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To the LAPD Police Commission and Chief Choi,

Here are a list of questions from We, the People, which, in the interest of building public trust through transparency and accountability, call out for answers!

- 1. Where are the crime statistics which have not been provided for weeks?
- 2. Where is the list of community meetings on the website which would include Neighborhood Watch Meetings, CPAB Meetings, Coffee with a Cop Meetings, Input on the selection of the Chief of Police Meetings, and any other meeting between the LAPD and the public it serves?
- 3. LAPD collects data of all kinds. Where is the demographic information on suspects as provided by victims on crime reports? Anti Police radical activists often falsely claim the "Blacks and Browns" are stopped at a disproportionate rate for citation and/or investigation. That is clearly a false narrative designed to prevent proactive policing and malign officers who are proactive as they should be. Not to mention that the "majority minority" LAPD stops people based on behavior and suspect descriptions, not race, which should be obvious to anyone being fair and objective.
- 4. Where are the footbeats deployed in Los Angeles?
- 5. What are the details of the policing strategy of the MTA trains and buses and is there a surge actually taking place?
- 6. What is the racial breakdown of LAPD applicants and recruit selection? For example, in the first Academy Class Chief Choi presided over there were 25 graduates reported by LAPONLINE.ORG as 20 Hispanic, 2 African American, 2 Asian American and one Filipino. There were NO Graduates of European heritage aka White or Caucasian. Why? Is that your definition of diversity? How many applicant's from each pool were received and what was the acceptance rate for each pool? Raw numbers need be to analyzed.
- 7. What are the numbers on CCW applications and the disposition of those applications?
- 8. What is the schedule for the gun buyback program?

- 9. Why does the LAPD continue to require new LAPD recruits to be "vaccinated for Covid-19" and when will that requirement, which was unconstitutional and illegal, be lifted? The 9th circuit court concurred COVID-19 mRNA injections are not legally vaccines.
- 10. When and where will the next Police Commission in the community be held? Thank you!

While the Brown Act disallows real time conversation there is no reason why these questions should not be addressed as you are the citizens voice in police affairs or are supposed to be. The public good demands that these questions be addressed!

Respectfully Voices For LAPD From: Los Angeles Citizen <

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LAPD BOPC, Chief Choi, All LAPD and Citizens,

As our city continues to descend in a quagmire of lawlessness, crime and dystopic disorder, the LAPD continues to distract and divide people with its obsession with identity politics. I refer to item 5A of the agenda for the 6/4/24 BOPC meeting where the so called "Pride" agenda was promoted on Los Angeles City time. The narcissistic homosexualist et cetera agenda was on full display and it was an abomination. "Progressive Pride" and partisan politics have no place in professional policing. When you put on the uniform your identity and primary role is that of police officer and you should protect and serve ALL people impartially and professionally.

The primary purpose of local government is to provide for public safety so that our population might feel reasonably safe at home and in public. If the people justifiably perceive LA as unsafe our polis cannot function and thrive as all forms of activity and commerce will be greatly inhibited. It is clear to anyone paying the slightest bit of attention with eyes open that Los Angeles residents do not feel safe because they are not safe. I witness and hear horror stories of crime and disorder and the lack of a timely police response on a daily basis and as a longtime Los Angeles resident and supporter and observer of LAPD it pains me. It was not always this way.

As a resident and citizen of Los Angeles, I have noticed how the LAPD has become politicized in such an extreme way that identity politics and "diversity" have taken priority over protecting and serving the entire community and all communities. The LAPD should be more focused on protecting and serving all people and with common sense supporting the common good.

Designated LAPD community so-called "leaders" (i.e. BIDs) are selected to work with the department to provide a facade of community policing. In many or most cases these self appointed community leaders have a vested interest in working with the LAPD which could be commercial, professional and personal so they are not representing the common good but a special interest. Additionally, LAPD management, supervision and command staff curry favor with those "leaders" who might benefit them in one way or another while active or retired.

There is insufficient transparency and accountability in the LAPD and community policing seems to be by invitation only. One need only to peruse <u>LAPDONLING.ORG</u> to see that community policing meetings and events are not to be found. Why is that? How do you expect community policing to thrive with such a lack of communication? The LAPD seems to have insulated itself from the public and has turned inward rather than outward. This can only be explained by a lack of leadership at the level of Mayor and Police

Chief. The LAPD culture that has been created is one of self promotion, careerism, cronyism, and corruption. Instead of a meritocracy a culture of mediocrity and mendacity has been created and we, the people and the many good LAPD officers suffer as a result.

The result of all this is what we are witnessing now! Crime, reported and unreported, is increasing steadily. LAPD morale is plummeting, and recruiting and retention continue to be major problems. There seems to be a lack of determination to deal with reality and the people of LA are left to fend for themselves in a city where there seems to be no or little consequences for crime.

Thank you to the good officers that are doing the best they can protecting and serving the public under extraordinary circumstances. We know you are there and we see and appreciate you! You are truly heroes and LA's Finest!

Now we just need elected officials and a Chief of Police that has the courage and commitment to support you and public safety and make community policing a reality and not just a phrase.

Respectfully, Steve Reilly