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Subject: retired police officers working movie jobs

Hello,

My name is Sue Murphy and my husband is a retired police officer that works movie jobs.

We live in the City of Los Angeles in Sunland.

I am contacting you because you are listed on the Public Works Committee agenda as Legislative Assistant.

I don't know if you are one to voice concerns to or if you can answer my questions but I hope you can.

Do you know when the committee will be addressing the matter of retired police officers working movie jobs and the possibility that this will be taken over by LAPD Contract Services Division? This is a very critical matter for all of the officers that work these jobs and their families. I would also say it should be a concern for anyone in the city, including the City of Los Angeles, that derives income from the filming companies.

If the police department makes the changes they are proposing many in the entertainment industry are saying that this will drive business out of the city. Not only will the retired officers lose their jobs, many others will be negatively impacted by this. I urge the members of the committee to listen carefully to all the facts, not just the concerns for potential problems that have not occurred. You can find some comments left on a blog on radio station KPCC from Wednesday Aug 21 as Chief Bratton was talking with the on air host Pat Morrison <http://www.publicradio.org/columns/kpcc/pattmorrisonblog/2008/08/patt-morrison-for-wednesday-au-2.html>

I believe you will find the posts to this blog interesting as to the support the retired officers have from the location managers.

The retired officers provide a needed service in a professional manner that allows more sworn active duty officers to remain on the street doing what they should be doing. To take an active duty officer away from their normal duties only to sit on a film location lane closure makes no sense. They should remain out on the streets fighting crime. We in the city certainly don't need fewer officers on the streets, we need more. When you consider that the retired officers are in uniform and are indeed armed are they not a deterrent in their own way? In a way that actually adds a deterrent for crime at no cost to the city at all. There are so many more reasons to keep the retired officers working these jobs but I will keep this brief for now.

Thank you in advance for your attention to my email and look forward to hearing from you.

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