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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(16) Nay(1) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Impact Information

Date: 08/20/2020

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Council File Number: 20-0692

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council opposes the Motion by LA City Councilmembers Nury Martinez, Herb J. Wesson, Jr., Curren Price and Monica Rodriguez that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst, with assistance from the Mayor, to work to identify at least \$100 million to \$150 million of cuts from Los Angeles Police Department's budget, that the Mayor and City Council hold funding for the Los Angeles Police Department at current levels for fiscal year 2021, and that the Mayor and City Council quickly establish a citywide commission of law enforcement officials, criminal justice experts, prosecutors, mental health and medical experts, domestic violence counselors, homelessness experts, and representatives of at least one-third of the city's neighborhood councils and community councils, to investigate and report to the Mayor and City Council on tasks now undertaken by the LAPD which may appropriately be outsourced or given to civilian city employees, said recommendations to be available for consideration by the City Administrative Officer before submission of the Mayor's 2021 budget.

Whereas, there are calls to de-fund the Los Angeles Police Department, and

Whereas, there is a proposal from members of the City Council to end deployment of officers of the Los Angeles Police Department for non-criminal actions, including to so-called quality-of-life infractions, and

Whereas, there are some tasks currently addressed by LAPD officers which could be addressed by trained civilians or medical and mental health professionals, such as completion of burglary and traffic accident reports, and mental health and wellness checks for the homeless, and

Whereas, Venice is beset by an ever-increasing transient population and the intrusion of their camps into residential neighborhoods (e.g., Rose Avenue east of Lincoln Boulevard and along South Venice Boulevard), camps which include some individuals who commit both criminal and non-criminal acts and are a tremendous burden on residents; and

Whereas, Los Angeles remains the most under-policed large city in the United States (e.g., New York City, with 8.4 million residents, has 38,420 officers while Los Angeles City, with 4 million residents, has only 10,000 officers, roughly half as many officers per capita), and

Whereas, in Venice, which is policed by the LAPD, a resident has a 1 in 19 chance of becoming a victim of crime while in Marina del Rey, which is policed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, a resident has a 1 in 101 chance of becoming a victim of crime, and

Whereas, during a recent two week period when "discretionary" officers, those other than patrol officers, assigned to Venice specifically to address the Boardwalk and homeless encampments were reassigned to monitor demonstrations and prevent looting, the number of assaults in Venice doubled and half of those victimized were in homeless-on-homeless incidents, and

Whereas, there are many crimes which – when in progress - cannot be addressed by counselors or mental health workers or mediators or social workers, including assault, murder, sexual assault, stabbings, beatings, domestic violence, child abuse, vehicle theft, vehicle break-in, burglaries, robberies, home invasions, trespass, hostage-taking, active shooters, drug sales, bike theft, vandalism, and commitment to mental health facilities of those who pose a threat to themselves or others, and

Whereas, the very counselors, mental health workers, social workers, and child protective services professionals proposed to replace LAPD officers frequently call for LAPD back-up before approaching situations they deem potentially dangerous, and

Whereas, Venice residents feel that our community would benefit **from more police presence**, in the form of foot patrols and more bike patrols, not less presence, and it is the role of the Venice Neighborhood Council to represent to the Mayor and city council the views of the majority of the residents of Venice,

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Upon Approval this Motion shall be forwarded to Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti at mayor.garcetti@lacity.org, Councilman Mike Bonin at councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, and the Los Angeles City Clerk at CityClerk@lacity.org as a Community Impact Statement in opposition to the Motion on Council File 20-0692.

From data released by the FBI in September, 2019, for the 2018 calendar year; this is the most current data available.