

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Bass and Controller Mejia: I am writing to express concern regarding the way LAPD staffing levels are represented publicly and to request greater transparency around how sworn personnel are actually deployed within the Department. Currently, the total number of sworn officers is presented as though it reflects the number of officers available for patrol or field operations. However, this figure is misleading. A significant portion of sworn personnel are assigned to administrative or clerical roles or have been placed on long-term light-duty or medically restricted status for extended periods of time. These employees are not deployable for field duties, yet they continue to be counted in the Department's reported sworn strength. For transparency, accurate budget planning, and a clear understanding of LAPD's operational readiness, I respectfully request that the Mayor's Office and the Office of the City Controller obtain and publicly share updated deployment data from the Department, specifically identifying:

- The number of sworn officers currently assigned to patrol or field operations
- The number of sworn personnel assigned to administrative or support positions
- The number of officers on long-term light-duty or medically restricted assignments
- The length of time personnel have remained in restricted-duty roles
- The number of administrative roles that could be transitioned to civilian positions

Accurate reporting of these figures will help the public and policymakers understand LAPD's true deployable staffing levels, rather than relying on total sworn headcount, which does not reflect day-to-day operational capacity. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued service to the residents of Los Angeles. Respectfully CC: Los Angeles City Council Public Safety Committee Budget & Finance Committee Office of the City Administrative Officer