

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** When all you have is a hammer everything looks like a nail. We the citizens of Los Angeles are tired of being hammered by LAPD. This unvaccinated, maskless, cowboy culture is the last thing we need as first point of contact for city services, ESPECIALLY for those in crisis. To obtain services through a cop first one must navigate the emotional state of an armed individual with no accountability or oversight. The CAHOOTS model in Oregon should be standard policy for law enforcement everywhere. 25% of people shot by LAPD in 2015 - 2019 were in crisis. How many were disabled? How many were UNABLE to comply with police commands, and were shot as a result? How many were killed? We don't have to live this way. Reducing contact with police at every opportunity should be the city's goal. Even violent encounters can be de-escalated without police intervention. Let's stop pretending violence isn't how we as a city respond to the unhoused and unwell. Instead of slow walking this program, starving it of resources, then celebrating its demise while inflating our bloated policing budget let's make a real substantive effort to expand this program city wide. Care not Cops.