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Subject: Public Comment BOPC 6/13/2023

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Dear Board of Police Commissioners and City Council Members:

As a citizen of Los Angeles District 10 I'm writing to submit public comments to the LA Police Commission meeting. I'm also cc-ing the city council members since the commission continuously fails to hold LAPD accountable and continues to not heed the majority of public comments given.

Agenda Item 4A: Air Support Division
Los Angeles' police and sheriff's departments have amassed among the largest helicopter units of any local law enforcement agencies in the world, costing city and county residents tens of millions of dollars each year for patrols that disproportionately hover over low income communities of color, according to government records. The helicopters have hovered for decades with little evidence of their necessity.

As one article says (and you can fact check the info provided therein: "The federal government itself has acknowledged that "'historically, the debate regarding the benefits and costs of airborne policing has been void of rigorous evaluation and empirical data,' according to the National Institute of Justice's most recent review of law enforcement helicopter operations in 2012.

Nicholas Shapiro, a University of California, Los Angeles, professor who is currently studying the health and climate impacts of law enforcement helicopters in Southern California, said, 'There's just huge logical leaps' in the early studies.

Shapiro's research team identified fundamental problems with the crime predictions and comparisons underpinning the LAPD helicopter study, such as conflating increased arrests with prevented crime and comparing real crime rates to modeled predictions. The study's authors also excluded data from 1965, when the Watts riots occurred, because they acknowledged this data would skew their results."

LAPD already has an enormous helicopter crew, apparently a *plane*, and other surveillance tools and the department has a vast history of surveillancing Black, Indigenous, and other people of color. The amount of "air support" LAPD has and uses is ridiculous. My neighborhood is a safe neighborhood yet it is constantly being circled by loud noisy helicopters. It

is so interruptive, annoying, and disruptive, and the use of LAPD helicopters has interfered in interactions between police and civilians, causing more confusion and disruption. LAPD does not need as many helicopters as it has and doesn't need to be spending the amount it does to fuel and fly its helicopters that bring more disruption to neighborhoods than anything else.

General Public Comment: Divest from LAPD
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. Soboroff, you say that people who believe that are uninformed and that there have been many 3-2 or 4-1 votes. What doesn't matter is the makeup of the votes, but their result -- and they always result in approving LAPD to do whatever it wants to do. You need to defund the police, take those funds, and reinvest in the community.

General Public Comment: General Public Comment Limitations
Stop removing protestors from your meetings! Remove the public comment time limitation! Re-arrange meeting order so that participants may comment on items being voted on by the Board after hearing any discussion and presentation.

Sincerely,
Sarah Bowers

From: Voices For LAPD <[redacted]>
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To: Police Commission
Subject: Public Comment 6-13-23

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To LAPD Chief Moore and Police Commissioners,

It is well known that different identity groups are allowed to march "on duty" in uniform in the spirit of community policing engagement and outreach. Examples of such parades where LAPD participates on-duty include the Kingdom Day Parade and the Golden Dragon New Year Parade.

Will Officers be allowed to march on Duty in a Catholic/Christian procession "on duty" at Dodger Stadium led by a Catholic Bishop?
It seems only fair that if LAPD personnel marches in "Pride" parades then LAPD personnel should be granted the ability to march in Catholic/Chrisitan or other religious processions.

An immediate answer to this question is necessary and should the answer be negative this will be a clear indication that the LAPD favors certain groups and not others and is discriminatory in its policies and actions. We await your answer.

Sincerely,
Stephen

From: Phil Tabbi <[redacted]>
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Dear Police Commissioners,

I stand with the parents that are against showcasing an agenda that deals with someone's sexuality. Just like they do not want to see it in the schools, the same applies with our law enforcement.

Chief Moore's parading around Los Angeles with a religious flag on a Sunday, was not becoming of a person that's is said to be leading a police department. With current bills in the California Assembly and more, there is a growing concern for parental rights and LAPD is promoting division among people. Many Christians refer to what we seen on Sunday as blasphemy.

You're dividing your officers and command staff because you lead with fear. Everything seems agenda driven and true police work has been thrown out the window. You're more concerned on punishing officers in the name of justice than you are about building morale and hiring qualified candidates. Internal Affairs digs in personal files to dramatize a pattern of neglect with officers facing a complaint even if the other incident is unfounded. Why are you at war with your officers and the community ? Divide and conquer?

The only way LAPD will recover and begin to build the bridges and trust will be to remove Chief Moore.

Philip Tabbi

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Board of Police Commissioners,

Week after week the hard working personnel of the LAPD are defamed with ridicule and invective accusing the LAPD of being racist, white supremacists, murderers which is just not true. The professional police hater activists unjustifiably attack and defame the LAPD with insults and it is their right to do so. However, it is not the right of these same "usual suspects" to disrupt the meeting as they have had their opportunity to express dissent and anti police hate in their varied ways which includes obscene and hate speech language. When the meeting is disrupted the public expects Police Commissioner Briggs, the Chief of Police, and the Sgt of Arms to enforce the rules, and affect an arrect for disrupting a public meeting and yet this is repeatedly not done. Every meeting, the disruptions continue wasting the valuable time of the Police Commission and the public that should and could be used more productively. What does it take to get the law enforced at this meeting? Are the continual impotent warnings of President Briggs being defied by the same loud, unruly, disrespectful group ever going to be enforced? Is this not a dereliction of duty on behalf of Police Commission President Briggs? If you can't or won't maintain order at the meetings then you should relinquish your position to someone who can as that is a major requirement of the position and your job.

Some speakers have gone on in person to speak past the maximum 3 minutes and been allowed to speak on for up to approximately 3 additional minutes. This is blatantly unfair and sets a pattern and practice of having one set of rules for one group and another for another group. Is that not inequitable? Is it a form of discrimination? What is the explanation for this sorry state of affairs?

We, the People, Voices for LAPD are tired of this charade and demand action be taken to enforce the rules of the meeting and a certain standard of order, accountability, and fairness be enforced!

Additionally, the following procedures of communication should be implemented to facilitate an efficient meeting and communication:

1. Announce who the next speaker to follow is going to be. The "on deck" announcement should be made and it used to be a feature of the meeting but then abruptly disappeared without even the courtesy of an explanation.

2. While the speaker is speaking let the time clock be visible to the speaker so that the speaker has an idea, as does everyone else, on how much time is remaining.

3. Occasionally vary the location and time of the meeting so that more citizens would have the opportunity to attend the meeting either in person or virtually.

Implementation of these simple measures contained in this letter would go a long way to establishing or re-establishing trust and confidence in the leadership of the LAPD. After all, if you can't even run a meeting efficiently, how can you run a major urban police department on behalf of the people?

We, the People, Voices of the LAPD continue to be a positive force for the implementation of community policing and an advocate for officers and the public working together for the common interest of having a city where the partnership reduces the fear and incidence of crime! After all, public safety is the first priority of government and if you can't provide for public safety what is the government there for?

Thank you to all the LAPD protecting and serving the Right Way! We respect, love and support you!

Voices For LAPD