

MOTION JUL 21 2006 PUBLIC SAFETY

While the Los Angeles Police Department continuously strives to provide the highest level of service to ensure the safety of Angelenos, the Department appears to be shifting the distribution of personnel resources. The current fear of terrorism and the need for homeland security may be overshadowing the need to address "everyday" crime.

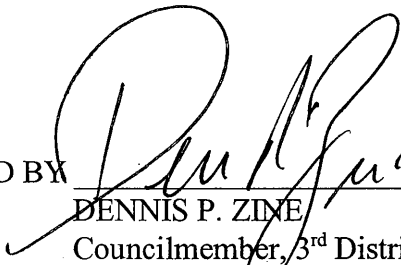
As population grows and demographics change in Los Angeles, social problems associated with such changes also arise. Just recently, a number of individuals, including children, have been victims of random gang-shootings throughout South Los Angeles. Although crime in Los Angeles is reportedly declining, it is unclear whether the City is maximizing its resources to combat crime on City streets. Restaurant robberies have also increased and are causing great anxiety in many communities.

In order to make conscientious and effective policy decisions, City leaders must remain informed of how the Police Department is distributing public safety resources in our communities. City leaders should be aware of how "black and white" patrol vehicles are deployed throughout the City and how many of the 168 Senior Lead Officer (SLO) positions are staffed with full-time senior leads. In addition, the Council should be aware of how many officers are actually assigned to patrol divisions Citywide. It has also been reported that the Air Support Division is expecting a large number of retirements in the next few months. The Council should be informed of what the LAPD is doing to address the anticipated number of vacancies in that Division.

LAPD's organizational chart which allocates all positions in the department to specific public safety functions is referred to as the table of organization ("T/O"). The City Council should be regularly informed not only of LAPD's T/O, but also which of those allocated functions are actually filled, or deployed ("D").

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the LAPD to report on the T/O and Deployment for 1) Full-time SLOs (including those filled on loan from other functions) and 2) Officers assigned to each patrol division (including which of those officers are specifiable allocated to the patrol function within a patrol division).

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the LAPD to report on LAPD's plan to fill the anticipated retirement vacancies in the Air Support Division.

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