

Commendatory Resolution
Matthew Johnson

WHEREAS, Matthew Johnson was appointed to the Los Angeles Police Commission in September of 2015, where he was immediately elected President by his fellow Police Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, during a time of immense public scrutiny of law enforcement throughout the country, Commissioner Johnson was instrumental in LAPD's efforts to increase transparency and public awareness by releasing body camera and dashboard videos within 45 days of an officer-involved shooting incident; and

WHEREAS, throughout his three years of service, Commissioner Johnson spearheaded key reforms that will leave officers with better training and equipment, a de-escalation policy intended to prevent officer-involved shootings, and a level of transparency never seen by Angelenos; and

WHEREAS, through his leadership, de-escalation -- ensuring officers do everything they can to prevent a deadly confrontation -- has become a priority for LAPD's interaction with suspects, and all patrol officers are now equipped with tasers and beanbag shotguns, to be used before resorting to deadly force; and

WHEREAS, the statistics for officer-involved shootings in the City of Los Angeles have declined by 30% because of the de-escalation policies and deployment of less-lethal tools spearheaded by Commissioner Johnson; and

WHEREAS, after three years of service as the President and Vice-President of the Los Angeles Police Commission, Mr. Johnson is stepping down from the Commission to spend more quality time with his children and wife.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council, with appreciation and gratitude, highly commends and congratulates Matthew Johnson for his years of outstanding and dedicated service to the City of Los Angeles and wishes him health, happiness, and a prosperous future.

PRESENTED BY:



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Councilmember, 4th District

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