

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The city desperately needs to fully fund the Unarmed Crisis Response programs outlined in this report to create comprehensive, 24/7 UCR programs citywide. The program should put mental health, homeless, street medicine, substance abuse and nonviolent dispute resolution crisis response services under the purview of one government department. The city should follow the best practices suggested in this report and relocate the PSAP outside of LAPD control and create new training for answering and triaging calls so that PSAP can properly direct what calls should go to UCR units. We also need to make sure we study these pilot programs and future programs so we can see where funding is needed in the future. Most importantly, City Council needs to realize that public opinion polls show that the people of LA want a hybrid public program with Police only responding to violent crime calls and unarmed, trauma-informed, care first professionals. But currently, we fund police 100 times more than we fund UCR. We can make our whole public safety system better by investing in UCR, and freeing up police officers to handle the calls they are most needed for. But creating this public safety system of the future will take courage and investment on the part of this City Council and Mayor Bass.