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Sent:   Monday, July 26, 2021 9:09 AM
To:     lou@LegacyLA.org; Police Commission
Cc:     Michel Moore; Councilmember.Blumenfield@lacity.org; Councilmember.Lee@lacity.org; Gilbert.Cedillo@lacity.org; contactcd4@lacity.org; councilmember.bonin@lacity.org; councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org; councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org; councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org; councilmember.martinez@lacity.org; councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org; councilmember.price@lacity.org; councilmember.ridley-thomas@lacity.org; councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org; Dale Bonner; ethics.commission@lacity.org; kevin.lector@latimes.com; lapcfails@gmail.com; mayor.garcetti@lacity.org; mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org; mike.n.feuer@lacity.org; Richard Tefank; Sandra Figueroa-Villa; Steve Soboroff; Eileen Decker; William J. Briggs, II; paul.koretz@lacity.org; paul.krekorian@lacity.org; tips@laist.com
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From: Audrey Georg
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2021 9:24 AM
To: Police Commission
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One of the “resources” (tools of violence) LAPD wants for its Mental Evaluation
Units and SMART are more tasers. Just last week the Board of Police Commissioners
discussed the murder of Daniel Rivera by LAPD, using a taser and physical force.
Arming the police further cannot be the city’s continued response to folks in
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Signed,

Audrey

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From: Manar Jarban
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2021 9:29 AM
To: Police Commission
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From: Harrison Weinfeld  [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2021 10:06 AM
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From: Magan Wiles
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2021 10:11 AM
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magan wiles (she/her)

From: Taavi Kirshenbaum
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2021 10:13 AM
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From: Marianne Drummond
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2021 10:14 AM
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Marianne Drummond
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Hello Commissioners,

I am writing to you regarding item 3C (and a few other things). I am seeing that LAPD wants to expand its Mental Evaluation Unit (MEU) and Systemic Mental Illness Response Teams (SMART). This is in response to an increase in calls involving folks with mental illness, and an increase in folks needing referrals to mental health services. LAPD policy and culture is to treat folks with mental illness or disabilities as a threat. Because of this it is clear that police should not be a part of this crisis response. Rather than expanding LAPD or giving them more resources, we demand an investment in accessible health care and services for folks with mental illness. Expanding LAPD perpetuates a cycle of harm, in which folks are denied the resources they need on an ongoing basis, while police continue to engage in violence. Folks with mental illness do not need to be criminalized. We need care. My life is not safer because of police — it is more endangered.

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Commissioners/City Council/Mayor/City Attorney:

Election of officers - how can we be electing officers to this body already? It seems Briggs was made VP just a few months ago. And the fact that you have it as item number 4 on the agenda makes it impossible for the public to weigh in on this. Why bother even having officers - this whole board does what the LAPD tells them too. Period.

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I am extremely disappointed by the proposal for the expansion of MEU (Mental Evaluation Unit). As an LA resident of ten years, I have never seen an officer respond to a mental health crisis in the proper manner. I believe fundamentally that the police force should not handle mental health crises. There have been way too many instances where police officers have shot or injured people experiencing a
mental health crisis. They are trained to shoot/kill or attack before anything else and I do not understand why we think it is okay for this to continue to happen. We demand accountability for LAPD and we demand that our taxpayer dollars go to reinvesting in our communities not towards beefing up your retirement funds or paying overtime for officers to continue to harass unhoused residents.

I beg you to please protect our black/brown and Latino communities and not continue to expand LAPD. We must provide social services workers to better handle our LA Residents experiencing a mental health crisis. Our response to mental health should be prevention and reinvesting the billions of dollars given to LAPD would help us provide for our LA residents in need.

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You continue to fail the public. Impacted community members deserve to be allocated time to address this commission and detail the consistent failures of the LAPD in regards to the planned explosion that happened on June 30th. Chief Moore must be held accountable for yet another failure under his leadership. His time is up and he must be removed immediately.

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Thank you,

Jessica Ferretti

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Signed,

Chris Riddle
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absolutely not be a part of this crisis response. Police are entirely ill-equipped
to help people with mental health needs, and more often than not they end up causing
further harm and trauma to vulnerable individuals who need care. Instead of
expanding LAPD, or adding resources, we demand an investment in caring and
accessible health care and services for folks with mental illness. Expanding LAPD
perpetuates a cycle of harm, in which folks are denied the resources they need on an
ongoing basis, while police continue to engage in violence.

