

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON POLICE REFORM REPORT relative to updating use of force standards in the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) as related to the use of carotid holds.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Blumenfield - Harris-Dawson - Bonin):

DIRECT the LAPD to report in regard to how it will update its use of force standards as related to the use of carotid holds, and what disciplinary actions could be taken against officers who continue to employ the technique now that the LAPD has ended its use.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On June 24, 2020, your Committee considered a Motion (Blumenfield - Harris-Dawson - Bonin) relative to updating use of force standards in the LAPD as related to the use of carotid holds. According to the Motion, the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police officers using a controversial choke hold has caused a number of police departments across the country to review their use of carotid holds, which restrict or block the flow of blood to the brain. On June 8, 2020, the LAPD instructed its officers to stop using any carotid holds. The LAPD also placed a moratorium on training officers in the use of carotid holds, pending a review by the LAPD and the Board of Police Commissioners. Also, state legislation was recently introduced with the backing of the governor which would prohibit the use of carotid holds state-wide. The LAPD already had significant restrictions in place on the use of carotid holds, and these actions strengthen those. It is important that the public is informed of these policy changes, and how they will be implemented. Further, the public should be advised of the disciplinary actions faced by officers who use this prohibited technique. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion as amended and detailed in the above recommendation. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON POLICE REFORM

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
WESSON:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
LEE:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

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