File No. 24-0537

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) response to the college campus protests at University of Southern California (USC) and University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) between April 24, 2024 and May 6, 2024.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Raman – Yaroslavsky – Harris-Dawson et al.):

1. INSTRUCT the Interim Chief, LAPD, and the Chief, LAPD, when appointed, to provide an after-action report of the 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 the LAPD to intervene.

2. INSTRUCT the LAPD and the Office of the Inspector General provide reports on how decisions were made about the size, timing and methodology of the 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.

3. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to report on steps needed to commission a third party report on the same topics described above in Recommendation Nos. 1 and 2 and provision for payment of said third party report through the LAPD Liabilities Account.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On May 28, 2024, your Committee considered a Motion (Raman – Yaroslavsky – Harris-Dawson et al.) relative to the LAPD's response to the college campus protests at USC and UCLA between April 24, 2024 and May 6, 2024. According to the 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 USC and 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 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. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion as amended. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Public Safety Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	**VOTE**
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
LEE:	YES
PRICE:	YES
PARK:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES

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