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11/15/2022

Attention: William J. Briggs, Eileen Decker, Dale Bonner, Maria Lou Calanche, Steve Soboroff.

Good morning, Police Commissioners, as always, I hope you are all doing well. Last week Chief Moore gave his Covid-19 report and there were a **total of 27 new Covid-19 positive cases** within the LAPD. **21 out of 27 were previously vaccinated in accordance with the C.O.L.A. Covid-19 mandate.** Year to date (**January 11, 2022 – November 8, 2022**) the vaccinated are making up **77% of the positive infections within the LAPD.** I'm curious what the percentage would be if the requested, missing Covid-19 reports were given. The below dates, Chief Moore did not provide a complete breakdown.

1/11/2022 No Covid report given

2/8/2022 No Covid report given

3/15/2022 Total infections reported but no breakdown of vaccinated/ unvaccinated

4/12/2022 Total infections reported but no breakdown of vaccinated/ unvaccinated

5/17/2022 Total infections reported but no breakdown of vaccinated/ unvaccinated

5/24/2022 Total infections reported but no breakdown of vaccinated/ unvaccinated

7/26/2022 only provided 77% no further breakdown

We continue to ask for the missing data, yet you continue to **choose not to listen.** This is not only **troubling and concerning** but also a **breach of trust** by you to the citizens of Los Angeles. By **remaining silent, this is taking us backwards** and putting the Police Commission **in a bad light.** I don't think the citizens will ever **regain the trust** that was lost.

Police Commissioners, the above paragraph was some of your words you used last week, when you righteously stood up about the improper handling of a sensitive investigation by a Captain at the Hollywood Station. As a leader, **you don't have the discretion,** to pick and choose **when you are,** and **when you are not going to stand up for what's right.** You must **always stand up and do what is right** no matter what. If you don't the **system fails!** It's that plain and simple.

Commissioner Briggs, last week when I spoke to you about providing your source for the reasoning of extending the state of emergency, you had a puzzled look on your face. On **September 20, 2022,** and **October 25, 2022,** you continue to read off data from the Los Angeles County Health Department from **July 7, 2022.** **You recommended extending the**

state of emergency based on the obsolete July data and the Police Commission voted to extend the state of emergency from the data you provided.

If we were still in **July**, when you read this on **9/20/22 & 10/25/22**, I would be in complete agreement with you that Covid cases were up. As you all are aware in the **month of July** per Chief Moore, there were a total of **405 Covid-19 positive infections within the LAPD, 323 of the 405 were fully vaccinated**, meaning for the month of **July, 80% of the positive cases came from the vaccinated population within the LAPD**

If we were still in **August**, when you read this on **9/20/22 & 10/25/22**, I would still agree with you that Covid cases were up. As you all are aware in the **month of August** per Chief Moore there were a total of **317 Covid-19 positive infections within the LAPD, 262 of the 317 were fully vaccinated**, meaning for the month of **August, 83% of the positive cases came from the vaccinated population within the LAPD.**

Based on the CDC indicators and thresholds, on **9/2/2022**, **the CDC moved LA County into the low Community level** for severe illness from Covid-19. **Reflecting minimal stress on the hospital systems in LA County associated with Covid-19.** Per the CDC many people in the U.S. have some protection, or immunity, against Covid-19. This immunity, combined with the availability of tests and treatments, has greatly reduced the risk of severe illness, hospitalizations, and death from the Covid-19 for many people.

On **October 17, 2022**, **Governor Newsom** published a report from his official webpage, **noting hospitalizations and deaths are dramatically reduced** and California has the tools needed to continue fighting Covid-19. Governor Newsom even added he **has built up an unprecedented public health infrastructure.**

Commissioner Briggs, I would like you to **articulate your rationale of extending the state of emergency that was declared over 2.5 years ago and what are the “imminent risks to health and safety”?** City Council can hold in person meetings inside City Hall, why can't the Police Commission?

I have provided you all with the current data from the CDC and local news media below.

October 13, 2022, per the CDC.

Case Rate per 100,000 population	73.42 or 0.073%
New Covid-19 admissions per 100,000 population	4.9 or 0.0049%
% Staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed Covid-19	2.8%

October 20, 2022, per the CDC

Case Rate per 100,000 population	52.05 or 0.052%
New Covid-19 admissions per 100,000 population	4.3 or 0.0043%
% Staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed Covid-19	2.4%

October 27, 2022, per the CDC

Case Rate per 100,000 population	96.75 or 0.097%
New Covid-19 admissions per 100,000 population	4 or 0.004%
% Staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed Covid-19	2.2%

November 3, 2022, per the CDC

Case rate per 100,000 population	68.66 or 0.069%
New Covid-19 admissions per 100,000 population	4.3 or 0.0043%
% Staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed Covid-1	2.2%

November 10, 2022, per the CDC

Case rate per 100,000 population	84.49 or 0.084%
New Covid-19 admissions per 100,000 population	5.2 or 0.005%
% Staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed Covid-19	2.6%

I'm aware there are different local sources reporting on Covid-19 data. Let's look at some of that data.

