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Sent: Friday, March 14, 2025 3:27 PM
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Subject: Police Murder of Linda Moran

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Soma Snakeoil she/her
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Sent: Friday, March 14, 2025 3:32 PM
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Sincerely,

Jayne Kusyk

From: Sarah Bowers <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2025 7:24 PM
To: Police Commission
Cc: Erroll Southers; Rasha Shields; Maria Lou Calanche; Fabian Garcia; Teresa Sanchez-Gordon; cityatty.help@lacity.org; communityrelationsoig@lacity.org
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To the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners:

I'm writing as a citizen of Los Angeles regarding LAPD's murder of Linda Becerra Moran. It is only the latest in a long history of LAPD murders that this police commission does nothing to stop.

Even before murdering her, LAPD treated Linda as subhuman and so vehemently opposite of what you claim police officers are supposed to do- protect and serve.

- First, they yelled orders at her in English, long after it was clear that she was a monolingual Spanish speaker.
- Then, they grabbed at her head as if to examine her, then cursorily dismissed the possibility that she might be injured (needless to say, no specifically designated medical professional was present)
- Next, they discussed the genital wounds she had sustained as a result of sexual assault in a tone of disgust, bordering on amusement; they displayed ongoing unconcern, if not impatience, with her obvious and extreme distress.
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That is when they then shot at her which is not only disgusting and violent, but also completely illogical-- why do you feel threatened by a woman who has a broken knife that is across the room? How do you think shooting her is supposed to help her?

The violence further continues as LAPD blatantly tries to edit, redact, and misconstrue the videos showing the event.

I continue to be disgusted by LAPD. I continue to be disgusted by this commission, whose meetings I've been watching for years-- you continue to give lip service to "accountability" and "oversight" while continuously signing away the rights of citizens to police surveillance and while protecting murderers.

This won't be the last you'll hear of Linda's murder.

Sincerely,
Sarah Bowers

From: Jessi Jones <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 11:56 AM
To: Police Commission; Erroll Southers; Rasha Shields; Maria Lou Calanche; Fabian Garcia; Teresa Sanchez-Gordon
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Sincerely,
Jessi Jones
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From: Jack MacCarthy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 12:03 PM
To: Police Commission; Erroll Southers; Rasha Shields; Maria Lou Calanche; Fabian Garcia; Teresa Sanchez-Gordon
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As a trans person, this is personal for me. This Commission has only just begun to hear from us.

Sincerely,
Jack MacCarthy

From: Lex Ryan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 2:27 PM
To: Police Commission; Erroll Southers; Rasha Shields; Maria Lou Calanche; Fabian Garcia; Teresa Sanchez-Gordon
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To the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners,

I am horrified by the death of Linda Becerra Moran. She called 911 because she was being trafficked. Instead of ensuring her safety, police officers tortured her in her last moments.

How can we continue to pretend that the purpose of police is to protect and serve, when the very people who call for their help are murdered by them?

Linda needed care and instead she received terrifying cruelty. We live in a country that is making the lives of trans people increasingly difficult and dangerous every day. Many of us fear for our safety, and this tragic death reminds me why. Because to many people, we trans people are not even human—we are “mentally ill,” we are a trend, we are ruining children. The truth is that we are human like anyone else. We deserve to be ourselves, like anyone else. We want freedom, like anyone else.

Linda’s freedom was taken away. Her life was taken unnecessarily. And in her last moments she experienced unimaginable cruelty at the hands of police officers.

We will not forget Linda. We will not be quiet about her death. LAPD cannot erase people. We demand justice and accountability.

Sincerely,
Lex

From: Voices For LAPD <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 4:14 PM
To: Police Commission
Subject: LAPD BOPC public comment 3/18/25

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LAPD Board of Police Commissioners President Southers,

As President of the Los Angeles Police Commission, it falls within your purview to facilitate the weekly meeting of the Los Angeles Police Commission. It is an important role, especially as it relates to Item 2, public comment. We would like to share some observations suggestions, and comments with you as a regular contributor's to public comment, all with the intention of improving communication and efficacy, improving the community police partnership in community policing, and, as you are fond of saying, building public trust.

1. Please announce at the beginning of the meeting what the order of public

speakers is to be. In the past you have used an alternating pattern of in-person commenter followed by a zoom speaker. That seems fair! Recently, without explanation, you have been taking the in-persons speakers first and there isn't any time remaining for the Zoom speakers so they are not called on to speak. At last week's meeting there were only consent agenda items regarding donations and no items up for discussion or presentations. Yet, the Zoom speakers were given very little time to speak and many people were deprived of the opportunity to address the board. That is grossly unfair as many Zoom speakers were not given an opportunity to be heard. Since there was no business to discuss, couldn't you have allocated more time for public comment? People wait 45 minutes plus only to find out that they are not going to be given an opportunity to speak and be heard.

2. The "Usual Suspects" continually disrupt meetings with impunity and

you allow it. In effect , public comment time is being stolen from members of the public who wish to speak and be heard on matters of common concern. If you are going to continually let the meeting be disrupted, then public comment time should be stopped and restarted when the disruption is over. Letting disruptors consume our public comment time , rewards the disruptors and penalizes unfairly members of the public who have concerns they want to have heard at a Commission meeting.

3. Is there a reason why we, the people, cannot speak on each item after

it is presented? The public must hear the presentation and information before they can intelligently comment.

4. We recommend that a good faith virtual visual queue could be provided so that we can see where we are on the list of speakers. Some believe that the Police Commission is picking and choosing who they want to allow to speak based on the content of their remarks. While I do not share that view, transparency would go a long way to building public trust.
5. When are the in person Police Commission meetings in the community going to resume? Last year South and Valley Bureau had public meetings in the evening. What about this year? Please be considerate of those who feel they are not being heard by the Very Commission that purports to represent the people and oversee and determine policy for the LAPD!

Respectfully,
Voices For LAPD