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**Palms Neighborhood Council  
Racial and Social Justice  
Committee**



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**PALMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**Special Joint Board and Racial & Social Justice Committee Meeting Agenda**

**Thursday, February 25, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Zoom Meeting Online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92883603065> or by telephone,**

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***VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION*** In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, the Palms Neighborhood Council Racial & Social Justice Committee meeting will be conducted entirely electronically.

Every person wishing to address the Neighborhood Council must join the zoom meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/8298797115> or dial +1 669 900 6833, and enter 829 879 7115 1531 and then press # to join the meeting. Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting

- I. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Introductions (5min)
- II. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (10 minutes)**
- III. **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**
  - A. Presentation & Discussion: The results of LMU's [Police and Community Relations Survey](#), in which Palms NC Board Members participated.
  - B. Discussion and possible action: Motion to authorize the Palms NC to submit a Community Impact Statement in support of the proposed addition to [Council File 20-0990](#), IF AMENDED
  - C. Discussion and possible action: [Palms NC One Year In Town Hall](#) event. With whom will we partner? Target date(s)?
  - D. Discussion: Palms NC website redesign- what would the committee like to see on its page?

- E. Discussion and possible action: Motion to authorize the Palms NC to submit a Community Impact Statement in support of the request made to the CLA & CAO to report on the feasibility of creating an Office of Violence Prevention, including examining models in Minneapolis & Washington DC - [CF20-0792](#)
- F. Discussion and possible action: Motion to authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in support of the request made to the LAPD on how they use the COMPSTAT system and in what ways it could be updated to provide maximum value to residents - [CF20-0775](#)
- G. Discussion and possible action: Motion to authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in support of the request made to the LAPD on how they plan to address the significant increase in crime in 2020 & 2021 relative to the previous decade, particularly in homicides and shootings [CF20-1600](#)
- H. Discussion and possible action: Motion to authorize the Palms NC to submit a CIS in support of the request made to the LAPD on creating a report within 30 days on racial, ethnic, and gender demographics for sworn personnel right now vs 10 years ago vs a projection of 5 years from now. This report should also show how demographics impacts the command staff in regards to diversity and promotion [CF20-1600](#)
- I. Announcements and Resources:
  - 1. [PalmsNC Racial and Social Justice Education and Resource List](#)
  - 2. LMU's Study on [Policing Los Angeles](#) study and workshops
  - 3. Upcoming Events of Interest to the Committee:
- J. **Adjournment**

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the President. Public comment will be taken for each motion as well as for any item in the consent agenda prior to Board action. The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Assembly on any item of the agenda prior to the Assembly taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Assembly's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 1 to 2 minutes per speaker, at the discretion or unless waived by the Assembly. In the interest of addressing all items on the agenda, time limits for individual comments and discussion may be set at the discretion of the President. All items on the consent agenda will be determined by a single Committee vote and without Committee discussion. Committee members may request that any item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually at any time prior to that vote.

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EVENTO. SI NECESITA ASISTENCIA CON ESTA NOTIFICACION, POR FAVOR LLAME A NUESTRA OFICINA AL [secretary@palmsnc.la](mailto:secretary@palmsnc.la)

**Community Impact Statement in support of the proposed addition to Council File 20-0990, IF AMENDED.**

*Motion (Blumenfield - O'Farrell - Bonin) relative to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment including the issues of gender identity and gender expression in their report in response to Council file No. 20-0990; and, providing training on issues relating to gender identity and gender expression to individual neighborhood councils when a board member or actively-involved stakeholder has transitioned or made known that they have changed their name or preferred pronouns.*

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

The Palms Neighborhood Council supports the motion moving through the Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee to add verbiage to Council File 20-0990 supporting the requirement of training on issues relating to gender identity and gender expression to neighborhood councils. However, we recommend that the motion language changes from "...; *and, providing training on issues relating to gender identity and gender expression to individual neighborhood councils when a board member or actively-involved stakeholder has transitioned or made known that they have changed their name or preferred pronouns.*" to "...; *and, providing training on issues relating to gender identity and gender expression to **all neighborhood councils so that individual neighborhood councils will be educated, accommodating, and inclusive when a board member or actively-involved stakeholder has transitioned or made known that they have changed their name or preferred pronouns.***

This modification is critical. Inclusivity of trans neighborhood council members and stakeholders should not be dependent upon whether or not an individual neighborhood council becomes aware of a neighborhood councilmember or stakeholder who has transitioned. Education and training related to trans inclusion should be a citywide requirement regardless of the awareness of the presence of a trans person. There is currently active discrimination, misgendering, and deadnaming of a non-binary youth board member occurring within at least one known neighborhood council -a situation which could have been avoided if gender identity and gender expression training was already a requirement for all neighborhood councils.

