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Protests and demonstrations that have recently taken place in Cities such as Berkley, Charlottesville and St. Louis have all too frequently been interrupted by violent altercations between demonstrators and counter-demonstrators as well as between demonstrators and Law Enforcement personnel. As of result of this violence, many First Amendment events have recently resulted in property damage as well as injuries to demonstrators and Law Enforcement personnel.

When First Amendment events occur in the City of Los Angeles, The Los Angeles Police Department is responsible for ensuring that a peaceful and safe demonstration ensues. It is also their responsibility to maintain and/or restore order if necessary in order to protect the public at large. As we have seen in demonstrations around the Country, these events are becoming violent more frequently. We are seeing devices such as poles, sticks, signs, as well as certain types of containers including glass bottles and many other items used as improvised weapons thus resulting in injuries and property damage. We could possibly see similar occurrences here in the City of Los Angeles therefore it is important to hear from the LAPD as to what devices are being used with violent intent during First Amendment events as well as what can be done to protect the citizens of Los Angeles should these events occur locally.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department report back to the Public Safety Committee on the violence they're seeing in First Amendment events nationwide as well as the items being used to cause injury or damage to demonstrators or law enforcement personnel.

I FURTHER MOVE that the LAPD report on best practices and what steps can be taken by the City of Los Angeles to mitigate these situations on the front end to ensure the safety of all Los Angeles citizens.

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