MOTION

The tragic murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis has sparked one of the largest and most profound movements for social justice our country has seen. Like many other cities across our nation, Los Angeles has seen large displays of protest and unity. Early on, there were some reports of opportunistic acts of violence, vandalism and looting, however, the majority of these protests have been peaceful, powerful and served to bring our City together.

Peaceful and first-amendment protected demonstrations are continuing in Los Angeles, part of a national call for justice. Further, while more instances of restraint and professionalism were displayed by the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), there were a number of instances where excessive force appeared to be used against protesters.

Of particular interest is Saturday, May 30, 2020, though it is not the only example. What started out as a peaceful, multicultural and multigenerational family-oriented gathering at Pan Pacific Park turned into violence and chaos by day's end.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Office of the Inspector General, with assistance from LAPD and the Department of Civil and Human Rights (CHRD), be requested to report back with a thorough review and explanation of the tactics used by Los Angeles Police Department personnel on Saturday, May 30, 2020, particularly in the vicinity of the “Fairfax District”, including an explanation of the chain of events that led the decision to have LAPD officers engage with protesters.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Office of the Inspector General, with assistance from LAPD and the Department of Civil and Human Rights (CHRD), be requested to investigate complaints filed against LAPD for use of force in dispersing demonstrators, including the purposes and types of less-than-lethal tools used, use of force for crowds already dispersing, and claims of LAPD focusing on protest gatherings reducing response times for smaller groups committing acts of arson, looting, and vandalism.

I FURTHER MOVE that LAPD, CHRD, Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and other relevant agencies be instructed to conduct a thorough review and evaluation of current departmental protocols for crowd control and the levels of force on peaceful protesters and report back with their findings and recommendations to address any issues found.

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