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LAPD Board of Police Commissioners and All Concerned Citizens,

Week after week We, the People have witnessed our LAPD Police Commission meeting be interrupted and disrupted repeatedly by the same people despite being read a warning at the beginning of the meeting by the Police Commission president. Former BOPC President Briggs was ineffectual in maintaining public order at the two meetings he has presided over which is a great disappointment It was hoped that the new Police Commission President Dr. Erroll Southers, would upon taking the position, be able to establish some kind of control of the meetings and enforce the warning about disrupting the meeting. Unfortunately, Police Commission President Southers has also proven incapable of enforcing the warning regarding the disruption of meetings. This is even more disappointing considering the law enforcement background and experience Dr. Southers possesses. The rules are clear just like the law is clear and if they are not enforced and there are no consequences for such illegal conduct then you encourage further disruptive misconduct.

The public expects fair and impartial enforcement of rules and the law. What kind of message does it send to the public and the officers themselves when the LAPD Chief and the Police Commission sit by and watch violations of 403 PC Disrupting a Public Meeting occur over and over again. Is there some reason why the rules and law are not enforced in front of the whole world? Is there some reason why the LAPD Police Commission retreats before the disruptive repeat offenders, thus infringing on the rights of the general public to see and hear a public meeting.

The public has a right to speak and be heard. The public has the right to expect the LAPD to impartially enforce the rules of meetings and the law! The LAPD cannot build trust with the community, a favorite meaningless immeasurable catchphrase, when the Chief and Police Commission fail to enforce the rules and law over and over in full view of the world. What could be the reason for this?
This situation must be remedied forthwith otherwise the LAPD will continue to lose even more trust and confidence of the people they serve.

Any Chief or Police Commission President that is unwilling to enforce the rules and the law is guilty of dereliction of duty and neglecting their duty to We, the People! The situation and We, the People, demand an immediate remedy!

Respectfully,

Voices For LAPD