The Palms Neighborhood Council THEREFORE MOVES that the Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee and the entire City Council of Los Angeles support the requirement of "Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Training" for all Neighborhood Council Members (and for all elected City officials and employees), which will include providing training on issues related to gender identity and gender expression to **all** neighborhood councils in order to avoid future instances of misgendering, deadnaming, and discrimination against transgender and/or non-binary Angelenos regardless of whether they are board members or stakeholders.

Sincerely,

The Palms Neighborhood Council

Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Los Angeles City Council  
Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 N Spring St  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Council File: 20-0792

Dear Council Members,

The Palms Neighborhood Council (Palms NC), at a Brown act publicly noticed meeting, moved to approve the following Community Impact Statement

Council File 20-0792

(<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0792>) asks the CLA & CAO to report on the feasibility of creating an Office of Violence Prevention, including examining existing models in Minneapolis and Washington DC.

An Office of Violence Prevention can help limit the amount of violence our City must endure. This report will help establish criteria on how to implement a system like this. Using worthwhile examples from other major US cities is always a smart idea.

The Palms NC supports this Council File asking the CLA & CAO to report on the feasibility of creating an Office of Violence Prevention, including examining existing models in Minneapolis and Washington DC.

Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Los Angeles City Council  
Public Safety Committee  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 N Spring St  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Council File: 21-0049

Dear Council Members,

The Palms Neighborhood Council (Palms NC), at a Brown act publicly noticed meeting, moved to approve the following Community Impact Statement

Council File 21-0049

(<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0049>)

asks that the LAPD report about their plan to address the significant increase in crime in 2020 and 2021 relative to the previous decade, particularly in homicides and shootings.

2020 saw an increase in homicides and was the first year since 2009 where there were more 300 homicides in the City. 2021 has already seen a large increase in shootings during the month of January. While the Covid-19 likely is involved, the LAPD should investigate what the particular causes are and how they can best address those issues to mitigate future increases.

Matters such as this one should be dealt with on a “within 30 days” mandate and also should not be remanded to a committee before the report from LAPD is already in progress.

The Palms NC supports this Council File asking that the LAPD report about their plan to address the significant increase in crime in 2020 and 2021 relative to the previous decade, particularly in homicides and shootings.

Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

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Council File: 20-1600

Dear Council Members,

The Palms Neighborhood Council (Palms NC), at a Brown act publicly noticed meeting, moved to approve the following Community Impact Statement

Council File 20-1600

(<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-1600>) asks for a report from LAPD within 30 days on racial, ethnic, & gender demographics for sworn personnel right now vs 10 years ago vs a projection of 5 years from now. Also, on how these demographics impact the command staff in regards to diversity and promotion. This is a reasonable request because the demographics of the sworn officers impacts how the community receives and perceives policing.

The first impression that residents have with Police Officers is seeing their various demographic information, such as gender, race & ethnicity. Diversity in these areas can help provide greater trust in law enforcement from the public.

The Palms NC supports this council file asking for this LAPD report within 30 days.

Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Los Angeles City Council  
Ad Hoc Committee for Police Reform  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 N Spring St  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Council File: 20-0775

Dear Council Members,

The Palms Neighborhood Council (Palms NC), at a Brown act publicly noticed meeting, moved to approve the following Community Impact Statement

Council File 20-0775

(<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0775>) asks for LAPD to report on how they use COMPSTAT and in what ways it could be updated to provide maximum value to residents. COMPSTAT is a data management tool used by LAPD. LAPD believes its usage accounts for the decrease in crime over the few decades but there is no tangible proof of such claims. This report gets to that issue by asking how the system is used and how it can be updated.

Other LAPD data management tools including Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR), PredPol, and Palantir have been involved in various data management problems. Some programs like Operation: LASER had to be terminated because they violated the law. The previous history LAPD has with data management tools necessitates a report like this.

The Palms NC supports this council file asking for LAPD to report on how they use COMPSTAT and in what ways it could be updated to provide maximum value to residents.

Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_