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Mayor Bass, BOPC, LAPD Chief Choi, the entire LAPD and All Citizens,

It is painfully obvious to anyone paying attention that the LAPD is failing to meet hiring and retention goals. Crime rates, both reported and especially unreported, are up as evidenced by our own observations on the streets of Los Angeles. The fear of crime and disorder is pervasive throughout Los Angeles causing people to avoid traveling on the MTA and limit their traveling. Is this freedom or is this the failure of our local government to perform its most basic and fundamental duty of safeguarding the public?

When people do call the police the responses they most often get is a recording where phone calls are not answered or returned. Serious 911 calls are met with delays in taking the call and response times anywhere from 30, 60, 90, 120 minutes or no response. I hear these horror stories on a regular basis and have personally experienced this sad reality. I do not blame the officers of the LAPD who are trying to do the best they can in a system that does not support them or public safety. A city the size of LA should have a force of approximately 12,500 not 8800 or so. When officers do make arrests the arrestees are back in the streets before the paperwork is done. Crimes are not prosecuted or are inadequately prosecuted by the Office of the District Attorney for felonies and City Attorney for misdemeanors. The Criminal Injustice system is failing and has blood on its hands. Remember Mirna Soza who was murdered by a career criminal on the MTA. There are so many victims that were let down by the criminal injustice system and the lack of effective leadership in the LAPD. Too many have paid the price of public safety failure with their lives.

As further evidence of LAPD failure that is glaringly obvious, I ask you to look at the LAPD official website [LAPDONLINE.ORG](http://LAPDONLINE.ORG). Look under the events tab and what do you see? One past event. Where is the August 6th National Night Out yearly event mentioned on the official site? Where are the community police events and meetings? The lack of information, communication and real partnership with the community seriously calls into question the commitment of the LAPD Command staff to the concept

and implementation of Community Policing!

I call upon Mayor Bass and the Police Commission to restore the Thin Blue Line to the lobbies of Police Station. I call upon Mayor Bass and the Police Commission to dismantle the DEI office and emphasize its meritocracy over identity politics. DEI has no place in public safety because lives are at stake and the public deserves the best officers mentally, physically, and temperamentally. The citizens of L.A. deserve and demand better of the LAPD and City Leadership.

Respectfully,  
Steve Reilly