

Fwd: Open letter - Request to fully Fund the LAPD!

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Dear Councilmembers / Mayor of L.A.,

I'm a Los Angeles resident, for almost 30 years. And I am ready to leave California (just as many of my friends did), as living here is becoming miserable and unsafe. L.A. County has degraded to a third-world place, rife with crime and impunity -- including rampant burglaries and robberies, street assaults, flourishing gang activity, blight, drug abuse and homeless-encampment slums.

Sorry to sound dramatic, but both the State and City government leaderships have failed. Their liberal policies and wrong decisions include the significantly reduced funding for the LAPD. Please bear in mind: the public is well aware that the police funding was reduced NOT due to the "*Dire economic circumstances*" and/or "*Budget Shortfalls*" excuse. You, the City Council, have voted to reduce funding - to please the leftist radicals -- who are pressuring the City to "defund the police" -- to ultimately attain total Anarchy and Lawlessness. **Shame on you, and all other City Council members, who voted for this to happen!!**

The reality is: for decades, the LAPD has been doing a fine job -- and has already went above & beyond to work with the public and accommodating the ridiculous needs of the ultra-liberals. Ignorant people & groups love to blame the police, without realizing that it's the criminals who are the core of the problem. And it's not the so-called "*Police brutality*" we should focus on, but "Criminal brutality". Duh!

I have established numerous connections with the LAPD's Hollywood division, and am familiar with the selfless and dangerous work of our brave Men & Women in Blue. The police have to deal with some of the **most dangerous thugs and gangs** on the face of Earth; yet the officers don't get enough appreciation. And then, their budget gets slashed... If any of you (and other liberals) want to cowardly criticize the work of our Law Enforcement, I dare you to put yourself in their shoes, for just one day; and then we'll see if you remain as critical!.. All in all, the City's decision to cut funding was absolutely outrageous, and a major insult to the Law Enforcement. That's in addition to the mayor Garcetti's hypocrisy.

The number of burglaries, thefts, and home invasions (most of which aren't even prosecuted) has skyrocketed; but the spike in violent crime since early June has been especially noticeable. The recent statistics has been confirmed by the LAPD; ***please see attached screenshots** of recent reports. These figures should be alarming to all of you, dear City Council!

Our local governments (and not just in California!) failed to establish Law & Order, and voted to "defund the police" -- which is an act of Lunacy. Thus, things are changing from bad to worse. For instance, the once-safe Hollywood has now become a magnet for crime. Hollywood Boulevard, between Gower and Highland, is a source for constant suspicious gatherings and illegal activity. The LAPD helicopters are now heard throughout the day and night, in search of suspect(s). Gunshots in the neighborhood are heard daily. The Law Enforcement's resources have been stretched to the limits. Because of the "defunding", responses to calls have gone down, wait-times have gotten incomparably longer. Neighborhoods are also infested with graffiti, many with offensive writing. So, please don't try to mislead the public by saying: "*Crime is down*", because the opposite is true! Los Angeles is becoming truly a Crime city...

In addition, please remember: a major part of our taxes go towards Public Safety. And as a taxpayer, I refuse my taxes to be redirected from Law Enforcement into some questionable agenda...

...This past Saturday, 9/12/2020, the execution-style shooting of the two sheriff's officers was especially sickening -- indicative of how violent, brazen, and out-of-control the crime has become. Yet our city leaders continue to condone such violent anti-police behavior.

The bottom line is, the "Police Defunding" has caused a major increase in crime that we haven't seen in decades!.. How can our City officials be in such denial, and continue to have their heads "stuck in the sand" -- is truly beyond me...

...And on top of that, the City wants to limit the actions by the police even further, by pushing for the so-called "Police Reforms". "Reforms" for what??! For allowing more crime and lawlessness?! Frankly, it is beyond frustrating - witnessing how our City Council (along with State policies) single-handedly promotes more crime and lawlessness, by implementing the measures and "laws" that would cater to the thugs, while tying the hands of the police even further.

...And that's not even mentioning the City's insane decision "To replace non-violent police calls with social workers"... (Good luck finding those social workers who would willingly go on the "suicide mission"!) Quite soon, you will all learn the hard way about the consequences of these senseless measures.

Los Angeles is clearly on a wrong track. Millions of dollars have been wasted on the so-called "Homelessness program"; yet the encampments keep growing out of control all over the city, turning once-clean & safe neighborhoods into third-world slums. In addition, the State's despicable decision to release thousands more (!) prison inmates is noticeably adding to the homelessness, while raising the crime levels even further...

All in all, a purely disgusting and outrageous situation; and it's the worst in three decades that I've lived here. The whole state's Economy is now jeopardized. Many people (including long-time residents), businesses, and large corporations are leaving California for good.

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I hereby urge the City to immediately reconsider its latest "Defunding the LAPD" decision, and to reallocate the \$150 million back to the LAPD budget, as a first step. The City should also rethink its current strategy and stop promoting homelessness, drugs, and crime!

Dear City Council and the Mayor:

It's time to think about hard-working citizens and families, **whose lives and well-being are at stake**. It's time to wake up, reassess your mistakes, restore Law and Order, and stand-up to your own constituents! It's time for you use common sense, and to Re-Fund and defEnd the Police. Before it's too late.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for your consideration.

Sincerely,
~ Alek T.

Los Angeles, California
Safety advocate, Law Enforcement supporter

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Stats for June 29-July 5 (compared to 2019)

86% increase in calls for service

252% increase in online reports

85% increase in fireworks seizures (amounting to over 2 tons)

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From August 23rd to August 29th, LAPD Operations- West Bureau (5 LAPD Stations) had 9 shooting victims. This is UP 125% for the week and 65% Year to Date (81 this year compared to 49 last year, same period).

We are concerned about the increase in criminal homicide. We're seeing a 123% increase in homicides for 2020. (30 this year as compared with 13 total in 2019)

You can help us! If you have information related to any crime, contact us at 877-527-3247



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