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Summary: The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council requests the LAPD expand its Online Reporting Program to include more low level crimes. This would save the LAPD time and money while increasing the accuracy of non-violent crime statistics. It could also be set to route quality-of-life/non-emergency calls to the appropriate departments reducing callers' frustration and, again, saving the department time and money.

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Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

May 4, 2017

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and the Members of the Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
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cc: Los Angeles Police Commission
Chief Charlie Beck

Re: CIS on CF 17-0225 improving efficiency of reporting of non-violent crimes

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council which represents over 60,000 Los Angeles stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in our neighborhood, appreciates the LAPD developing online reporting of certain low level crimes. However, we feel this should be ramped up to encourage our stakeholders to report property crimes on a more timely basis, to reduce police costs, and to free officers' time which is often tied up handling routine reports.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics, an estimated 35 percent of property crimes in 2015 including burglary and motor-vehicle thefts were not reported to the police nationwide. These crimes are *not* reportable to the LAPD online. The LAPD wants residents to be its eyes and ears to help reduce crime, but currently does not provide sufficient tools to make that a reality.

We ask City Council to broaden the scope of CF 17-0225 to look at expanding the Online Reporting Program for LAPD and/or to open a new Council File to address this and other reporting tools that will make Los Angeles safer and save the City money.

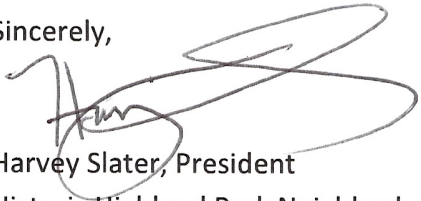
HHPNC - CIS on CF 17-0225 moving forward on online reporting of non-violent crimes

A more robust online reporting system would address car thefts, break-ins, etc. and would reduce the amount of time officers spend on administrative work. Furthermore, it could be set up to route quality-of-life/non-emergency calls to the appropriate departments resulting in a more positive experience for the caller and, again, saving the LAPD time and money by allowing them to focus on community safety.

Given the frustration that many of us have experienced in reporting minor crimes (car break-ins, etc.) in the past, we would welcome the LAPD making a greater effort in reaching out to City stakeholders and incorporating our suggestions to improve the process.

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council hereby asks the City Council and the Los Angeles Police Department to work together with City residents, businesses, and relevant IT personnel to develop a system that better serves everyone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Harvey Slater', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Harvey Slater, President

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council