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July 15, 2021

Council File 21-0775

Community Impact Statement

The Board Approves This Community Impact Statement Yea (x), Nay (x), Abstain (x) on July 15, 2021

Honorable City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: CIS in Support of (if amended) CF 21-0775 / 700 Block of East 27th Street / Controlled Detonation / Illegal Fireworks / LAPD Bomb Squad

Dear Hon. Members of the City Council,

The Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council stands in support and solidarity with the Central Alameda and South Central Neighborhood Councils' demands for financial relief, remedies, and services for the survivors of the LAPD-sanctioned explosion that occurred on June 30, 2021. We strongly denounce the actions of the LAPD and call for the immediate and swift reparation for the terror and harm incurred by the residents of South LA.

We demand that the LAPD be held accountable for their ill-conceived detonation of a withheld ten pounds of explosives on a residential street, causing untold damage, both physical and psychological, to the community.

For too long, our communities have been either tormented or ignored by the LAPD. The disregard for the health and safety of the South Central and Central Alameda communities by the LAPD is directly related to their decision to detonate this bomb on their streets. It is part of the history of systemic racism that thrives within this entity and their complete contempt for Black and Brown bodies. It goes without saying that such an event would never have taken place on the residential streets of Hancock Park or Brentwood.

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We demand a 20% defunding of the LAPD. The LAPD is given the lion's share of the city budget. Our communities go without basic services in order for the LAPD to remain a militarized and over-funded operation. These funds are used without restraint to terrorize and brutalize our communities. There is no reason, namely no lack of funding, that excuses the need for these explosives to have remained on a residential street for detonation. The LAPD could have used its bottomless resources to accomplish this without causing harm to the community and they chose not to. Their disregard was intentional and calculated. They detonated 10 pounds of explosives for a public spectacle and blew up a block.

We demand that the residents affected by the LAPD's careless actions are given immediate financial relief and any services necessary for them to move forward in peace.

This Community Impact Statement is based on the action taken at the special Board of Directors meeting on July 15, 2021, when the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council adopted the following motion by a vote of **XX** yes, **X** no, **X** abstaining and directed that a Community Impact Statement be filed reflecting its position.

Sincerely,

Sara Clendening
President
Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council