

Short Summary

POLICE (1978, 1992, 2008, 2009) Support of the Police Commission in its Charter-given role as head of the police Department, and its ability to remove the Chief of Police with concurrence of the Mayor and City Council. Later update included support for the LAPD's primary role of law enforcement and crime prevention. We continue to support the role LAPD plays in enforcing immigration laws (Special Order 40), the continuation of the technical advance improvements made in response to the Consent Decree, and the continued outreach and communications with the public. through community policing and assisting community leaders with interventions, rehabilitation and reentry solutions.

Local Positions

POLICE (1978, 1992, 2008, 2009)

The administration portion of the position relates to the structure and operation of the Department subsequent to the Christopher Commission and to ballot measure changes. The subsequent changes to the position were agreed upon after the implementation of the Consent Decree issued by the federal government.

Administration

1. Support of the Police Commission in its Charter-given role as head of the Police Department.
2. The Police Commission should hire a full-time civilian Executive Director, exempt from Civil Service provisions.
3. The Police Commission should audit, review and evaluate the Police Department and participate in Police Department budget-making.
4. Members of the Police Commission should be appointed for a limited term.
5. The permit-processing function of the Police Commission should be transferred to another City Department of Agency.
6. The General Manager of the Police Department (the Chief of Police) should be accountable to the Police Commission.
7. The Police Commission should have the ability to remove the Chief of Police from his post with the concurrence of the Mayor and City Council.
8. Support for a procedure for recruitment, selection, and appointment of the Police Chief based on generally accepted professional standards.
9. The Personnel Department and the Police Commission should continue to play an important role in recruiting and selecting qualified candidates for the job of Police Chief.
10. The Mayor and the City Council, as elected officials, should have the principal roles in the appointment of the Chief of Police.
11. The Chief of Police should be appointed for a limited term, renewable only once.
12. Support of extension of the public's "right-to-know" incases of complaints against the Police Department.
13. There should be a provision for external investigation of citizen complaints.
14. Opposition to reinstatement of Police Department's minimum height requirement of five feet.

Los Angeles POLICE DEPARTMENT POSITION

Community Relationships

1. We strongly support the Department's primary role of law enforcement and crime prevention. The Department should continue to improve the technologies which will assist in this standard role.
2. Strengthening the relationship with the many communities within the city is vital to this primary objective.
3. We encourage outreach and communication with the public in order to foster this relationship. This should include personal contact, visibility, public meetings, meetings with Senior Lead Officers in the areas, access to Department information and activities via the internet as well as methods for those who do not have access to the internet.
4. Although educating and mentoring is of vital importance in the community, it is important to relate resources to the budget realities. Efficient and cost effective programs such as awareness of crime, intervention in disputes, anger management, and rehabilitation services should be addressed primarily by community leaders with LAPD support to the extent possible.
5. Maintaining the supervisory controls required by the Consent Decree is essential.
6. All personal data collected should receive the privacy deserved—for example, financial disclosures of officers, or personal data or DNA of residents.
7. Demographics of the department should generally reflect the community though quality of the employees and sworn officers must be maintained.

Gang Relationships

As defined by the Los Angeles Police Department, gangs relate to “those who have joined a group who form an allegiance for a common purpose or belief, and who claim a particular territory or neighborhood and direct their criminal activity towards rival gangs and the general population.” Because of the large impact on the population by these groups, the LAPD/community relationship is critical to the success in moderating gang activity.

1. The top priority for the Department is to enforce the law (apprehend, arrest, jail, enforce gang injunctions). To best accomplish this, it is essential to maintain positive relationships to build the necessary trust, improve officer and community relationships and awareness of gang activity.
2. Participating in such programs as intervention, graffiti control, reduction of gang recruitment are beneficial to the whole community and should be led and funded basically by community organizations with LAPD support. Coordination among the organizations is essential for efficient and cost-effective programs and these programs should be constantly evaluated.
3. Collaboration with other law enforcement agencies and their appropriate databases throughout the country is advantageous to maintain valuable information on gangs and their members.

LAPD Immigration Policy

The current policy, as outlined in Department's Policy Manual as Special Order 40 should be maintained. The Los Angeles police officers should not become immigration officers. It is the federal government's responsibility to set policy and enforce those laws.

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