Regarding item 5: this Board is not to be trusted reviewing any materials in closed
session. You have demonstrated over and over again that you simply rubber-stamp
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Dawy Rkasnuam

From: ashley brim  
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It is irresponsible to recommend any more funds for the LAPD to respond to people in Mental Health crisis. You must not approve or recommend funding for them.

Item 5: The public has a right to whatever information is being presented under the cover of a “closed session.” Un-close (or, “open”) these sessions at once and get serious about providing oversight and transparency. Everytime you go into a closed session the result is that you approve whatever the LAPD is asking for - How can we trust that a meaningful conversation or debate is happening when the result is always the Board being in agreement with the LAPD? I speak for many Angelenos when I say that we are often NOT in agreement with LAPD and if you represent my voice, I would think more closed sessions would have outcomes in opposition to the position of LAPD.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

I demand that you resume in-person meetings immediately, while maintaining a virtual option to provide public comment.

Ashley Paige Brim // she/her/hers
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Regarding item 5: The public has a right to whatever information is being presented under the cover of a “closed session.” These sessions must become more transparent at once to convey and support the mission of providing public oversight and transparency. You may profess to be “the citizens’ voice in police affairs,” but ultimately the actions of the board tell a very different story and we demand transparency and behavior and votes in accordance with public, not police, interest.

Thank you,

Laura Adery, Ph.D
From: Lucas O'Connor
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Signed,

Lucas O'Connor

From: Bethany Heykoop
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Since the last meeting, Echo Park Lake has “re-opened” for the first time since the mass eviction of park residents at the end of March, but with a massive police presence and CCTV surveillance that cover every inch of the park. While CD13 Field Deputy Juan Fregoso has been secretive about who has access to the footage, this surveillance of public spaces is part of LAPD’s constant watching and information gathering through its architectural surveillance, by which the community is constantly watched and tracked in the name of “public safety” and the city and LAPD decide what to do with the information gathered, and how it will be used to purge the area of folks deemed “undesirable.”

LAPD Cadets handed out “crime prevention” flyers; maps that Cadets could not explain or seemed to understand, but that will undoubtedly be described in a “Community Safety Partnership” (CSP) log entry as successful “community engagement” and “crime prevention.” Meanwhile, folks that were displaced from Echo Park continue to be in need of services and permanent housing. LAPD may have different program names and add bureaus, but the tactics are the same: police occupation, surveillance, displacement, and arrests while the police budget increases, as does the number of folks dying from lack of housing and services. We demand services, not sweeps!
Defund CSP, and invest in communities!

Item 3C, the LAPD’s latest Annual Review of Police Brutality and Murder is a glossy report that attempts to make LAPD seem professional, data-informed, thoughtful, and well-equipped. The department is only the last of these, and it is equipped for war - against Los Angeles residents, and particularly against those residents that are Black, brown, poor, unhoused, disabled, migrant, or part of the trans and queer community. As with all acts of police violence, we are not looking for further analysis, data-gathering, or justification and explanation by police. We demand police defunding and disarming. The fact that the Annual Report of Police Violence has become a marketing brochure with LAPD’s smiling faces should be an embarrassment to all of you.

We also demand an end to the restrictions on public comment, and that public comment follow the agenda item after it has been discussed, so community members might comment on new information that has been shared. Stop restricting the public comment period to forty-five minutes. You claim to be the “citizens’ voice in police affairs.” Start acting like it.

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Commissioners:

I am submitting public comments regarding items 3C and 5.
Regarding item 3C: LAPD wants to expand its Mental Evaluation Unit (MEU) and Systemic Mental Illness Response Teams (SMART) in response to an increase in calls for help involving folks with mental illness or behavioral health issues as well as an increase in folks needing referrals to mental health care services. LAPD policy and culture as it stands today treats folks with mental illness, behavioral issues, or disabilities as a threat. Because of this, police should absolutely not be a part of this crisis response. Meeting an individual in the midst of a mental health crisis with lethal weapons and the assumption that they are a danger and a threat is not helping or reducing harm, but rather further escalating the situation, putting that individual at further risk, physically and mentally.

