PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION

In the last few months, public demonstrations have emerged in the form of encampments in common areas of college campuses throughout the country, including in Los Angeles at the University of Southern California (USC) and the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). These protests at local campuses have recently been the site of increased upheaval, including violence, and subsequent actions by law enforcement agencies, including the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), to clear the encampments, resulting in hundreds of arrests.

At USC, at least 60 officers responded to the university's call and reportedly arrested 93 students, who were then charged with trespassing. At UCLA, a campus that is under the state's jurisdiction, a group of counter-protestors attacked the protest encampment, leading to several hours of violence during which law enforcement did not intervene and which resulted in no arrests. The following night, approximately 300 officers led by the California Highway Patrol and the University of California Police Department with support from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and LAPD, were deployed to dismantle the encampment, using less-lethal force including stun grenades and rubber bullets.

At present the protocol for how decisions were made about the number of officers deployed, how they were deployed, and when they were deployed has not been made clear to the public. Recognizing the complexity of a multi-agency response on state property, it is nevertheless incumbent upon the City to be transparent and accountable to Angelenos about how their safety and civil rights are being protected, and for that protection to be equally provided regardless of one's politics, identity and protected free speech.

In 2020, the Council (Rodriguez – Harris-Dawson, C.F. No. 20-0686 and Bonin – Harris-Dawson – Rodriguez 20-0729) directed the Chief of Police to present an After Action Report to Council analyzing the LAPD's actions leading up to and during the civil unrest in response to the killing of George Floyd. Council action also included a directive to prepare an analysis of the Department's crowd control tactics and compliance with departmental policies and legal mandates. With the recent rise in protests across college campuses and the resulting law enforcement response, the recommendations coming out of that After Action Report remain relevant today.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Interim Chief of Police and the Chief of Police when appointed, provide an After Action Report of LAPD's actions leading up to and during the college campus protests between April 24, 2024 and May 6, 2024 , including disclosure and reporting of when the universities called on LAPD to intervene.

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I FURTHER MOVE that the LAPD and the Office of the Inspector General provide reports on how decisions were made about the size, timing and methodology of LAPD's deployment at the campus protests at the USC and UCLA campuses between April 24, 2024 through May 6, 2024 and provide recommendations for any lessons learned and/or protocol changes for improvement in departmental policy.

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