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Dear Board of Police Commissioners:

As a citizen of Los Angeles District 4 I'm writing to submit public comments to the LA Police Commission meeting.

Again, more LAPD cops are let off the hook for killing Angelenos. We don't forget that you are the ones that enable the lack of accountability that goes on in the department.

In addition, the raises for your police officers --who already make exponentially more than most Angelenos-- are putting our city in debt. The money going to police officers does not prevent crime- resources like mental health services, healthcare, unarmed crisis response, education, workforce development do. Police do not prevent crime.

As a social worker studying and researching police, I've long been telling you that LAPD funds need to be divested. You as the Commission need to be creating alternatives to police in traffic stops and responding to mental health crises. I've studied alternatives to police in these capacities --- the academic research shows that they work, and all without police killing people.

You know the numbers - in 2022 US law enforcement killed at least 1,186 people, more than any other year on record. And LAPD is the police department that kills the most people in the country out of all law enforcement agencies. Police kill despite body camera and no matter the amount of trainings you give them. You are complicit in these murders - you continued to just approve everything LAPD wants.

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From: Voices For LAPD <[REDACTED]>
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LAPD Board of Police Commissioners, LAPD Chief Choi, LAPD and public,

Last week a Special meeting of the Police Commission was held at Bishop Alemany High School in the evening in Mission Hills in the San Fernando Valley. The Police Commission did not facilitate a hybrid meeting so that those who were not able to attend in person could view the Police Commission meeting in real time online. Why was a zoom link not provided so that the public could view their Police Commission, Police Chief, LAPD and public have a public meeting? Additionally, the meeting as of today, has not been posted on Youtube and the public has been denied the right to view the meeting. In contrast, the South LA Police Commission meeting was posted on Youtube before the week was over/ Why is that? What is the problem?

The public deserves and demands an answer!

We, the People, expect and demand transparency and accountability!

We are supposed to be a world class city with a world class police department. Why are basic things, like the broadcast of a Police Commission meeting, not taking place in real time? Why is the Meeting not being posted for public viewing in a timely manner as is usually the case? We sincerely hope to hear this issue addressed in the 4/23/24 meeting!

On another issue of communication or lack thereof, many attendees of the meeting in person and on the zoom platform link provided at LAPDONLINE.ORG are not familiar with the Brown Act. As a result citizens are asking questions of the Police Commission and the Police Chief expecting an answer. Quite often, the public question is met with stony awkward silence due to the restriction placed on the back and forth communication between the Public and the Police Commission and Chief by the Brown Act, although the Brown Act has been violated at times. It would be respectful and very helpful if the parameters of the meeting per the Brown Act

were explained or provided as a link for the edification of the viewing public.

Perhaps it is time for the Brown Act to be re-examined in order to facilitate a more effective form of communication between the public and

its representatives. This city and our police department is not getting the leadership it deserves. We deserve better!

Part 2

Having Chief "Bended Knee" Moore lurking in the shadows like a spectre of Failed LAPD past is preposterous! We, the People, provide great ideas which you continue to ignore and why is that? LAPD leadership should be capable and not need high priced consultants to do THEIR JOB/ The consultancy game is a racket and we all know it/

Part 3

The marketing for recruits using digital media contract presented to "Very Good Creative Agency" is also highly questionable. First look at the name and website of this corporate concern. Do you feel inspired or impressed by the creativity of the name or website? "Very Good"? No, its not very good! We are going to spend \$600,000 per year for three years on something that probably a talented High School student with an aptitude for computers, technology , marketing and imagination could do for a lot less. Is this another racket? Shouldn't the LAPD have received a sample of this marketing program BEFORE committing to the contract? Or did they and they just didnt bother to inform us. Is this incompetence or corruption or both?

Part 4

The graffiti problem in Los Angeles is epidemic and tarnishing our image in the eyes of the world including the business world and tourists. That monstrosity near the Convention Center is completely covered in graffiti signaling to the world like a beacon that we are an anarchic city spinning out of control.

Why dont we have an Anti Graffiti Campaign where the entire city commits to a week of Graffiti removal with volunteers led by the LAPD and Mayors Office? Re imagine a clean city! I know its difficult but it can be done. Then, once the city is clean of most graffiti, a policy of enforcement and prosecution would have to support the good work done! It can be done with will and the right leadership! Is that asking too much? Are we not a World class city? Do our people not deserve a clean safe city? Does anyone remember the 'Broken Windows ' theory. If you don't look it up!

Voices For LAPD