On **11/02/2022 Fox 11 news** reported the number of Covid-19 positive cases patients in L.A. County hospitals is on the rise. The data is showing on **11/01/2022** there were **388 Covid-19 patients in the hospital**, on **11/02/2022** the number of positive Covid-19 increased to **427 positive cases in L.A. County hospitals**. L.A. County reported **1,392 new Covid infections** on 11/02/2022.

The latest census from 2021 show **9.83 million people currently residing in L.A. County**.

November 2, 2022, per Fox 11 news

Case rate per 9.83 million population 1,392 or
0.0141607%

New Covid-19 admissions per 9.83 million population 427 or 0.0043438%

Fox 11 news reported that **40% of the admitted Covid positive patients were admitted due to “virus related illness”**, while the others were admitted for other reasons, and in many cases only learning they were infected when they were tested at the hospital.

171 of the 427 were admitted for virus related illness and **256 of the 427 were admitted for other reasons**, later learning they have tested positive for Covid while already being admitted into the hospital for other medical reasons.

On **11/05/2022 My News LA** reported **1,447 new covid cases in L.A. County as of Friday**, and **7 new “virus-related” fatalities**. Health officials have said many of the deaths from Covid-19 are either elderly or have underlying health conditions, or both. The number of **Covid-19 patients in L.A. County hospitals have increased to 453**, and 44 of those were being treated in intensive care. **My News LA did not report the status of the other 409 patients** that were treated in L.A. County hospitals, only can presume they were either released back home or were admitted for other reasons and later tested positive for Covid while at the hospital.

November 5, 2022, per My News L.A.

Case rate per 9.83 million population 1,447 or 0.0147202%

New Covid-19 admissions per 9.83 million population 453 or 0.0046083%

Death rate per 9.83 million population 7 or 0.0000712%

On **11/08/2022, CBS LA** news reported a total of **1,433 new positive cases** of Covid-19, there was a slight uptick over the weekend, reporting **2,978 positive covid-19 cases**. CBS LA reported **440 hospitalizations** in L.A.

County which was slightly a lower figure compared to the numbers that were reported over the past two days (448 & 442).

November 8, 2022, per CBS L.A.

Case rate per 9.83 million population	2,978 or 0.0302950%
New Covid-19 admissions per 9.83 million population	440 or 0.0044761%

11/10/2022, My News L.A. reported the number of Covid-19 positive patients in L.A. County hospitals increased by 52, bringing the total to **492 patients admitted to the hospital**. 43 of the 52 admitted patients were admitted into the I.C.U. which was **down by 10 from the previous day**. **L.A. County reported a total of 1,662 new cases.**

My News LA reported the statewide total of Covid-19 positive patients, rose by 99, bringing the total to 1,855 cases. **Per California census as of 2021 California's population is 39.24 million.**

November 10, 2022, per My News LA

Case rate per 9.83 million population	1,662 or 0.0169074%
New Covid-19 admissions per 9.83 million population	492 or 0.0050051%
State Case Rate per 39.24 million population	1,855 or 0.0047273%

As of November 10, 2022, The CDC still shows L.A. County to remain in the LOW for Covid-19.

I want to add, in all the above reports the vaccination status of the positive cases from Covid-19 was not reported.

More and more people are beginning to study the available data. It is disconcerting when the people find the published data conflicts with what the Police Commission and City Council say during these meetings.

The City Council and the Police Commission's rationale for continuing the state of emergency lacks merit. You read off outdated data to the public. You continue to push this mandate, after numerous life-threatening side effects linked directly to this "vaccine" have been published in medical journals. Your own data, and data worldwide are showing that this "vaccine" doesn't prevent transmission and causes people to have a weakened immune system.

We are aware that the City of Los Angeles receives money every time the state of emergency gets continued. I mentioned this before and will mention this again: the Covid-19 mandate seems to be more of a financial incentive for the City of Los Angeles than a mandate for public safety. Where is all this money going? What is the City of Los Angeles doing with all this money?

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Item 4C is an audit of the data LAPD is required to gather when conducting a stop, in order to meet the requirements of the Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA). The idea behind RIPA is that gathering data on LAPD stops will provide oversight, or accountability, or somehow prevent racial profiling and police violence. But year after year, LAPD continues to stop Black individuals disproportionately, at rates far higher than white individuals, though white people are more frequently found with contraband. Instead of preventing or decreasing racialized stops, legislation like RIPA continues them by reinforcing the myth that documenting police violence somehow makes it benign. We reject RIPA data-gathering and analysis, and demand an end to police stops, which are not only traumatizing, but one of the most frequent sources of LAPD shootings and murders.

