BY EMAIL: policecommission@lapd.online

Los Angeles Police Commission
100 West 1st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Request for Records Under California Public Records Act

Dear Sir/Madam:


Specifically, CREW requests:

All communications from May 25, 2020 to the present concerning the Los Angeles Police Commission's response to public gatherings and protests related to the death of George Floyd, the Black Lives Matter movement, or the killing of black individuals by police officers. This request includes without limitation the following records as they relate to the Los Angeles Police Commission’s protest response efforts:

1. All communications that describe policy, tactics, procedures, and equipment to be used by law enforcement and police officers.
2. All records of disciplining law enforcement and police officers for misconduct.
3. All records related to the total budget and cost for law enforcement police officer response, including the cost of riot gear.
4. All communications related to the consideration of deploying the national guard.
5. All records of consideration or implementation of new policies for law enforcement and police procedures when responding to incidents and arrests of civilians and when engaging with public gatherings and protests.

This request includes but is not limited to communications within the Los Angeles Police Commission, as well as communications with the Los Angeles Police Protective League, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD), City of Los Angeles, Office of the Mayor of Los Angeles, California Department of Justice, Office of the Governor of California, and the Federal Government.

Please search for responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. We seek records of any kind, including paper records, electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, photographs, data, and graphical material. Our request includes without limitation all correspondence, letters, emails, text messages, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages, and transcripts, notes, or minutes of
any meetings, telephone conversations, or discussions. Our request also includes any attachments to
emails and other records, as well as those who were cc’ed or bcc’ed on any emails.

If it is your position any portion of the requested records is exempt from disclosure, Title 1, Division 7,
Chapter 3.5 requires you to disclose which exemption permits the withholding. CREW requests that you
state in writing and with particularity the reasons for any conclusion that a record is exempt or
confidential. If some portions of the requested records are properly exempt from disclosure, you are
required to redact those portions and produce the remainder of the requested records.

The murder of George Floyd on May 25, 2020 by a Minnesota police officer sparked nationwide protests
that have been met with police violence against peaceful protestors.\(^1\) There have been reports of LAPD
and LASD officers driving into crowds, firing foam projectiles, and beating back peaceful protestors with
batons. The LAPD has faced heavy criticism, although top officials have said “they wanted to stick to its
hands-off approach, but were forced to respond aggressively when large numbers of violent protesters
targeted them with bottles and other projectiles.” The requested records would provide a clearer picture of
what instruction officers received in how to respond to protestors and if violent tactics were encouraged
or authorized.\(^2\)

CREW is a non-profit corporation, organized under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
CREW is committed to protecting the public’s right to be aware of the activities of government officials,
to ensuring the integrity of those officials, and to highlighting and reducing the influence of money on
politics. CREW intends to analyze the information responsive to this request and to share its analysis
with the public. The release of information obtained through this request is not in CREW’s financial
interest.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform CREW if the cost will exceed
$100. However, CREW also requests a waiver of all fees because the disclosure of the requested
information is in the public interest. The public is entitled to information concerning the Los Angeles
Police Commission’s response to public gatherings and protests related to the Black Lives Matter
movement and surrounding the death of black individuals by police officers. Further, this information is
not being sought for commercial purposes. Please advise us if the costs associated with processing this
request will exceed $100.00.

If you have any questions about this request or foresee any problems in fully releasing the requested
records, please contact me at cmoniz@citizensforethics.org. Where possible, please produce records in
electronic format. Please send the requested records to me in electronic form at
cremiz@citizensforethics.org. If it’s not possible to produce them electronically, please contact me at that
email, and I will provide a mailing address. Thank you for your assistance.

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Sincerely,

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