

MEETING OVERVIEW

The meeting focused on public safety, crime trends, street takeovers, homelessness response, park safety, street lighting, community reporting, and coordination between LAPD, the Council Office, city departments, and community organizations.

Several positive crime trends were reported year-to-date, including reductions in homicides, shots fired, shooting victims, and Part I crimes. At the same time, participants identified continuing challenges involving street takeovers, illegal minibikes and mopeds, homelessness, sanitation, lighting, and the need for proactive safety planning at upcoming park developments.

A recurring theme throughout the meeting was the importance of **community reporting and accurate data**. Residents and businesses were encouraged to use the appropriate reporting channels so that incidents can be documented and resources can be allocated based on demonstrated community needs.

1. CRIME STATISTICS & CURRENT TRENDS

Year-to-date crime statistics showing reductions in several major categories:

- Homicide: Down 41.7%
- Robbery: Down 12%
- Aggravated Assault: Down 12%
- Total Part I Crime: Down 11.5%
- Burglary: Down 38%
- Grand Theft Auto: Down 26%
- Theft from Vehicles: Down 6%
- Overall Theft: Down 22%
- Shots Fired: Down 35.6%
- Shooting Victims: Down 58.7%

These reductions were discussed as the result of continued enforcement, proactive police activity, and partnerships between LAPD and the community.

2. STREET TAKEOVERS, MINIBIKES & MOPEDS

Street takeovers involving minibikes, mopeds, and vehicles continue to be a recurring public safety concern.

Recent activity has occurred around **Kearny & Myers** and the **6th Street Bridge**. Events can involve hundreds of participants, creating significant challenges for law enforcement and surrounding communities.

Enforcement Strategy

LAPD is adapting its approach from attempting to respond to the entire crowd toward **targeted enforcement against the individuals organizing or repeatedly participating in these events**.

Future efforts include:

- Identifying repeat offenders and organizers.
- Monitoring social media for information regarding planned events.
- Continuing impoundments and citations involving illegal mopeds.
- Sharing intelligence between agencies.
- Using community reports and surveillance footage to identify individuals involved.

The community was encouraged to report **active crimes and emergencies through 911** and non-emergency activity through **877-ASK-LAPD or 311**, as appropriate.

3. CIRCLE PROGRAM – MAYOR'S OFFICE

The Circle program was discussed as a resource for responding to **non-criminal, non-emergency, and non-violent community crises**.

Circle operates **24/7** and serves multiple LAPD divisions and Council Districts.

Types of Calls Circle Can Assist With

Examples include:

- Unhoused individuals requiring outreach
- Mental health-related non-emergency calls
- Loitering concerns
- Well-being checks
- Syringe disposal
- Connecting individuals with appropriate services

Circle can also connect individuals with outside service providers and medical resources, including organizations such as USC Street Medicine, UCLA, and St. Joseph's.

Reporting & Response

Residents should provide as much specific location information as possible, including:

- Exact address
- Specific location within a property or public area
- Description of the issue
- Whether there is an immediate threat or emergency

911 should be used for emergencies and crimes in progress.

877-ASK-LAPD or 311 should be used for appropriate non-emergency concerns and service requests.

4. PARKS, 6TH STREET BRIDGE & EL PATO

The area underneath the **6th Street Bridge** is being prepared for use as community park space.

Participants expressed concerns that the opening could attract significant crowds and events and emphasized the need for a proactive public safety plan before the park opens.

Safety Planning Priorities

The group identified the need to consider:

- Adequate lighting
- Security cameras/video surveillance
- Public safety staffing
- Security personnel
- Appropriate signage
- Enforcement access
- Coordination with Union Pacific regarding property boundaries and restrictions

The objective is to address potential safety concerns before the park opens rather than waiting for problems to develop.

41.18 Petition

A 41.18 petition is being pursued regarding overnight camping and park safety concerns. The petition will be circulated among stakeholders and board members for support.

Next Steps

- Distribute the 4118 petitions to appropriate police leadership.
 - Coordinate with the Council Office.
 - Develop a comprehensive park safety plan.
 - Determine video surveillance and staffing needs.
 - Coordinate with Union Pacific regarding property constraints.
 - Ensure appropriate signage remains in place to support enforcement.
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5. HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE, CARE & CARE PLUS

The group discussed the City's homelessness response, including **CARE/Care Plus**, outreach teams, sanitation operations, and connections to interim housing and supportive services.

Care Plus

Care Plus assists with:

- Sanitation
- Hazardous material mitigation
- Clearing ADA ingress and egress
- Establishing a perimeter during cleanup operations

A **48-hour posting notice** is generally required before certain cleanup operations.

It was noted that cleanup itself does not legally prevent individuals from returning to the location after the work is completed.

Outreach & Housing

City-contracted outreach teams work to connect individuals experiencing homelessness with:

- Outreach services
- Interim housing
- Medical services
- Long-term housing resources
- Supportive services

The group emphasized the importance of using a **two-pronged approach**:

1. Address immediate public safety and sanitation concerns.
2. Connect individuals with appropriate outreach, housing, and supportive services.

7. COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTING GUIDANCE

A significant portion of the discussion focused on helping residents understand **which reporting channel to use for different situations**.

Emergency – 911

Use **911** for emergencies and crimes in progress, including situations such as:

- Shots fired
- Active assaults
- Crimes in progress
- Immediate threats to life or safety

Non-Emergency – 877-ASK-LAPD

Use **877-ASK-LAPD** for appropriate police-related non-emergency concerns.

City Services – 311

Use **311** for appropriate City service requests, including issues that may involve sanitation, infrastructure, or other municipal services.

Circle

Circle can assist with qualifying non-criminal, non-emergency, non-violent community concerns involving issues such as homelessness, mental health-related calls, and well-being checks.

Neighborhood & Business Watch

Recruitment is underway for Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch groups. Individual blocks are encouraged to begin organizing with approximately **3–5 households or businesses**. Once organized, groups can work toward obtaining appropriate signage and developing neighborhood surveillance and communication networks.

Community Events

Upcoming community activities include Halloween events at local parks on **October 31**.

Community organizations and nonprofit partners, including the House of Ruth and other service providers, continue providing services involving domestic violence support, housing, and long-term case management.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

The meeting identified several areas where continued coordination will be important:

Immediate Priorities

1. Finalize a public safety plan for the new park/6th Street Bridge area.
2. Circulate and coordinate support for the 41.18 petition.
3. Continue targeted enforcement against street takeover organizers and repeat offenders.
4. Improve community understanding of 911, 877-ASK-LAPD, 311, and Circle.
5. Increase community use of reporting channels so incidents and service needs are documented.
6. Coordinate a Communications Division presentation for the Community Police Academy.
7. Expand Neighborhood and Business Watch participation.
8. Follow up with CD14 regarding Lincoln Heights and El Sereno concerns.
9. Continue coordination between LAPD, City departments, the Council Office, and community organizations.
10. Advocate for adequate funding for streetlighting, sanitation, and public safety resources during the City budget process.