

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: In light of the amount of force used against LA residents in the past two weeks during protests, I think we should be vehemently opposed to arming park rangers. It creates a threat towards marginalized groups who simply want to exist in the public spaces, which is the right of any resident. The argument from neighborhood councils and property owners appear to be that they trust park rangers because they are trained in the same manner as the LAPD, and yet we have seen in recent days that this force is not always used fairly or appropriately. Indeed, the behavior of the LAPD in recent days makes it intensely clear that their unnecessarily punitive methods cannot be trusted. We need to move to a community policing system that prioritizes a non-violent approach towards the community, but for right now, we should absolutely not arm park rangers.