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Dear Board of Police Commissioners:

As a citizen of Los Angeles I'm writing to submit public comments to the LAPC Meeting.

Item 3C, 4B and Other LAPD Surveillance Costs
Why does LAPD need $160,000 for an upgrade to LAPD's plane? Why does LAPD even need a plane? It's ridiculous LAPD needs a plane to fly LAPD personnel from the City Attorney's office, or to fly anywhere.

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Commissioners:

First I want to address the fact that for the past two meetings I have unfortunately been left on hold. My comments were not heard and for many of the items no longer apply as the commission has already made a decision. Like the caller I heard Commissioner Decker directly address, who was so deeply troubled by some of the racist rhetoric and off-topic offensive comments he heard, I am confused at why I continue to try to participate in this process. I once again ask if you could at least screenshare the queue of callers - this would at least save me the hours I
might otherwise spend unheard on hold. We know this technology is accessible, and especially as COVID continues to affect our city and its government, I ask you to make these meetings more accessible.

This past weekend there was a protest outside LAPD HQ, organized by known right-wing extremists and permitted by the LAPD. Multiple journalists were attacked by these white supremacists, and at least one person was stabbed. In multiple videos on the internet, these attacks, in front of LAPD headquarters, were allowed to happen. Even if one can’t come to the obvious conclusion that the LAPD condones and encourages this type of violence, one must see this is yet another example of the LAPD serving in opposition to public safety, despite spending about $8 million dollars every day in taxpayer dollars.

On Friday, in response to a call of a person who allegedly was self-harming, the LAPD responded by showing up and shooting them. Again, this is the same LAPD whose budget is unquestionably increased year-to-year, whose presence in LA’s communities is increased every year, despite constant reminders of their inherent danger.

On today’s agenda, there are two items regarding LAPD’s ever-expanding air force. Item 3C is an electrical upgrade to one of LAPD’s planes so it is “mission ready” for flying LAPD cops and investigators from the City Attorney’s office around in private, and item 4B is the most recent report on the LAPD drone program.

Since 2014, the residents of LA have made it clear we do not want LAPD owning or operating drones. LAPD has a history of surveilling Black, brown, and poor neighborhoods from the ground and from its vehicles, but additionally by having “eyes in the sky” to capture information and video footage, and transmit or stream it directly back to LAPD. LAPD’s helicopter fleet comprises a major part of its deadly air surveillance but in 2017 the department additionally added drones, despite thousands of petitions, public comments, postcards, survey responses, and in-person testimony where folks voiced their opposition to this technology in the hands of LAPD.

As usual, the Board of Police Commissioners voted then to give drone technology and surveillance to police, and in the most recent report, we continue to see how LAPD justifies their use, mainly through the lens of how drones keep cops safe. We are not interested in upgrades and added weapons by which LAPD can surveil and travel by air, and we know that LAPD reports lie - this is a department that does what it likes, including by air, and makes up lies or policies later. We reject LAPD use of drones and the LAPD air fleet, and demand they are defunded.

Resume in-person meetings immediately, but keep a virtual public-comment option for people who can’t or don’t want to show up in person.
Signed,

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Commissioners:

This past weekend there was a protest outside LAPD HQ, organized by known right-wing extremists and permitted by the LAPD. These white supremacists attacked multiple journalists, and at least one person was stabbed. In multiple videos on the internet, these attacks were allowed to happen in front of LAPD headquarters. Even if one can’t come to the obvious conclusion that the LAPD condones and encourages this type of violence, one must see this is yet another example of the LAPD serving in opposition to public safety, despite spending about $8 million every day in taxpayer dollars.

On Friday, in response to a call of a person who allegedly self-harmed, the LAPD responded by showing up and shooting them. Again, this is the same LAPD whose budget is unquestionably increased year-to-year, whose presence in LA’s communities is increased every year, despite constant reminders of their inherent danger.

