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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(11) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 07/27/2020

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Impact Information

Date: 07/29/2020

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Council File Number: 20-0718

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: 20-0718 Dropping charges: curfew & failure to disperse The Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council extends its support to this motion (20-0718) calling for the City Attorney to drop all charges against protesters whose crimes are curfew violations or failure to comply with orders to disperse. The protestors in question were exercising their right to free speech, and were not engaged in theft or property damage. By choosing to make these arrests, the LAPD diverted manpower, which could have been used to prevent looting and arson occurring nearby. Protecting freedom of speech is essential to our democracy. Our neighbors need to feel safe to demonstrate peacefully without fear of fine or imprisonment.

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