

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the City Council, If the mayor and City Council are serious about public safety, the city must invest in all the departments that protect residents—not just the LAPD. The LAFD is equally critical, yet it remains underfunded while the LAPD receives a larger share of the city’s resources. Hiring more firefighters also requires investing in the staff and systems needed to bring candidates on board. The Personnel Department’s Background Investigation Division is understaffed and underfunded, making it difficult to process the high number of firefighter candidates. Investigators have resigned or moved to other positions, adding to delays and pressure on the remaining staff. More broadly, the Personnel Department faces staffing shortages and low employee morale. I urge the mayor and City Council to review funding across public-safety departments and provide the Personnel Department with the staffing and resources it needs to process candidates efficiently. Supporting the LAFD means supporting the recruitment and hiring systems that make a stronger fire department possible. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,