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Comments for Public Posting: Hon. Councilmembers, We would like to thank Councilmember Monica Rodriguez for bringing this motion forward before the city council. We also want to thank 'UnrigLA' for amplifying it via social media. LAPD Reform and Accountability Efforts — Recent discussions around the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) have intensified, particularly regarding accountability and reform. This is particularly relevant as the city faces ongoing public pressure to reshape how policing is approached and governed. Following high-profile incidents of police violence and community discontent, there has been a concerted push for systemic reforms within the LAPD. In a recent public meeting, tensions rose when a speaker advocating for police accountability was interrupted and her microphone cut off, highlighting community frustrations regarding slow reform processes. The LA Charter Reform Commission is currently reviewing the city's governance structure, which includes policing. By April 2026, recommendations for changes must be submitted, particularly addressing police oversight. Advocates stress that without meaningful structural changes, efforts to reform the LAPD may fall short. The LAPD has initiated several reforms aimed at improving accountability. These include: Expanding community policing initiatives. Mandating de-escalation training for officers. Improving transparency around police misconduct and use-of-force incidents. Support for community-driven accountability measures, such as independent investigations into excessive use of force. The overarching goals for the LAPD reforms include: Enhanced Community Policing: Establishing a greater presence of police in community engagement to build trust. Increased Accountability: Reforming internal processes to ensure that officers are held accountable for misconduct, potentially through independent oversight bodies. Improved Training: Extending training programs to cover issues like mental health awareness and implicit bias, ensuring officers are prepared to handle diverse situations sensitively. The movement towards reform emphasizes the need for strong civilian oversight. Community groups are advocating for: Independent Investigations: Calls for an independent body to investigate police misconduct, breaking away from internal LAPD mechanisms that may lack transparency. Public Participation: Engaging the

community in policymaking processes to ensure that reforms meet the needs of those most affected by policing practices. This ongoing dialogue around LAPD reform reflects a vital reckoning with issues of justice and accountability, aiming to restore public trust in law enforcement while adapting to the needs of a diverse city.