

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I don't see a universe where the same Los Angeles that is plagued by a scandal-ridden LAPD and LASD, plagued with the largest and deadliest jail system in the country, the most murderous law enforcement in the country, is possibly made safer by giving these corrupt entities more surveillance power over us. We continue to pour all of our city and county's vast resources into policing and jails and the results don't make any of us safer. Programs that build trust between our communities, programs that fight poverty, that alleviate the stresses of living in a deeply unequal city, will always be more effective than increasing the sense of constant surveillance the threat of punishment. I am sickened to see a motion like this even being considered, when we know the bias in our law enforcement agencies is systemic and the abuses of this additional power will be used disproportionately on Black and brown Angelenos. Like everything Traci Park touches, this is another form of white supremacist and segregationist politics. She and John Lee want to make their districts walled-off sections of the city that exist exclusively for the wealthy, refusing to do their part to pool city resources to support everyone. Punishment and banishment, the threat of incarceration through the lens of an LAPD camera, will never be the solutions to poverty and decades of racism that are rooted in this city's history. I encourage the rest of the council to not even entertain this motion.