

**I've decided to write an open letter to  
Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti to urge  
him to take a look at Police Commissioner  
Shane Murphy Goldsmith's ethical  
missteps**



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of  
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Honorable Eric Garcetti  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mayor Garcetti:

I write this letter to bring to your attention two serious incidents that took place at the March 28, 2017, Police Commission meeting that brings into question the ethics and judgment of Commissioner Shane Murphy Goldsmith. Both of these incidents are captured on videotape of the meeting in question.

I believe that your appointee, Shane Murphy Goldsmith, crossed an ethical boundary when she asked those in attendance at the meeting, including her fellow Police Commissioners, to:

**“So I’d actually like to just take a moment of silence for James Barragan, who lost his life this past week, and also for Marion Habana, whose case we will be adjudicating in closed session, who also lost his life as a result of an officer-involved shooting. So if we could just take a brief moment of silence in their honor. Thank you.”**

Goldsmith’s actions were clearly prejudicial to the pending deliberations over one of the officer-involved shootings that was scheduled for potential action by the Commission. Her misguided words call into question her ability to objectively and analytically review the evidence in that case. As you very well know, the outcome of these cases have severe ramifications for the involved officers as well as to the City’s Treasury, and should be free from conflict. Goldsmith is clearly conflicted.

In case you were curious, no, there was no moment of silence for the 144 police officers killed in the line of duty in the United States last year. There were no moments of silence for the 294 murder victims our city had last year; the 1,781 rape victims, or the 15,746 aggravated assault victims. Nor was there a moment of silence to honor the hundreds of Los Angeles police officers who are injured in the line of duty every single year. Nothing.

To disregard the yet-to-be determined facts in the Barragan and Habana incidents shows a callous disregard for the officers involved in these incidents. It appears Goldsmith sees the suspects as being worthy of recognition and honor, and not the police officers. This calls into question Goldsmith’s judgment.

While the League has stood up for the civilian components of our system, it appears that some Police Commissioners are not willing to stand up for us. Law enforcement officers have suffered immeasurably during recent years when the war on cops became a reality that more and more people are buying into. These are dangerous times for not only law enforcement, but for the communities we’d like to be able to serve. We should not have to choose between doing our jobs and going home to our families, or be subjected to Commissioners who do not display an open mind and willingness to only pass judgment when all the facts are in.

It is painfully obvious that Commissioner Shane Murphy Goldsmith cannot be objective when it comes to her role as a Police Commissioner. How do you expect Los Angeles police officers to have confidence in the Police Commission and our entire governing process if its Commissioners display such open biases? I urge you to remove Goldsmith from the Commission and replace her with an honest broker who has the residents’ best interests at heart and understands the needs and dangers of police officers.

Sincerely,

*Jamie McBride*