that can be trusted to honor the experiences and voices of those community members.
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This is an absolute insult to community members and to folks’ experiences, and we reject it on every level, in every aspect.

In short: it’s gonna be a no from me, dawg.
Signed,

Cait Cibulsky

From: Cecily Breaux
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 4:24 PM
To: Police Commission
Cc: mike.n.feuer@lacity.org; mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org; ana.guerrero@lacity.org; Eileen Decker; ethics.commission@lacity.org; Dale Bonner; Sandra Figueroa-Villa; Steve Soboroff; lapcfails@gmail.com; lou@legacyla.org; Richard Tefank; Michel Moore; William J. Briggs, II; tips@laist.com; kevin.rector@latimes.com; mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
Subject: Public Comment 2/2/2021

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Signed,

Cecily Breaux

Cecily Breaux
mailto:
http://cecylibreaux.com
From: Jason Reedy <[mailto:]]
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 4:29 PM
To: Police Commission
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Police Commissioners,

Why was there such a late announcement in regards to the two upcoming “listening sessions” aimed at getting input from the community in regards to the LAPD’s atrocious response to non-violent protests that happen over a two week period
following the MURDER of George Floyd. Wouldn't it be of utmost importance to mention it in the last meeting especially considering the members of the community who take time off of work and their daily lives to call in to your commission meeting?

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Jason Reedy

From: Neil Wade
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 4:30 PM
To: Police Commission
Cc: mike.n.feuer@lacity.org; mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org; ana.guerrero@lacity.org; Eileen Decker; ethics.commission@lacity.org; Dale Bonner; Sandra Figueroa-Villa; Steve Soboroff; lapcfail@gmail.com; lou@legacyla.org; Richard Tefank; Michel Moore; William J. Briggs, II; tips@laist.com; kevin.rector@latimes.com; mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
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Friday's announcement by the Board of Police Commissioners announced two upcoming "listening sessions" supposedly to get public input about the mass uprisings and George Floyd Protests this summer and the LAPD's response. It's clear this is not actually intended to be the stated outreach for "vibrant input" from community members, and is not in good faith.

The Commission has failed to give sufficient advance notice to facilitate and make these sessions accessible to the public, with less than 7 days' notice and offering 2 separate sessions amounting to a total of 2 hours for public comment. With knowledge of past meetings and sessions this is NOT enough time for community members to prepare their statements, much less for enough people to participate and give their statements.

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Despite your weekly protestations to the contrary, these "listening sessions" and sham investigations are your group's continued silencing of the voices of Angelenos by limiting who can speak at your meetings, and for how long. I also demand that you stop limiting the public comment period at your meetings to forty-five minutes.

Signed,

Neil A. Wade
Los Angeles Resident and Concerned Taxpayer

From: Pamela Guerra
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 4:34 PM
To: Police Commission
Cc: mike.n.feuer@lacity.org; mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org; ana.guerrero@lacity.org; Eileen Decker; ethics.commission@lacity.org; Dale Bonner; Sandra Figueroa-Villa; Steve Soboroff; lapcfails@gmail.com; lou@legacyla.org; Richard Tefank; Michel Moore; William J. Briggs, II; tips@laist.com; kevin.rector@latimes.com; mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
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Signed,

Pamela Guerra
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Pamela Guerra

From: Matyos Kldane <mailto:matyos@lacity.org>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 4:35 PM
To: Police Commission
Cc: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
Subject: Public Comment 2/2/21

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Last Friday the commission announced that they would be holding two listening sessions to hear the public's input to LAPD's response to the George Floyd Protests. The minimal notice given regarding the announcement of theses sessions and the lack of community leadership presence shows the performative nature of these sessions. It is clear that the commission doesn't actually seek to receive the public's input regarding the LAPD's repulsive treatment of protesters.

I also demand that the commission reveal who is donating to the LAPF. What is the monetary value of the equipment they donate?

Additionally, please stop limiting public comment to 45 minutes. Callers have to compete with racist and insensitive remarks in order to have their voice heard in what is already an obscenely limited amount of time.

From: Tiffy Guerra <tiffanytguerra@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 4:42 PM
To: Police Commission
Cc: mike.n.feuer@lacity.org; mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org; ana.guerrero@lacity.org; Eileen Decker; ethics.commission@lacity.org; Dale Bonner; Sandra Figueroa-Villa; Steve Soboroff; LAPC Fails; lou@legacyla.org; Richard Tefank; Michel Moore; William J. Briggs, II; tips@laist.com; kevin.rector@latimes.com; Mayor Garcetti
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Hi Commissioners,

For public comment this week, a number of things:

1) Is there an explanation regarding why the $350K grant from LAPF to fund the research with the National Police Foundation was not on a Police Commission agenda. How often do these items get left off agendas? Why and how does that happen? At your discretion? What the fuck kind of process is that?