Instead of expanding LAPD or adding resources to LAPD, I demand an investment in caring and accessible health care services for folks with mental illness. Expanding LAPD perpetuates a cycle of harm, denying the resources needed on an ongoing basis while police continue to engage in violence. It is not a solution, it's a way to give LAPD more power regardless of the impact on individuals, and it is not sustainable nor caring for those individuals. I myself receive treatment for mental illness, and if I were in the midst of a mental health crisis, LAPD would be the absolute last people that I would want showing up to "help".

Regarding item 5: the Board is not to be trusted reviewing any materials in closed session. You have demonstrated over and over again that you simply rubber-stamp whatever the LAPD says or asks for. As such, the public has a right to whatever information is being presented under the cover of a "closed session". This very commission exists to foster transparency, and closed sessions are in direct opposition to that demand from the people that you claim to serve. Open these sessions at once, and get serious about providing oversight and transparency.

Finally, your practice of limiting public comment to forty-five minutes at the beginning of each meeting is unrealistic and also in opposition to the oversight and transparency this commission was formed to provide. That is simply an unreasonable time constraint to place on the citizens of a city as large as Los Angeles - I can barely get through a work meeting in that amount of time with a team of 10, how in the world can the concerns of almost 12.5 million people be addressed in 45 minutes? Especially considering the trouble that LAPD causes regularly and your practice of canceling meetings as often as you do (notably following a MASSIVE mistake of blowing up 32,000 pounds of fireworks that weren't properly measured, impacting 26 residential homes).
You claim to be the citizens' voice in police affairs, but your actions tell a completely different story.

I demand that you resume in-person masked meetings immediately, while maintaining a virtual option to provide public comment. Your absence and cancellations are NOT going unnoticed and it is unacceptable.

Signed,

Emma Irene Olson (she/her/hers)
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Signed,

Phoebe Neidhardt

From: Michele Musacchio [REDACTED]
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Commissioners:

As a regulatory body representing the public will on the LAPD, you may be used to receiving blanket emails. Please know that I stand behind everything I’ve presented to you here. If you keep hearing the same refrain, it could be telling you you’re missing the meaning of the chorus. We are asking you to play your role in defunding
the police in Los Angeles and re-investing in real, independent, community care services.

Regarding item 3C: LAPD wants an expansion of its Mental Evaluation Unit (MEU) and Systemic Mental Illness Response Teams (SMART), in response to an increase in calls for help involving people with mental illness, and an increase in people needing referrals to mental health care services.

I ask you to DISAPPROVE expansion of the MEU. It is cost-ineffective, and by every indication will result in more people being hurt, removed from family, or even killed by LAPD.

LAPD policy and culture is to treat folks with mental illness or disabilities as a threat. Accordingly, police should absolutely not be a part of this crisis response. Instead of expanding LAPD, or adding resources, we demand an investment in caring and accessible health care and services for folks with mental illness. Expanding LAPD perpetuates a cycle of harm, in which folks are denied the resources they need on an ongoing basis, while police continue to engage in violence.

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As the commission stands for clarity and public oversight. That requires transparency.

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This last has been a continuous demand with very real urgency. You have such value right before you in the form of the people of the city of Los Angeles. Make good on the investment we put into you.

Yours,
Michele Musacchio

From: Powell Lester  
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Signed,

Lester Powell

Lester D. Powell

If you want something you have never had you have to do something you have never done.

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Christina Chapman (She/Her)

From: stephen francis saletros
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2021 2:53 PM
To: Police Commission
Subject: 7/3 Spa Protest Incident

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Police Commissioners,

At the last Police Commission meeting on 7/20 Chief Moore provided a report on the 7/3 Protest Incident. It was not accurate, was a distraction narrative and did not address the failure of the LAPD to protect peaceful protesters.
Here is a short list of clarifications:

1. The transgender distraction - The individual who was the subject of a protest by a female patron had male genitalia and a beard. There are reports that the individual did NOT have an appointment as required at the spa and that he said in the Female section in the shower area that he had had sex with over a hundred women. There are underage girls that attend the spa with their mothers. The individual that was seen in the female section of the spa has been referred to as a transgender. How do we know that? Self identification? And to who? That individual is an ALLEGED transgender person if you want to use that term. Do the women and girls in the spa not have the right to not have an individual who appears male with male genitalia and a beard in their safe area where they can relax and enjoy the services of the spa? The Chief insisted on the “Transgender Distraction” and since he did it has to be addressed. How do we know that individual who allegedly trespassed is not a sex crime registrant? Where’s the trespass investigation at the very least?

