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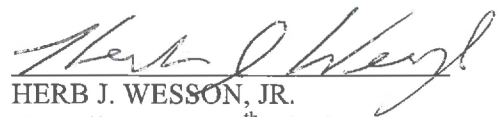
Since the early 2000s, the Police Department (LAPD) has used COMPSTAT, a system which combines data analysis, management and intelligence into a tool to help departments reduce crime. As part of this system, categories of crime and other data points are tracked and area commanders are held to account for crime trends in their area. Since the introduction of COMPSTAT, crime rates have trended down, and the system's promoters believe the adoption of this tool is a core component in systematic crime reduction.

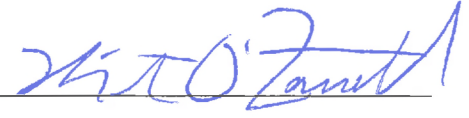
However, the COMPSTAT system is not without its critics. Core among complaints about the system is that it imposes informal enforcement quotas on officers by reducing officer discretion and rewarding them for meeting enforcement targets. Quotas are illegal in California, and have long been recognized as a racist and ineffective enforcement tool. Further, the recent history of data analytics in the LAPD has been troubling, with the use of Predictive Policing and other software promoting biased policing through the use of flawed data. Finally, it is unclear if COMPSTAT and other data tools track and promote accountability, transparency and equitable enforcement, or reward officers for de-escalation or building strong community relationships. As the City takes steps to modernize the LAPD and reimagine policing, it should also look at the current use of COMPSTAT, and ways to modernize it to ensure that it promotes public safety while also ensuring equitable treatment and community trust.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department be directed to report its use of COMPSTAT, and on ways this system can be updated to ensure that it is being used to promote public safety while also ensuring equitable treatment, accountability, transparency, community trust and the use of de-escalation tactics.

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