

MOTION

PUBLIC SAFETY

On May 29, 2020, massive protests began across the City in response to the death of George Floyd. On May 30th, the Mayor declared a local State of Emergency and imposed a City-wide curfew in response to reported incidents of looting, vandalism, and arson during the protests. As the Police Department (LAPD) responded to these protests, officers impounded a number of vehicles owned by protesters.

While these actions may have been required during the protests, impounding vehicles imposes a serious financial burden on individuals whose cars were taken while they were exercising their First Amendment rights. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic has decimated the local economy and resulted in record unemployment, further straining the average Angelino's finances. The LAPD should work with the Official Police Garages (OPG) to release any vehicles that have been impounded during the protests, without the vehicles' owners being forced to pay the fees.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department work with the City's Official Police Garages (OPG) to release all vehicles impounded during the recent civil unrest without requiring payments from vehicle owners, but instead, any costs incurred by the OPGs as a result of this action paid by the Police Department.

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