2. Knowing that this Spa Transgender issue was going to be a point of contentious protest there is information out there that the Rampart Div Captain requested 20 officers and a supervisor to keep the peace. On Thursday Antifa put out a call for mobilization to stand up for trans rights. If you know anything about Antifa, and you should, you could predict an escalation to violence. The request of the Rampart Captain for officers to keep the peace was DENIED! The question is why and specifically by who. The LAPD knew, or should have known of the potential for violence.

3. The protest began with LAPD visibility and presence Eventually, Antifa used there tactics to surround, intimidate, verbally and physically attack peaceful protesters. Many of the protesters were professed Christians who did not provoke physical altercations but were Attacked! Members of the media were also physically assaulted and at least one attempt robbery/robbery took place.

4. The LAPD, after not pre staging and deploying for the protest, were slow to respond or did not respond at all to crimes in progress where peaceful protesters were attacked.

It is reported that no arrests were made which is a dereliction of duty and disgrace if that is true.

As a citizen, I must insist that an investigation be done to what happed on 7/3!
The public deserves and has a right to know about the truth of what happened and why LAPD failed to protect the Constitutional Rights of citizens.
From: Sarah Bowers
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2021 3:21 PM
To: Police Commission
Cc: mke.n.feuer@lacity.org; Mayor Helpdesk; Eileen Decker; ethics.commission@lacity.org; Dale Bonner; Sandra Figueroa-Villa; Steve Soboroff; Richard Tefank; Michel Moore; William J. Briggs, II; Mayor Garcetti; councilmember.ridley-thomas@lacity.org; councilmember.bonin@lacity.org; Gilbert.Cedillo@lacity.org; paul.krekorian@lacity.org; Councilmember.Blumenfield@lacity.org; contactcd4@lacity.org; paul.koretz@lacity.org; councilmember.martinez@lacity.org; councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org; councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org; councilmember.price@lacity.org; Councilmember.Lee@lacity.org; councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org; councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org; councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org
Subject: BOPC Public Comment 7/27/2021

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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
This board, the police chief, and LA City officials know how often LAPD officers end up harming and killing people with mental illness or who are in mental duress. The past year has been full of demands for greater infrastructure and non-law enforcement resources to respond to those who need help during times of mental duress and mental illness.

The answer is NOT to expand LAPD’s role in these services or in responding to these types of calls. Expanding LAPD perpetuates a cycle of harm, in which folks are denied the resources they need on an ongoing basis, while police continue to engage in violence. In fact, we need to get LAPD officers and staff even further away from these types of incidents and calls.

Item 5
To cut to the chase here, I as a citizen of Los Angeles have lost all confidence in your commission and in all of you as commissioners. I don't trust you reviewing any materials in closed sessions. You continue to show the people of LA that you never hold LAPD accountable. You never do anything but approve whatever they suggest. Your commission needs to get serious about providing oversight and transparency and to open these closed sessions.

Public Comment: LAPD and Body Cams
Another disturbing report was released about LAPD officers not turning on their body cams. Such news is unsurprising. Though Chief Moore promised to discipline those officers who don't turn on their body cams, he hasn't fulfilled a lot of promises pertaining to accountability and oversight in his department, or in doing the right thing. (remember how he said the officer who sent the George Floyd valentine would
"feel [his] wrath"? Yeah, nothing happened to that officer).

This report also further establishes what we already know - LAPD cannot be reformed or trained. They need to be defunded.

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General Public Comment: LAPC Meeting Time
Why are these meetings held at the same time as City Council and Board of Supervisor meetings? We know you, Ms. Decker, don’t answer questions at these meetings, but as the president of a Commission that says that you are the “citizens voice in police affairs,” I think we deserve to know why you continue to support stifling the speech of Angelenos.

Signed,
Sarah Bowers

From: Michelle King
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2021 3:39 PM
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In community,

Michelle King
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Kim Holmes Isaacs
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Elizabeth Sommer
Los Angeles resident

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I am appalled by and vehemently opposed to any involvement of law enforcement in
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From: Beth Baker
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