

On May 29, 2020, large protests began across the City in response to the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police officers. On May 30<sup>th</sup>, the Mayor declared a local State of Emergency and imposed a City-wide curfew in response to incidents of looting, vandalism, and arson that were reported during the protests. Since May 29<sup>th</sup>, the Police Department (LAPD) has arrested over 2,700 people, the vast majority of whom were arrested for misdemeanor curfew violations for failure to comply with orders to disperse. Only a handful of the total arrests were for violence or looting.

Misdemeanor arrests for curfew violations or failure to disperse can be punished with up to a \$1,000 fine or not more than six months in county jail, though the City Attorney has indicated that he will not be seeking criminal or financial penalties against peaceful protesters. Instead, the City Attorney and the LAPD have indicated a desire to require cited individuals to undergo "education" on the reasons for dispersal orders or curfews during a State of Emergency. This is an unnecessary burden to place on individuals who were arrested while exercising their rights, and a waste of City resources. Instead, the City Attorney should decline to pursue charges and dismiss all citations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council REQUEST the City Attorney to decline to pursue any criminal or financial penalties against individuals arrested for non-violent actions, such as curfew violations or failure to disperse, during the recent civil unrest, and dismiss all citations.

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