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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(17) Nay(1) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 06/02/2020

Type of NC Board Action: Against

#### Impact Information

Date: 06/03/2020

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 20-0190

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: ... It is no surprise that the uptick of homeless encampments on city parks has led the city to take a closer look at the perceived threat that Park Rangers face. We strongly support the safety of our public rangers. However, as the neighborhood council that represents Griffith Park, one of the largest urban parks in the United States and reflects so much of the identity of our neighborhood, we strongly oppose this motion. The LFNC believes this will result in more Angelenos, especially those from marginalized groups, at the threat of being shot by law enforcement. Last year alone, nationally, police killed 1004 people with Black Americans being 2.5 times more likely to be victims than White Americans. With Black Americans encompassing 42% of the city's un-housed, this is a clearly misguided approach. We also believe this contradicts many years of progress the city has made with communities of color. City officials have consistently moved to more progressive community tactics, which include prioritizing non-lethal use of force and community policing where law enforcement work with communities to find solutions. The recent controversy at Echo Park Lake, where unhoused neighbors deploying non-violent, Gandhian tactics to preserve their homes, were met with aggression by the Park Rangers and the LAPD, is an example of a breakdown of this progress. Park Rangers are already equipped with batons, pepper spray, handcuffs and work closely with LAPD. Arming them further only takes the city in the wrong direction. We believe that the city's vast resources and energy should be used to provide services and get people on a path to housing. Therefore, the City and all of its Departments and residents, must change the approach to unhoused communities in our public spaces, and provide health-based solutions and resources that improve living conditions for all of us. PLEASE SEE .PDF FOR FULL CIS



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- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: 20-0190

Title: Armed While On Duty / Park Rangers / Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 63.41 / Amendment

Position: Opposed

Summary:

On February 11th, 2020, at the Health, Education, Neighborhood, Parks, Arts and River committee, Councilmember Buscaino introduced a motion to allow LA park rangers to carry guns while on duty. It is no surprise that the uptick of homeless encampments on city parks has led the city to take a closer look at the perceived threat that Park Rangers face. We strongly support the safety of our public rangers. However, as the neighborhood council that represents Griffith Park, one of the largest urban parks in the United States and reflects so much of the identity of our neighborhood, we strongly oppose this motion.

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**-APPROVED-**

June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020  
Yay: 17 Nay: 1