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RE: George Floyd / After-Action Report / Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD)
Actions / Civil Unrest / May 29, 2020
Council File: 20-0686

Los Angeles City Council City Hall
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable members of the Los Angeles City Council,

The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council (AVNC) supports this motion for police transparency in the wake of the county wide protests beginning on May 29, 2020 in response to the killing of George Floyd. The protesters have been largely peaceful. There are alleged acts of police abuse of force based on the testimony of protesters.

It is imperative that the police department be held accountable as the citizens would be held accountable for their actions of criminality.

The council file 20-0686 has a detailed account from public comment of the alleged incident involving USC graduate Laura Montilla. The details explaining her detainment are unlawful, immoral and reprehensible. Social Media has been flooded with similar alleged abuses of force. Including a local news reporter Adolfo Guzman-Lopez from KPCC/LAIST who was shot in the throat with a rubber bullet and BLD PWR leader, and Hollywood actor Kendrick Sampson who was also shot 7 times with rubber bullets and beat with a baton.

This is not only an abuse of force against protesters but infringes upon the first amendment right to assemble and freedom of speech. American People are **entitled to assemble** and to speak and be heard, as long as they remain nonviolent.

The State of Emergency declared in the City and implementation of a citywide curfew, escalated violence and gave LAPD a lawful way to detain protesters walking home or being pushed into apartment complexes, only to have LAPD pursue civilians by pulling them from their vehicles on their way home, chase them onto roofs of apartment complexes seeking refuge from the police and detain them. The LAPD are paid by civilians to keep the peace, not to create more senseless violence and public nuisance,



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especially given the very nature of the protests calling attention to racial injustice and police abuse of force.

As stakeholders in Los Angeles we would like to see police focused on the alleged acts of criminality and not abuse their power of authority directed at protesters responding to the killing of George Floyd at the hands of police and civil liberties for the Black community.

The AVNC finds acts of racism, police brutality and abuse of force by the LAPD and similar departments and agencies morally reprehensible. The AVNC supports this motion for police transparency, including detailed reports of these incidents and release of video from officer body cams to the public.

Thank you for your consideration,
Atwater Village Neighborhood Council