



Community Impact Statement to support a Thorough Review of LAPD Tactics

Council File 20-0731

Hermon Neighborhood Council

The Hermon Neighborhood Council expresses our support for the Motion in Council File 20-0731, which calls for, in part, “a thorough review and explanation of the tactics used by Los Angeles Police Department personnel on Saturday, May 30, 2020, particularly in the vicinity of the ‘Fairfax District’, including an explanation of the chain of events that led the decision to have LAPD officers engage with protesters.”

Furthermore, we support full, civilian-directed investigations into all complaints filed against LAPD in this context, among all the Los Angeles-based protests following the murder of George Floyd, and particularly those alleging the use of excess force by LAPD, as well as any use of force whatsoever directed toward otherwise-peaceful protestors.

We have seen numerous videos in recent days depicting LAPD using force against peaceful protestors demonstrating their First Amendment rights. The City of Los Angeles has a duty to thoroughly investigate each alleged instance, whether video’d or not, fully and without bias. Furthermore, we emphatically support, “a thorough review and evaluation of current departmental protocols for crowd control and the levels of force on peaceful protestors and report back with their findings and recommendations to address any issues found,” as mentioned in the Motion.

YES 9 **NO** **ABSTAIN**