On today’s agenda, there are two items regarding LAPD’s ever-expanding air force. Item 3C is an electrical upgrade to one of LAPD’s planes. Hence, it is “mission ready” for flying LAPD cops and investigators from the City Attorney’s office in private, and item 4B is the most recent report on the LAPD drone program.
Since 2014, the residents of LA have made it clear we do not want LAPD owning or operating drones. LAPD has a history of surveilling Black, brown, and poor neighborhoods from the ground and its vehicles, but also having “eyes in the sky” to capture information and video footage and transmit or stream it directly back to LAPD. LAPD’s helicopter fleet comprises a major part of its deadly air surveillance. Still, in 2017 the department additionally added drones, despite thousands of petitions, public comments, postcards, survey responses, and in-person testimony where folks voiced their opposition to this technology in the hands of LAPD.

As usual, the Board of Police Commissioners voted then to give drone technology and surveillance to police, and in the most recent report, we continue to see how LAPD justifies their use, mainly through the lens of how drones keep cops safe. We are not interested in upgrades and added weapons by which LAPD can surveil and travel by air. We know that LAPD reports falsify information - this is a department does what it likes, including by air, and makes up lies or policies later. We reject LAPD's use of drones and the LAPD air fleet and demand they are defunded.

Limiting public comment to forty-five minutes and forcing everyone to make comments BEFORE they hear the discussion of the day’s agenda items both seem like the exact opposite of behaviors one might reasonably expect from the “citizen’s voice in police affairs, as are condoning all of the above points. Will your votes show that you agree or disagree with this point?

It's time to resume in-person meetings, but keep a virtual public comment option for people who cannot or do not want to show up in person.

Signed,

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As you should know, this past weekend there was a protest organized by known right-wing extremists and permitted by the LAPD... outside LAPD HQ. As seen on videos, at this event, multiple journalists were attacked by these white supremacists, and at least one person was stabbed; these attacks, in front of LAPD headquarters, were allowed to happen. Violent attacks perpetrated by known white supremacists were allowed to occur with limited to no police involvement, but Black people standing at a protest were beaten with batons, arrested and shot at with rubber bullets. Even if one can’t come to the obvious conclusion that the LAPD condones and encourages this type of violence (from their own white supremacist counterparts), one must see this is yet another example of the LAPD serving in opposition to public safety, despite spending about $8 million dollars every day in taxpayer dollars.

In an all too familiar scenario, on Friday, the LAPD responded by showing up and shooting someone... in response to a call of a person who allegedly was self-harming. Despite years of failure, again, and yet the LAPD budget is increased every year, along with their unwanted presence in LA’s communities, despite constant reminders of their inherent danger.
Despite repeated failures and continued criticism and concern, there are two items horrifyingly representing LAPD’s ever-expanding air force: A. Item 3C is an electrical upgrade to one of LAPD’s planes so it is “mission ready” for flying LAPD cops and investigators from the City Attorney’s office around in private.

B. Item 4B is the most recent report on the LAPD drone program on today’s agenda.

The residents of LA have made it clear we do not want LAPD owning or operating drones since 2014. LAPD has a documented history of surveilling Black, brown, and poor neighborhoods from the ground and from its vehicles and by having “eyes in the sky” to capture information and video footage, transmitting or streaming it directly back to LAPD. LAPD’s helicopter fleet comprises a major part of its deadly air surveillance, but that wasn’t enough, so in 2017 the department added drones. This was a dangerous decision made in a vacuum by this commission, ignoring opposition to this technology in the hands of LAPD as voiced by thousands of petitions, public comments, postcards, survey responses, and in-person testimony.

Despite public outcry, as usual, the Board of Police Commissioners voted to give drone technology and surveillance to police. In the most recent report, we continue to see how LAPD justifies their use, claiming drones keep cops safe. We reject and are not interested in upgrades and added weapons by which LAPD can surveil and travel by air; we know that LAPD reports lie - this is a department that does what it likes, while you as a body rubber stamp it, makes up lies and policies as they go along. Not only do we reject LAPD use of drones and the LAPD air fleet, we demand they are defunded immediately.

Also, of note, the limiting of public comment to a mere forty-five minutes and forcing everyone to make comment BEFORE they hear the discussion of the day’s agenda items are the exact opposite of behaviors one would reasonably expect from what is supposed to be the “citizen’s voice in police affairs.”

We demand that you resume in-person meetings immediately, AND keep a virtual public-
comment option for people who can't or don't want to show up in person.

Signed,
Sheila Bates