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REPORT RE:

**DRAFT ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 55.07 OF THE LOS ANGELES
MUNICIPAL CODE TO REGULATE THE POSSESSION OF LASER POINTERS
AND LASER-STYLE DEVICES AT PUBLIC PROTESTS, DEMONSTRATIONS,
RALLIES, PICKET LINES, AND PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES**

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 20-1362

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to an urgent request from the Los Angeles Police Department, and a pending motion by the Chair of the City Council's Public Safety Committee (Council File No. 20-1362), this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration, an amendment to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 55.07 adding laser pointers and laser-style devices to those items prohibited at public protests, demonstrations, and rallies.

The Los Angeles Police Department has expressed concern that the use of these devices at such events can inflict serious injury on other protestors and law enforcement personnel. Therefore, in the interest of public safety, this Office presents the draft ordinance immediately for Council consideration. The enclosed draft ordinance is approved as to form and legality.

Council Rule 38 Referral

Pursuant to Council Rule 38, a copy of the draft ordinance was sent to the Los Angeles Police Department with a request that comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council or its Committees when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assistant City Attorney Julie Raffish at (213) 978-8388. She or another member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Transmittal