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LAPD BOPC, Chief Choi, Mayor Comrade Karen Bass, the Entire LAPD and All Residents,

I begin with a quotation from the classic political harbinger novel "1984" by George Orwell.

"The Party told you to reject the evidence of your eyes and ears. It was their final and most essential command. And if all others accepted the Lie. If all records told the same tale, then the Lie passed into history and became Truth."

Comrade Mayor Karen Bass has stated "For the first time in years, unsheltered homelessness has decreased in Los Angeles because of a comprehensive approach that leads with housing and services, not criminalization." Has unsheltered homelessness really decreased Comrade Mayor Karen Bass? Do you actually see the entrenched encampments and garbage that has been allowed to block our streets and poison our environment? Entrenched encampments are in places where they have never been before. Would you like proof Comrade Bass? Look outside the window of City Hall to First St North sidewalk from Spring St to Broadway. Do you not see the entrenched encampment of transients in tents blocking the sidewalks and making the bus stop all but unusable by the public? How much more obvious does the situation have to be before it is dealt with in a compassionate manner that benefits the transients and everyone that is subjected to that unacceptable entrenched encampment which is an embarrassment to our city?

Have you been to the LAPD Rampart Station recently Comrade Mayor Bass? Take a walk down the street directly south from the station entrance past the businesses on the west side of the street from 6th St to Wilshire Bl. Oh, wait a minute, you can't because the sidewalk is completely blocked by an entrenched encampment. Let the handicapped in wheelchairs, senior citizens and children walk in the street or go another way? Who cares about their rights to safe clean sidewalks? Who cares about the rights to safe clean sidewalks that ALL people have? Do you Comrade Mayor Bass?

I could go on and on but I think the point has been made. We have eyes Comrade Mayor Bass and We, the People, can see. We see and we hear. We see that unsheltered homelessness has not decreased in spite of all the money and resources set aside to deal with this most pressing issue. Where is the money going?

By the way, we also see and hear that crime is out of control in Los Angeles and is severely underreported. Why? Because many people cannot wait 1 and a half hours or more for the LAPD to respond to the calls of the public for protection and service. Thus, a sense of futility sets in with the public at large as we experience or hear of the experience of our neighbors calling the LAPD only to be disappointed with a slow or no response. The situation is dire. The system is failing the people. The LAPD is demoralized. What is to be done Comrade Mayor?

The Party, the One Party City of Los Angeles is trying to tell us to reject the evidence of our eyes and ears. This is the same Party that tells us unsheltered homelessness has decreased, crime is down, the border is secure and inflation is only at about 3%. Have you walked down the streets of Downtown Los Angeles lately? Have you ridden the subway or bus lately? Have you gone food shopping lately? Have you had a meal in a restaurant? If you have then you should know the reality of life that the common people must endure in what was once a great city. Crime and prices are dramatically up and the quality of life and public safety has greatly decreased. No amount of Party propaganda or gaslighting is going to change the reality of what We, the people see with our own eyes every day. Let's stop pretending for political reasons that the problem is decreasing while it's actually getting worse as evidenced by our own eyes and experiences.

It's time for you, Mayor Bass to do your job and encourage the LAPD and All city departments to do their job and clean up this city! Perhaps this is the problem when there is only One Party Rule and there is no balance. We end up with an unresponsive, complacent, corrupt bureaucracy and political machine whose only interest is maintaining its own power, the people be damned.

Respectfully,
Steve Reilly