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In 2023, Los Angeles saw an increase in property crime and retail theft, including 123 flash mob robberies. In Council District 11, recent examples include 50 car burglaries that took place over just one weekend at the start of the year as well as numerous commercial burglaries across the Westside that have left local businesses devastated.

Making matters worse, historically low staffing levels have hindered the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) ability to respond quickly and efficiently to crime. As a result, there is an acute need to explore new measures, like the use of technology, to mitigate these impacts and improve the department's response to crime. One such tool is the use of Real Time Crime Centers.

Currently being utilized by more than 300 law enforcement agencies across the country, including cities like New York and Detroit, Real Time Crime Centers integrate and leverage existing video technology to prevent and interrupt crime as it happens. Examples of video technology include Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR), cameras found at private businesses and residences, as well as existing Department of Transportation cameras installed at large intersections. In Beverly Hills, which launched its Real Time Watch Center in 2022, automated license plate readers helped authorities capture an individual suspected of murdering three unhoused individuals and a Los Angeles County government employee in December 2023. Further, in each instance, cities have prioritized good governance and accountability to enable the effective use of this technology.

Although slow to adopt a similar program, at a December 12, 2023 Los Angeles Police Commission meeting, the LAPD shared that its goal is to launch a Real Time Crime Center in each of LAPD's 21 divisions with initial roll-out occurring in 2024 at Hollywood Division, Wilshire Division and Van Nuys Division. While other divisions like West Los Angeles saw larger increases in retail theft and crime, these locations were selected as result of community feedback and support, in consultation with the local council office.

As Los Angeles prepares to accept \$15 million in state funding for the purchase of ALPRs and creation of an integrated technology platform (CF 24-0018), it is important to understand what methodology will be utilized to implement Real Time Crime Centers at Los Angeles' other 18 police divisions, inclusive of data and community feedback.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Council instruct the Police Department to report on how Los Angeles' 18 other police divisions will be selected and prioritized for Real Time

Centers following their implementation in Hollywood Division, Central Division and Van Nuys Division.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Council instruct the Police Department, in coordination with the Bureau of Street Lighting, Department of Transportation and General Services Department, to report on efforts to integrate existing public camera networks into LAPD's Real Time Crime Centers.

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