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LAPD BOPC, Chief Choi, the entire LAPD and Public,

There seems to be an epidemic of people not doing their jobs inside the building(S) at the LAPD!

Once again I refer to the modern technological face of the LAPD known as the website LAPDONLINE.ORG.

The website is a continual embarrassment with the welcoming team of the ambiguous androgynous Asian with the lecherous smile and her partner she uses as a literal prop with her hand over her badge or breast. What exactly is the message that's being conveyed there? They certainly don't look like they are ready to take care of business, not police business in the street anyway. It certainly seems to be a DEI* message of identity politics. The emasculation of the LAPD. While there is certainly a need and place for women in policing our imagery should portray police officers who look like they can do the job and take care of business. I remind you that the LAPD is having a serious problem recruiting officers and that image is not attracting the best and indeed deterring them from applying.

Does anyone have any fireworks complaints in the last week of July? Nothing says diligence and dedication than outdated notices that are just left there in a highly visible location. And while we are on the subject of notifications why aren't pending planned events placed in the events section? Are events some kind of a secret until they have passed? Is this more of the "Community Policing By Invitation Only" philosophy? Community policing means timely notification of meetings and events so the community has the opportunity to participate! Every community is entitled to a professional implementation of community policing! EVERY COMMUNITY!

As a resident of Los Angeles I am very concerned for the future of the LAPD, public safety and the city itself and I know I am not alone. However, participation at Police Commission meeting is abysmal and it would appear that the Police Commission does everything to discourage citizen participation. The Department must do better in communication and responsiveness. There must be transparency and accountability. Perhaps

we need to take a look at the City Charter and address the issue of having an elected Chief and an elected Police Commission. The Brown Act also seems to be more of an impediment to Police Commission responsiveness to citizen concerns and questions as it has erected an invisible shield to protect our own Commissioners from our own citizens questions.

Thank you to the all the LAPD officers who are doing the job and protect and serve with honor. You are the Heroes! We know you are there and support you and no matter what the critics say "Illegitimi non carborundum"!

Respectfully,
Steve Reilly