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To the Mayor, LAPD BOPC, Chief, entire LAPD and public,

Last week Assistant Chief Blake Chow, not to be confused with Interim Chief Dominic Choi, provided a brief briefing on the structure fire which originated at a residential building under construction on New Depot St. just west of Bunker Hill Ave. That fire caused physical injuries to residents and firefighters. One can only imagine the terror that fire caused to residents, some of whom are elderly, as they had to evacuate their homes in the darkness before dawn. Thank God that there was no loss of life for that could easily have been the result of such a catastrophic blaze.

During my public comment last week I focused on this incident and some of the facts Chief Chow omitted.

I mentioned that a television news report featured a resident from that neighborhood who spoke of her efforts to address the problem of squatters that had occupied the building undergoing construction work with the City to include the Office of City Council Member Hernandez. Building and Safety?, and the LAPD.

She stated that prior fires had occurred at that location. Yet the government bureaucracy took no immediate or timely action to address an obviously dangerous situation. Instead the citizen received the excuses one often hears from the bureaucracy and sometimes LAPD about how there is nothing they could do. In this case the excuse was given that perhaps the squatters had permission to occupy the property. Really? For those of you in city government or the LAPD that are unfamiliar with the word squatter it refers to a person who UNLAWFULLY occupies an uninhabited building or unused land. Does the LAPD no longer enforce or make arrests for 647(e)P.C which prohibits squatting or unlawful lodging? Is 647(e)P.C not enforced like 403 P.C.? Disrupting a public meeting is not enforced at the Police Commission meetings when violations are committed on a regular basis by the same usual suspects? Was there not probable cause to make an arrest for 647(e)P.C. Does anyone believe that an owner of a residential property under construction would give permission to "homeless squatters" to be there? Is not the onus of proof of legal occupation of a property in this case on the trespassing squatter? Is there no common sense to be exercised by the government and its

enforcing agents? Or was this just more inaction and excuses for inaction?

The inability or unwillingness to enforce the law is a dereliction of duty and damages the trust and confidence people have in the police and government. Sometimes the lack of enforcement has serious consequences that even result in death. Ask the family of Jamiel Shaw Jr. who was murdered by an illegal alien that should have been held for deportation but instead was released from custody back onto our streets only to kill a young man who had everything to live for. Remember the agony of his parents who must live with the fact that the criminal law enforcement system of their country failed them and their dead son.

It's clear that the current regime in Washington, D.C. and the "progressives" here in LA government have little interest in enforcing the laws and keeping our borders secure, our homes and persons secure and our streets safe. The main purpose of government is to protect us against enemies foreign and DOMESTIC as in criminals. Is the government doing its duty and fulfilling its obligation to the law abiding public that pays taxes to a government that is only too willing to squander money on foreign wars and illegal alien invaders.

Our nation is 35 trillion dollars in debt! Our inner cities are dilapidated and our urban center sidewalks have drug addicts, the mentally ill, and career criminals living on them creating a danger to us all. Where is all the money going that has been allocated for helping the mentally ill and unhoused? Why does it seem like nothing is getting done, laws aren't being enforced, and the greatest concern of the government is the diversity agenda? The fish stinks from the head in D.C., Sacramento and Los Angeles. The corruption is so thick in these places it could choke you but that's what you get with One Party Rule.

We need a change and I hope and pray that the new LAPD Chief will be able to be an agent of change to turn the LAPD and Our City around. It can be done but is there the will to do it is the question.

Lastly, I recommend that anyone interested in turning things around in Los Angeles read the book "Turnaround" by former NYPD Commissioner and LAPD Chief William Bratton. There are lessons in that book that have been forgotten and need to be re-learned. I also recommend that you see the movie "Am I Racist?" which exposes the scam which is the diversity industry in an informative and entertaining way. It's time to get serious about enforcing our border and laws at every level that are there to protect All of Us!

Respectfully,
Steve Reilly