2) LAPD has used Palantir since about 2009, and I doubt the commission know anything at all about how it is used, or what the possible harm to community members could be. I advise you learn a little about it because it is a major part of Data-Driven policing, and we will be demanding more information about how it is used, what is the impact, and how the continual gathering of data on community members that are majority Black, brown, and poor can be justified in terms of community safety, and in terms of funding. Here's an article that came out this week.

3) Your continual shut-out of the public for public comment and the limiting to 45 minutes per meeting for public comment should be re-examined. The community knows more than you do on these matters. Open up public comment, and allow people to comment AFTER presentations, not before.

4) Defund the police and quit feeding Moore questions that will allow him to complain about how little funding the LAPD has, and how bare-bones the budget is. We don't want more funding for police. We want police defunded, dismantled. Fund community programs, services, and organizations DIRECTLY instead (yes, that means not by paying police to do those things!)

Defund the Police,

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T Guerra
they/them/theirs
From: Sarah Bowers <redacted>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 4:51 PM
To: Pinfo@policefoundation.org
Cc: lapcfails@gmail.com; Police Commission; Mayor Garcetti
Subject: No to LAPD Assessment

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Dear National Police Foundation:

I'm writing to express my complete and total rejection of the LAPD Assessment and "listening sessions."

We do not trust a "listening session" forum held by the very same LAPD who harassed and assaulted those protesting the murder of George Floyd and the murder and brutality of others that have taken place over the years. I'm not going to trust those very same LAPD officers to honor my experiences, let alone trust them to be held accountable for the crimes they've committed against the Los Angeles community.

Furthermore, how can we expect this assessment to be "independent" and truthful when it was initiated by LAPD, contracted by the Los Angeles Police Foundation, and "overseen" by the LA Board of Police Commissioners - who never hold LAPD accountable. They also announced these "listening sessions" less than a week in advance.

Additionally, your organization is listing these "listening sessions" as being "SAFE LA Virtual Community Listening Sessions." This sounds to me like it's part of LAPD's SAFE LA Task Force and Tip Line, which is used by LAPD to prosecute LA citizens during the summer protests. Why would I trust them to care about my experiences? There is nothing in the contracting, oversight, funding, or project description that assures Angelenos that their comments and feedback will be treated with security or even with good intention.

Not only that, but police foundations everywhere have consistently denounced those protesting the wrongful murder of George Floyd and have rallied everywhere to increase police funding. Police foundations spent millions of dollars to support District Attorney Jackie Lacey, who refused to prosecute or charge any police officers for the deaths of over 600 people. Why in the world do you think we will trust the LA Police Foundation and your foundation's involvement in these "listening assessments"?

Angelenos did obviously show up in protests this summer. LAPD responded with
shooting rubber bullets and projectiles directly at community members. They shot from cop cars. They attacked people with batons. They fired tear gas — with when used internationally is classified as a war crime — and pushed people out of their wheelchairs. They used “unlawful assemblies” to prevent people from rightfully demanding justice and accountability and then beat up people when they weren’t able to leave the area in time. One of my friends lives in downtown LA. When he looked out his window to see what was happening outside, a police officer shot at his window.

To top it all off, Chief Moore said the following about those protesting the death of George Floyd: “His death is on their hands as much as those officers.”

The LAPD has committed harm against community members that cannot even begin to be considered in two 1-hour, police-foundation-funded “listening sessions,” which the community is informed of via police-associated organizations, with 6 days notice, and in some cases referencing the “SAFE LA Mobilization.” On the NPF website, the invitation is extended to “community members, business owners, first responders, and others who attended, observed, responded to, or were impacted by the protests between May 27, 2020 and June 7, 2020.” In a city of 4 million people, countless of which have been profiled, criminalized, and terrorized by police in their lifetime and who undoubtedly were aware of, engaged in, and/or were impacted by the George Floyd Protests, how can there be any expectation that folks’ experiences can be adequately captured or expressed in two “listening sessions” totalling 120 minutes?

This is an absolute insult to community members and to folks’ experiences, and we reject it on every level, in every aspect.

Signed,

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