

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your

**EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOODS**

**Committee**

**reports as follows:**

EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to notifying Neighborhood Councils, residents and community groups of the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) E-policing program and to encourage participation.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (LaBonge – Garcetti):

1. INSTRUCT the General Manager, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, to notify all Neighborhood Councils of the availability of LAPD's E-policing program and to encourage such Neighborhood Councils, and local residents to participate in LAPD's E-policing and receive the benefits of updated locations of criminal activity, e-mail crime alerts and bulletins.
2. INSTRUCT all City departments which regularly interact with residents and community groups at public counters and other locations to disseminate information on the LAPD's E-policing program and encourage participation.
3. INSTRUCT City departments to explore the use of Twitter to disseminate information.

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

At its regular meeting held on March 10, 2009, the Education and Neighborhoods Committee considered the Motion (LaBonge – Garcetti) relative to notifying Neighborhood Councils, residents and community groups of the LAPD's E-policing program and to encourage participation. According to the Motion, the LAPD has designed and implemented a simple step-by-step web-based tool to increase community awareness of crime activity in their neighborhoods. This new tool is found on the LAPD's website ([www.lapdonline.org](http://www.lapdonline.org)) under "Crime Maps/epolicing" (E-policing). The goal is to give residents valuable tools and timely information on what is happening in their communities and neighborhoods.

The Motion further states that through E-policing, City residents can easily log onto the program by inputting their address or zip code. Once logged-in, residents will receive important geographic information as to the location of criminal activity, by various crime categories, in one to three mile increments, and periodic alerts and bulletins created by area officers. The City's Neighborhood Councils meet regularly with residents to discuss community concerns including public safety issues. The Motion concludes that LAPD's E-policing website is an opportunity for Neighborhood Councils to enhance their on-going efforts to identify local crime activity in their communities, to increase the awareness of local residents of such activity and to assist the LAPD in its crime fighting efforts.

Councilmember LaBonge addressed the Committee and spoke in support of the LAPD E-policing program and the importance of informing Neighborhood Councils and others of its availability. During public comment, a speaker stated that Twitter was a more current form of electronic communication and should be explored by the City for communication purposes. After a brief discussion on this matter, the Committee recommended approval of the recommendations contained in the Motion and added an instruction for the City to explore the use of Twitter to disseminate information. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ALARCON:	YES
HAHN:	ABSENT
ZINE:	YES

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