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LAPD Police Commissioners, Chief McDonnell, the entire LAPD and public,

At the last public meeting we heard from Los Angeles City Council president Marqueece Harris-Dawson regarding his most recent traffic stop and his thoughts on "pretextual stops". Marqueece did not provide many details on the traffic stop itself and one has to wonder why. Instead Marqueece provided a political smokescreen on the issue of "pretext stops" which clearly he is not a fan of.

While Marqueece himself was reluctant to provide details of the stop and attempted to play the tried and untrue yet tedious race card, the California Post did provide some details on the stop and his driving behavior that led to the stop and his behavior during the stop. So here are some of the questions that Marqueece should answer. As the City Council president with a salary of \$244,727.00 per year driving a city provided car we think we are entitled to some answers. The Los Angeles Police Protective League is asking for an investigation of this traffic stop and we, the people, deserve an investigation and some answers. Here are some questions that need to be answered:

1. What law enforcement agency conducted the stop and did they have body worn cameras and/or a patrol vehicle camera? Have you asked for the video to be released Marqueece?
2. What reason did the officers give for the stop?
3. What was your reaction to the reason given by the officers for the stop?

4. Did you contact city or county officials during the traffic stop to improperly influence enforcement based on your position as L.A. City Council President?

5. Do you think driving an unmarked City vehicle as the City Council President entitles you to special treatment?

These questions need to be answered in a formal investigation as they are questions of ethics and responsibility.

Instead of accepting responsibility for his actions, the president of the City Council decided to attempt to undermine the concept of pretext stops as a vital tool in law enforcement.

According to Marqueece, he has been working on this issue for approximately seven years. He argues that pretext stops are ineffective, costly, and erode community trust. He references individuals who have been stopped and are certain it was due to their appearance (a coded reference to racial profiling or Driving While Black/Brown).

Now we challenge Marqueece and anyone else interested in the subject of traffic stops to identify the race of the driver in front of you from behind. Can you do it? Well, neither can the officers most of the time.

Moreover, Marqueece stated that 86% of the pretext stops are of Black and Brown (his words not ours) drivers. That is an interesting statistic. Now, can you tell us the statistic on suspect racial demographics as provided in crime reports submitted by VICTIMS? Can we see that information?

Marqueece brought up the broken taillight issue. Do you realize that if you continue to drive and then another taillight and then another taillight goes out and then another you have no taillights when breaking? Is that a safety issue? The answer is obvious.

Traffic stops are never routine and cause some tension and anxiety on the part of all involved, driver, passengers and officers. The issue should be discussed and all points of view considered.

Pretextual investigative stops are an important element of proactive policing. Groups like LA Push have a vested interest in the racial

grievance industry and certain people profit from it. We suggest that the Police Commissioners attend roll calls and a meeting of the Los Angeles Police Protective League and hear from the diverse group of men and women that make up the LAPD! They, after all, are the experts on the issue of pretext investigative and felony stops!

One thing to remember is that you can not document a prevent. Proactive policing, and yes pretext stops, does have a prevention element at play and sometimes an apprehension occurs. If you have a city where traffic, pedestrian and observation stops are discouraged you will have a city where lawlessness and crime are the disorder of the day. Notice how many street takeovers have occurred and on a more frequent basis.

It is our sincere hope that all communities take part in community forums on the issue of pretext stops in every part of the city. This is not just a "Black and Brown" issue but an issue that effects everyone. We hope you heard that Police Commission President Sanchez-Gordon.

We noticed that the entire Asian Community was left out of the conversation of pretext stops. Why is that? What has happened to the concept of inclusivity?

We need honest conversations and not racial profiteering propaganda that enriches a few at the expense of the many.

Thank you to LAPD Deputy Chief Emada Tingirides and Captain Shannon White for their excellent and factual presentation on the issue of pretext stops. They defended LAPD officers from the spurious insinuations and accusations of stopping people solely for their race or "How they look".

We, the people, support good honest proactive police work and reject calls by radical anti-police activists to abolish, defund, and disempower the police who do a difficult job under the most difficult of circumstances! We support community policing across all neighborhoods that enables residents to walk our streets safely, free from both crime and the fear of crime.

The choice is clear: we can either support proactive, professional policing that keeps our streets safe, or we can bow to political pressure and watch our city descend further into chaos. We choose safety. We choose accountability. We choose to stand with the LAPD.

Respectfully,
Voices For LAPD

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LAPD Police Commissioners, Chief McDonnell, the entire LAPD and public,

We write today to address a deeply troubling and persistent issue that undermines the dignity of our law enforcement officers and poisons the relationship between police and the communities they serve: the use of dehumanizing language by anti-police activists who routinely refer to LAPD officers as "pigs."

This vile epithet is not merely offensive—it is a deliberate tactic designed to strip officers of their humanity, to reduce dedicated public servants to something less than human, and to justify violence and contempt toward those who risk their lives daily to protect our city.

When activists stand before this commission, in our streets, and on social media platforms calling officers "pigs," they are not engaging in legitimate criticism or constructive dialogue. They are engaging in hate speech. They are creating an environment where assaults on officers are rationalized, where recruitment becomes nearly impossible, and where good men and women leave the profession in droves.

Let us be clear about what this language represents. The LAPD is one of the most diverse law enforcement agencies in the nation. Officers come from every racial, ethnic, and cultural background that makes up Los Angeles. They are mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, neighbors and community members. Many grew up in the very neighborhoods they now patrol. To call them "pigs" is to disrespect not just the badge, but the individual human beings who wear it.

We have heard activists claim they want "dialogue" and "accountability." Yet how can there be meaningful dialogue when one side refuses to extend basic human respect? How can we build trust when officers are subjected to dehumanizing slurs while simply doing their jobs?

Here is a question that needs to be answered:

Will this commission publicly condemn the use of dehumanizing language directed at LAPD officers?

The answer to this question will reveal whether this commission truly supports the men and women of the LAPD or whether political expediency takes precedence over basic human decency.

We are not asking for officers to be shielded from legitimate criticism. We are asking for them to be treated as human beings. We are asking for the same respect that activists demand for themselves to be extended to those who wear the badge.

The radical anti-police activists who profit from the racial grievance industry have a vested interest in maintaining hostility toward law enforcement. They need conflict. They need division. They need to dehumanize officers to justify their existence and their funding. We, the people, reject this poisonous agenda.

It is worth noting that these same activists who cry out against "microaggressions" and demand "safe spaces" have no problem hurling the most vicious slurs at police officers. The hypocrisy is staggering. Where is the concern for the mental health and well-being of officers who face this abuse daily? Where is the acknowledgment that words have consequences?

When officers are called "pigs," when they are dehumanized and demonized, it creates a climate where violence against them is normalized. We have seen the tragic results: officers ambushed, assaulted, and murdered simply because they wear a uniform. This language contributes to that violence.

We call on this commission to take a stand. Condemn this hateful rhetoric. Make it clear that while robust debate on policing policy is welcome and necessary, personal attacks and dehumanizing language have no place in our civic discourse. Show the officers of the LAPD that you have their backs, not just in policy statements, but in defending their basic human dignity.

The choice is clear: we can either foster an environment of mutual respect where legitimate concerns can be addressed through civil dialogue, or we can allow hatemongers to poison the well and make meaningful reform impossible. We choose respect. We choose civility. We choose to stand with the diverse men and women of the LAPD who deserve to be treated with the dignity afforded to every human being.

We, the people, support our officers and reject the dehumanizing rhetoric of those who seek to divide rather than unite our city. We call on this commission to do the same.

Respectfully submitted,
Voices For LAPD