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Summary: The LFNC strongly supports CF 20-0729 and agrees that an investigation into the treatment of members of the public by LAPD during the recent protests in response to the murder of George Floyd is highly necessary in light of multiple videos and other reports of unjustified violence and escalation by LAPD. We are only aware of the incidents in question because they were recorded by journalists or members of the public. An investigation is needed both to learn more about incidents that have been reported and to uncover those that have not. As part of that investigation, we need to learn, first, which officers were involved, what internal reviews are currently underway within the Department, and what discipline the officers involved have received. Second, the public is entitled to know the total costs created by a police presence at these protests, including not simply police salaries, overtime, and bonuses, but also judgments, settlements, and attorneys' fees paid or sought in lawsuits against police for civil rights violations. LAPD litigation accounted for 42% of the \$880 million the City paid in settlements from July 2005 to 2018—or, approximately \$340 million. This amount far exceeds payouts from any other city department. As we confront the fiscal crisis created by COVID-19, we must ask ourselves: what could the City have done with that money? We will no longer tolerate a police department that is unaccountable to its citizens and that regularly depletes public funds for its officers' transgressions. The behavior of the LAPD during these recent protests must never be repeated. A formal investigation will be a first step to ensure that is the case.