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Violent crime has increased dramatically in some areas of the City over recent months, ending years of decreasing violent crime rates in Los Angeles. While violent crime rates are nowhere near where they were during the 1980s and 1990s, residents of the City are concerned, and the Police Department (LAPD) is actively working to curtail this increase. To address this issue, the LAPD has increased the size of its elite Metropolitan (Metro) Division. Metro Division officers, who are not assigned to a specific area of the City, have been deployed to areas where violent crime has increased, effectively putting more officers on the streets in areas where violent crime has spiked. The Department believes that these Metro deployments, along with other, community-oriented efforts, will help bring down violent crime rates.

However, while most attention has been focused on violent crime, property crime has also increased, albeit at a lower rate than violent crime. Property crime has a negative effect on the quality of life in Los Angeles, and residents across the City have grown increasingly concerned about this. While LAPD is doing all it can to do to deal with the crime increase in the City, the more visible response to the increase of violent crime in some areas of the City has made residents in other areas feel like the Department may not be taking the property crime increase as seriously. LAPD should report on what it is doing to address property crime, in order to allay those concerns.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department (LAPD) be directed to report on the increase in property crime across the City of Los Angeles over recent months, and what efforts the Department is undertaking to address this problem.

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