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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(0) Abstain(3) Ineligible(0) Recusal(2)

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Item Number:

Summary: On February 9, 2022 NoHo NC voted 12-03 with two members recused to support CF 22-0028 with modifications. Please read the attached CIS for further details.

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NoHo Neighborhood Council supports CF #22-0028.

We believe accountability is necessary for the events that led to the death of 14-year-old Valentina Orellana-Peralta. We encourage the City of Los Angeles to reassess the outdated practices and tactics of the Los Angeles Police Department and prioritize the safety of our community. No family should have to experience such a tragedy.

We encourage the City of Los Angeles to follow through with the necessary consequences to hold the Los Angeles Police Department accountable for their actions should the investigations by the Office of the Inspector General or any other investigations by additional agencies find that they were outside of policy.

The duty of police is to protect and serve, not be judge, jury and executioner. There is not one person who would disagree that her death was senseless and completely preventable. She was an innocent young girl who came to the United States for the hope of a better life. Those hopes were extinguished when her life was taken by unnecessary brute force. The officers utilized lethal tactics in an unfortunate situation where Daniel Elena-Lopez was having a mental health crisis. Instead of being executed, mental health counselors should have been implemented to help negotiate the situation to a peaceful resolve.

In these types of situations, the LAPD can be more effective by:

- 1) Receiving training on how to deal with a mental health crisis by trained Mental Health Counselors. When possible, have counselors or officers who are trained in dealing with mental health crises on staff, ready to serve.
- 2) When entering a potential active shooter or assault situation police must ensure the premises are clear.

- 3) If Police cannot ensure that the premises are clear, they must announce to all to get on the ground or to evacuate the premises.
- 4) Always use de-escalation techniques first. Use of force should be the last recourse.
- 5) When there is an officer involved shooting, the officer must be immediately put on leave until there is an investigation.
- 6) Investigations should be handled by a non-partisan group of citizens that have no affiliation with the Police Department in question.
- 7) Officers should receive mental health evaluations after any situation using force whether it be lethal or not.
- 8) Counseling should be encouraged/mandatory for officers as they have very stressful occupations.

Additionally, we ask that no action taken as a result of these reports shall be to increase funding or personnel to LAPD, and that any and all legal settlements resulting from the investigation are paid out of the LAPD pension fund and not the City's general fund.

Moreover, the City of Los Angeles failed Daniel Elena-Lopez by not providing him with the mental health assistance and the complete failure and absence of implementing post-incarceration programs that could help those convicted re-enter society.

Social reintegration is key in crime prevention, as are mental health support and additional wraparound services. We must adequately fund such programs if we want to make our neighborhoods safer. Additionally, we must re-evaluate and reform the long-broken justice system that took two more innocent people's lives.