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Pacific Palisades Community Council
The Executive Committee
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Dear Members of the Executive Committee:

Thank you for your letter regarding LAPD deployment for Beach Detail in Pacific Palisades. Like you, I fully support the beach detail, and support regular LAPD presence for Pacific Palisades. I agree the beach detail has been a great asset for the community. I will continue to advocate on behalf of the detail and Pacific Palisades with Police Chief Michel Moore and with other LAPD officials who make the decisions regarding deployment of LAPD personnel.

Like every other agency in the City, LAPD is grappling with budget cuts. Due to the COVID-fueled economic collapse, the City needs to cut as much as \$600 million from the current year's budget — a huge chunk of our \$10 billion budget. With LAPD's budget consuming about 50% of the City's discretionary spending, it is unavoidable that LAPD will face some budget cuts. So far, the department has taken a cut of less than 1% from last fiscal year, significantly smaller than most other departments.

I have been alarmed about the city budget for several months, and have consistently called upon the police union to defer raises and bonuses until the economy and the city's fiscal health improve. They have refused to do so, and as a result, even as the department's budget stayed relatively the same, to pay for those raises, LAPD has not been filling vacancies, and patrol hours have suffered.

I have been a consistent supporter of increased neighborhood patrol presence, and even worked with the police union a few years ago on a plan to hire more officers from specialized details into our neighborhoods. That's why I was shocked and disappointed when the union aggressively lobbied this year for a proposed budget that would have cut City services, and would have slashed neighborhood patrol by 220,000 hours. Pacific Palisades and LA's neighborhoods deserve better than that.

The City's budget is going to be bleak for the foreseeable future — but I will continue to fight for Pacific Palisades, and for preserving the community's level of resources from both the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Fire Department.

Regards,

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