

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I DO NOT in any way shape or form agree that money should be taken away from the Los Angeles Police Department if it results in ANY reduction in the number of police officers that are out on patrol, detectives doing their job or shortage of funding for purchasing equipment to prevent and combat crime in the city of Los Angeles. Crime has been on the rise since CA Proposition 47 and Proposition 57 was voted in, in California a few years ago. There are not enough LAPD officers out on patrol in communities & when LAPD is called - response times are relatively slow compared to the response times in smaller cities or even larger ones that have more officers. Over the years, statistics have shown that there is a shortage of LAPD officers for the population size of a city the size of L.A. The city of L.A., L.A. county's & the Southern CA region's population has kept growing. This is the 2nd largest city in the U.S. The desperation of the currently deep economic recession / desperate economic situation in the state, in the country and worldwide can easily force more residents and visitors alike to resort to committing crime in desperation or for other reasons. Public safety, ensured and enforced by the hard working men and women of the Los Angeles police department, must come first and must be preserved at all cost. There is a fundamental need for a well compensated professional, experienced, well trained, responsive, non discriminatory, and ethical police department in a very large city in order to ensure a safe, civil and secure city for all residents and visitors. Strict and precise laws governing appropriate and ethical use of force by officers, thorough and effective training of each and every police officer to exercise proper and ethical use of force and restraint techniques, thorough and effective teaching of all officers about explicit and implicit bias, the licensing of police officers by a city or state regulatory authority, the effective oversight of each and every police officer's behavior and actions by outside observers and the City Council, the right of outside observers and the City Council to recommend strict and non negotiable discipline, dismissal and criminal punishment of police officers who display behavior unworthy of the standards of a police officer in the Los Angeles Police Department and the right and the obligation of the criminal justice system to act on those recommendations must be preserved and strengthened. However,

the city's police department should in no way have funding taken away from it as this would in no way improve safety.