

Request for Agenda Item: Removal of Police Chief Jim McDonnell

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Subject: Motion for the removal of Police Chief Jim McDonnell for violation of public trust, police brutality, discriminatory cooperation with federal immigration enforcement, and suppression of constitutionally protected assembly.

Statement of Concern

This submission requests that the Los Angeles City Council place on its next agenda a motion to remove Police Chief Jim McDonnell from his position. Chief McDonnell has repeatedly failed to protect the residents of Los Angeles from unlawful actions carried out in coordination with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). LAPD officers, under his leadership, have cooperated with ICE to target Los Angeles communities, actions that contradict Los Angeles's status as a sanctuary city and betray the public trust.

In addition, LAPD units have been observed arriving at proposed protest locations *before* demonstrators, pre-emptively closing public areas without legal justification or evidence of threat. These pre-emptive blockades prevent citizens from exercising their First Amendment right to assemble, creating a pattern of intimidation and unlawful restriction of movement. The department's repeated use of excessive force, refusal to speak to the public, and containment tactics toward peaceful gatherings represent systemic misconduct incompatible with Los Angeles standards and democracy.

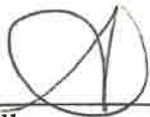
Request for Council Action

1. Initiate an independent investigation into Chief Jim McDonnell's coordination with ICE and the LAPD's pattern of pre-emptive protest suppression.
2. Suspend Chief McDonnell without pay, pending the outcome of the investigation.
3. Introduce and vote on a motion for his removal based on failure to uphold the City Charter and the constitutional rights of Los Angeles residents. (Section 101)

Supporting Rationale

Los Angeles cannot claim to be a sanctuary city while permitting its police department to incite violence against residents and collaborate with federal agencies that endanger residents. Nor can it stand for free speech while its police force blocks lawful assemblies before they begin. The LAPD's conduct under Chief McDonnell reflects a consistent disregard for constitutional limits, endangering the law, public trust, and safety.

Respectfully submitted,



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