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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(7) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Item Number: IX. E. 10

Summary: On 9/20/2021, our board voted 7 yes and 1 abstain to send out previously approved letter to the Los Angeles Police Commission to council file 21-0775. This letter was approved on 9/8/2021 by a vote of 8 yes, 2 abstain. Please see the attached file for our full statement.



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Dear Los Angeles City Council,

Title: Resolution regarding June 30, 2021 LAPD planned explosion on 27th Street and San Pedro

On September 8th in a meeting held in accordance with the Brown Act, the Reseda Neighborhood Council voted to send the following resolution in a vote of 8 yes, 2 abstain.

Whereas no neighborhood in Los Angeles exists in a vacuum and the actions of a department with city-wide jurisdiction stand to impact Reseda residents just as much as residents of any other neighborhood,

Whereas on June 30, 2021, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) confiscated approximately 5,000 pounds of illegal fireworks from a home near the intersection of 27th Street and San Pedro Street,



Whereas, upon finding the explosives, the LAPD made the reckless, senseless, and life-threatening decision to intentionally detonate the explosives in a densely-populated neighborhood without first evacuating residents,

Whereas the detonation directly contributed to the deaths of elders Auzie Houchins and Ramón Reyes,

Whereas the LAPD informed media outlets of the planned detonation, but not the Office of Councilmember Price in whose district the South Central Neighborhood Council is located,

Whereas the LAPD has historically responded to matters in such ways that absurdly threaten the safety of Los Angeles residents, particularly in non-affluent neighborhoods such as Reseda, with little to no accountability,

Whereas the manner in which the June 30, 2021 South Central detonation was handled stands in stark contrast with the abundance of caution with which the LAPD handled the detonation of Vietnam-era hand grenades found in a resident's home in the affluent neighborhood of North Hollywood in 2018,

Whereas public safety was not prioritized, nor did this meet the minimum expectation of competency, given the \$1.8 billion annual LAPD budget,

Whereas the resulting explosion caused damage to nearby homes, injured 17 law enforcement officers and civilians, and forced several families and business owners to vacate their homes and businesses due to unsafe conditions, many of whom are still currently displaced from their homes and businesses nearly two months later,

Whereas the location of this incident lies within the bounds of the South Central Neighborhood Council (SCNC),

Whereas the SCNC has submitted a resolution to City Council that denounces the LAPD's actions, demands services and restitution be provided to the affected community members, and demands that a thorough investigation of the incident be conducted by the city with a prompt report back to the public,

Whereas it is important that the residents of Reseda stand in solidarity with neighborhoods that have historically been subjected to disproportionate and systemic state violence and trauma at the hands of the LAPD,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Reseda Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS the resolution put forth by the South Central Neighborhood Council and urges City Council to satisfy their reasonable list of demands.