

MOTION

PUBLIC SAFETY

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METRO and Los Angeles City Officials have been encouraging residents, business commuters and municipal workers to use public transportation to help reduce traffic congestion on Los Angeles freeways and local streets. With the San Fernando Valley Orange Line, Red Line, and other similar Metro lines in the various regions of Los Angeles as well as the Gold, Blue and Purple Lines extending into the greater Los Angeles areas, alternative transportation options are readily available and expanding for LA area residents and commuters.

Law Enforcement Officers and their families are encouraged to use public transportation along with the general public. Recognizing that safety is a great concern for law enforcement personnel, many officers carry their firearm both on-duty and off-duty. If an officer elects to travel by public transit to public entertainment venues such as Dodger Stadium, Staples Center, Hollywood Bowl, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum etc., they are not permitted to enter many of the private or public facilities carrying a weapon.

Since it is the right of the location proprietor to restrict the carrying of a firearm inside specific venues, off-duty law enforcement personnel that arrive at a restricted location are faced with the problem of what to do with their firearm.

It would be of great benefit to law enforcement officers, and to the safety of the public if the City would establish an ordinance that requires privately and publicly owned entertainment venues that restrict the carrying of a firearm by off-duty law enforcement personnel to provide a secure lock box for the weapon at an appropriate location and for the duration the off-duty officer is on the premises.

WE THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department, prepare and present an ordinance requiring privately and publicly owned entertainment venues that restrict the carrying of a firearm by off-duty law enforcement personnel to provide a secure lock box for off-duty officer's firearms while they are on their premises.

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