

PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION

The men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department work hard every day to protect and serve the residents of Los Angeles.

Unfortunately, they often face significant threats to their own personal safety.

Recent crime data shows an alarming increase in the number of assaults against LAPD officers. In the first half of 2007, the LAPD registered 53 assaults against police officers, representing a 39 percent increase in such crimes. Out of those 53 assaults, fourteen of those officers had been shot or shot at.

A successful police department is a department that is supported by its community and elected officials. The City of Los Angeles needs to take immediate action to support and protect its officers to the greatest extent possible so they are fully equipped and protected to continue to keep Los Angeles' residents safe.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to report back to the Public Safety Committee in 30 days on the current penalties for shooting, assaulting, or causing serious bodily harm to law enforcement officers while on duty;

I FURTHER MOVE that the report include an analysis of the sufficiency of current penalties in actually deterring individuals from shooting, assaulting or otherwise causing serious bodily harm to law enforcement officers; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the report include recommendations for any enhancements to the penalties necessary to better protect our police officers.

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