Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: On May 31st, I watched as 4 police vehicles swarmed on my neighbors and officers drew on them for the crime of smoking a cigarette on their driveway. I do not live in an area with an abundance of violent crime. I live in Windsor Square, a few blocks from the mayor. The failed standard of training and the default to immediate, violent response are not concentrated to a set of circumstances in certain places or select officers, this is pervasive. It is acutely traumatizing to communities of color and poverty where this approach has been honed and practiced, but Chief Moore and the entire command of the LAPD are overlooking how this casual escalation is spreading to every level of law enforcement. As to the incident on Windsor Blvd on the 31st, explain what is tactically sound about initiating an armed standoff a few blocks from the Mayor’s house. What if an officer mistakenly fired their weapon blocks from a large and peaceful gathering? Explain to the people who are sheltering-in-place how the possibility of being shot in or near their home by police officers, on a quiet street, is just the price we pay for safety. The observable reality (or unobserved in the case of the Metro assignments your officers skipped all week in petulant retaliation) is that the LAPD is bloated, barely constrained, and overdue for replacement with services that will address our problems without pulling a weapon on them, regardless of the situation.