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Mayor Bass, LAPD BOPC/COP, entire LAPD and public,

Today is the last day of the month. Mayor Bass advised an expectant and anxious city that a new LAPD Chief of Police would be selected by this day. The day is not yet over but it's past High Noon and there is no word of a New Sheriff in town or rather, Chief.

Will the City go to sleep tonight without a new Chief of Police? One might wonder what the holdup is? And what is the holdup with finding a new Police Commissioner? Can anything be done by LA City government and LAPD in a timely efficient manner or is that asking too much?

Here is a suggestion to Mayor Bass. Submit for appointment to Police Commissioner someone who actually knows something about policing and not a political appointee playing the identity politics game. Perhaps select a retired LAPD former member of the department anywhere from the rank of police officer to Lieutenant. Perhaps a former director of the LAPPL who knows what the issues in the department are and has a history of working to fix critical issues such as morale.

We need diversity of thought and natural not coerced diversity based on identity politics with the currently favored categories being selected not on the basis of merit but superficial characteristics.

This department is in a crisis and needs new leadership. Lets hope and pray for a new Chief that leads the LAPD and public safety in the right direction and makes community policing a reality.

Respectfully,
Steve Reilly