Item 4E discusses LAPD's compliance with the UCLA Luskin 2020 Evaluation of Community Safety Partnership (CSP), an illegitimate evaluation conducted by such enablers of LAPD violence as UCLA's Jeffrey Brantingham (the architect of LAPD's racist predictive policing program PredPol, which the LAPD discontinued after intense community pressure), and funded by billionaires and land developers like Rick Caruso and Steve Ballmer, the latter of whom has also donated funding for the salaries of police to establish CSP substations in the predominantly Black and brown neighborhoods of South Park and Harvard Park.

The bogus 2020 Evaluation claims to use qualitative and quantitative research methods to investigate the success of LAPD's program, but the analysis is so flawed and the conclusions so misstated as to render the evaluation completely meaningless in terms of having any value as a research document. Instead, what has emerged is police propaganda filled with false claims to be parroted by politicians and white land developers, desperate to attach the word "success" to policing, even though research clearly indicates that police do not decrease, prevent, or intervene in violence. To the contrary, they facilitate and contribute to violence - not only by looting resources desperately needed by the very communities who are policed most heavily, but also by participating daily in the same forms of violence they supposedly exist to prevent, including assault, rape, robbery, drunk driving, burglary, and murder.

Rather than decreasing violence, LAPD's Community Safety Partnership ensures that it continues by investing in policing rather than in non-policing, non-punitive community-based strategies of safety, collective care, and mutual support. Tactics like Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) claim to prevent crime, yet increase criminalization by deepening community surveillance and pushing back green spaces under the guise of increasing "natural surveillance." While failing to decrease or interrupt systemic and interpersonal violence, these tactics further destabilize communities by investing in social control and containment while denying communities the resources needed to heal and to survive. We reject the sham evaluation by UCLA Luskin and reject the expansion and funding of CSP. No CSP, and Defund and Abolish LAPD!

Police in the US murder over a thousand people every year, with LAPD leading the nation in police murders. Last year in December, LAPD was called to the scene of a youth in crisis where officers would kill 22-year old Margarito "Junior" López; with officers José Zavala and Julio Quintanilla firing four shots at López though they had been told to "stand by." Decades of police training, commissions, reviews, and reforms and billions of dollars of investments in policing will not change these outcomes as violence is inherent to policing. Only by divesting from and shrinking police contacts, funding, and resources can we interrupt police violence and prevent the loss of even more lives. We demand a divestment from policing and prisons; from carceral responses to violence instead of community-based and preventative solutions to it.

At the same time, it is a tell when politicians and elected officials seek to continue or expand police funding in the interest of furthering their own careers and preserving the status quo, though calls for divesting from and defunding police have only grown in popularity and are now opined by the majority of respondents of surveys in Los Angeles in both 2020 and 2022. Paul Koretz this week made a donation to LAPD of \$250K, in a performative effort to rally support from the shrinking minority who seek to expand police funding, and in a desperate bid in the face of overwhelming support for his opponent for City Controller, Kenneth Mejia, who has vowed to audit LAPD.

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I am disappointed by the Board's new review process that would inform community members about LAPD's acquisition of new technology, as the process does not seem like it will provide an honest accounting of how exactly the technology will be used, and particularly how new technology will impact marginalized community members.

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Dear LA Police Commission:

As a citizen of Los Angeles District 10 I'm writing to submit my comments on your November 15 meeting.

General Public Comment: Commission's Horrible Lack of Oversight of LAPD Technology

Last week's "oversight" meeting again provided no oversight and is a sham for a number of reasons.

LAPD's new process that LAPC accepted for "reviewing" and "informing the community" of new technology is completely hollow and meaningless. Concerns have been brought up again and again about LAPD's use of technology, but they continue to still use it. Why is this new policy and "process" going to hold them anymore accountable?

Secondly, based on the Commissioners questions and responses, it's pretty clear they don't understand the new technology and do not have an interest in how it will be weaponized against community members and impact the residents LAPD is supposed to serve. They also showed blatant disregard for how community members who are systematically targeted by police would respond and react to the donation. Commissioners spent zero to little time about how community members may be impacted, and how folks felt, in their own words.

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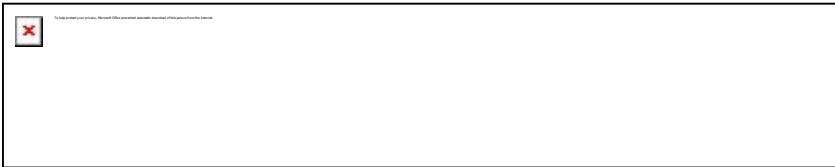
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