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Dear Commissioners,

We appreciate the time and effort that went into creating the LAPD After Action Report regarding the 2025 ICE Protests. We write to share our feedback and hope you find our observations to be helpful.

The report characterizes the protests developed into a challenging, **citywide** situation. This is the messaging that came out of the White House, which was contrary to the information shared by the Mayor, the Police Chief, and the Sheriff during several press conferences that incidents took place within a one-mile radius of downtown Los Angeles, as well as a couple of other areas of the City, e.g. Paramount and L.A. Harbor. Most of Los Angeles did not experience wide-scale protests requiring LAPD response.

The report is clear that the protests were largely peaceful, but also stated that conditions in multiple locations rose to the level of rioting. "Rioting" connotes serious violence. However, arrest statistics show that 79% were for failure to disperse, 6% for curfew violations, 6% for looting, vandalism, or trespassing. 3.6% were arrested for violence against police officers. Perhaps a better word choice, rather than "rioting", would be "at times, conditions rose to the level of vandalism and violence against police officers."

There were descriptions of officer injuries, but no information about injuries suffered by protestors/bystanders/press injuries. At least 20 press personnel reported injuries, 5 requiring hospitalization.

We understand that the Department's role is to provide public safety. In spite of that fact, many demonstrators perceived the Department to be aligned with federal agents. What can the Department do to change that perception? With skirmish lines facing protestors, the impression is that the community is the "enemy" and that the Department's role is to protect federal agents. Another suggestion is to expect the federal agencies would provide their own traffic control. They certainly have the resources to do that. Having the Department serve

that traffic control function leads the community to interpret that as helping federal agents arrest innocent family, friends and neighbors.

There is repeated concern expressed in the report about protestors who wore masks. At the same time, there is no expression of concern that DHS and ICE officials wore masks and hid identification so that they evaded accountability. Moreover, these forces wore tactical protective gear and carried rifles. In addition, the protestors' concern to protect their individual identities is heightened by the use of surveillance drones and livestream monitoring. Protestors who wore gas masks, helmets, and shields are labeled "hostile actors." Note that these items are not militarized weapons, or weapons at all. They are defensive gear.

We can imagine that LAPD officers were anxious for their safety. However, the report does not address the public fear of combined forces that included DHS, US Marshals Service, the Federal Protective Service under federal control AND military resources including CA National Guard, and US Marines none of which are under local control.

Lessons Learned does not address the concern over misuse of less-lethal munitions. This is despite video footage of a woman attempting to walk to her home on the street being blocked by LAPD. She was shot point blank by LAPD member with less lethal munition. (June 10, 2025)

It is understandable that the Department would need to reach out for mutual aid. It is unclear that LASD or California Highway Patrol knew that they needed to operate under LAPD's AB 481 policy. We mention this because we are aware of lawsuits against LASD for injuries to bystanders by use of less-lethal weapons during the protests. See page 5: <https://lapdonlinestrgeacc.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/lapdonlinemedia/Initial-Assembly-Bill-481-Policy-and-Report.pdf>

Per the Department's existing mutual aid guidance, in any incident in the City of Los Angeles requiring mutual aid from an outside agency, the Chief of Police of the Los Angeles Police Department shall remain in charge of the incident including the direction of any personnel and equipment provided as part of the mutual aid. All such resources shall be used in a manner consistent with the policies of the City of Los Angeles.

The list of Lessons Learned and Recommendations seems to be missing information about reviewing LAPD's media policies and procedures.

Thank you for listening to our perspectives and considering them when discussing LAPD's After Action Report of the June 2025 ICE Protests.



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