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Supervisor Solis:

With this correspondence, I represent the law enforcement interests of the 45 independent city police departments, as President of the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association. I hope this letter finds you doing well.

The purpose of this message is to make you, and other representatives of our communities, and in particular, as protectors of said communities, aware of our staunch opposition to any effort that removes uniformed law enforcement presence from the public transit system of Los Angeles County. Specifically, we oppose, in the strongest of terms, the defunding, or any measure that adversely impacts the presence, capabilities, or community protection efforts of the LA County Sheriff's Metro Bureau. Any such move constitutes a clear and present danger to the riders using Metro services and to the Public at large on or near train/bus lines and stations.

Recently, the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) voted to recommend to the Metro Board of Directors, that they fully defund law enforcement from Metro. The PSAC "Policing Practices Ad-Hoc Committee" submitted a motion to the PSAC body recommending the Metro Board of Directors do the following:

1. Allocate \$0.00 for all three policing contracts through the end of the fiscal year.
2. Go to a non-contract LE Model (i.e. local agencies are called for service).
3. Shift the \$75 million needed through the end of the FY to un-vetted alternatives.

This was voted on and passed with all members present voting yes on the above motion with next steps being votes by the Metro Safety Committee on 11/18 and the full Metro Board of Directors on 12/2. In advance of any vote, LACPCA wishes to be heard on this matter, and cautions against this defunding/removing effort as the outcomes WILL place the public at risk, and increase the chances of adverse law enforcement contacts, all while reducing ridership, creating a host of other environmental and transportation issues. The outcomes here are predictable and, therefore; preventable. We implore you to take this opportunity to demonstrate your commitment to Community safety by joining us in opposition.

Cordially,

Gene Harris
President, LACPCA

