



Body cameras are here, and we could not stop that train from moving forward. However, your Board of Directors has worked tirelessly to ensure that the body-worn video (BWV) policy was as fair as possible. We negotiated provisions in the policy in order to ensure that you were protected. The following are only a few highlights:

- If you are unable to activate your BWV, an explanation would be accepted.
- A 90-day grace period was negotiated.
- The ability for officers to review the footage prior to writing his or her report and/or being interviewed by FID.



Unruly crowds every week at the Police Commission meetings demanding change for the sake of change. No organization, no purpose, no direction and no leader.

Fast forward, and now the Police Commission has tasked the UCLA School of Law's Critical Race Studies Program to help establish LAPD policy for the release of BWV footage. The UCLA School of Law's Race Studies Program, joined the Policing Project at New York University School of Law, the Los Angeles Police Commission, the Los Angeles Police Department and the UC Irvine School of Law, to assist with a policy for video release.

UCLA Law School Critical Race Studies Program will facilitate public engagement meetings throughout the city and "paraphrase" public comment in a report to the Police Commission. These public meetings were not well planned and it seems to me that the Police Commission has already made their minds up. These meetings are being held so they can say "they included the community." On March 23, 2017, I was present at Van Ness Park where the first community meeting was being held to allow the residents to have input on what the new policy should be. There were approximately 40 people at the meeting and more than half were NOT from the community. In my opinion, this was an effort to steer the residents into buying into the Police Commission's agenda to release BWV footage under the guise of "the residents are requesting it." The feedback from the residents who actually live in the community was that they would rather see the \$50 million or more that will be spent on BWV being spent on youth programs, more police officers, safer streets, or jobs within their community. I'd say use that money to pay LAPD officers more money and ensure officers have adequate resources in the field.

This is yet another decision that the Police Commission made in a vacuum. I guess the squeaky wheel always gets the oil. What the Police Commission fails to realize is that the 20 or so unruly anti-police Black Lives Matter protesters DON'T EVEN LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY, but the Police Commission lets them dictate policy. Last year, the Police Commission pushed to change the Use of Force Policy without bringing all the stakeholders to the table beforehand. They were so uneducated on the process that they didn't even know that they couldn't change the Use of Force Policy without a meet and confer. As it relates to releasing BWV footage, again, no one at the Police Commission bothered to discuss the impact this will have on our members. Again, they failed to discuss their plan with the union that represents 10,000 LAPD officers.

The release of BWV footage will cause many problems and the cons outweigh the pros:

- The release of the BWV footage will potentially cause danger to the officer and his or her family
- Potential jurors on a criminal case will be tainted and will recall what the video showed versus hearing the evidence
- Footage will be on social media and it will be almost impossible to obtain a non-biased jury pool
- The video may cause harm to potential witnesses by suspects
- If the video is graphic or controversial, it may cause civil unrest
- Undue pressure will be placed on the DA's office

With violent crime up 69 percent since 2013, the Police Commission clearly has its priorities out of order. Your Board will keep you posted on our efforts to slow this fast-moving train down.



Downtown parking concerns

For years, our members that work in downtown Los Angeles have been tasked with fending for themselves when it comes to parking. Some members pay \$50 a month, while others pay in upwards of \$15 dollars per day depending on where they park. This is inconsistent and unfair. First, I feel that parking should be completely subsidized by the City. Second, if the City has to impose parking fees for our members, it should be consistent. We will be meeting with the Department and City personnel to discuss our concerns and collaborate on how we can resolve some of the many issues related to parking.



Left to right: Sgt. Andre Plummer, Ofcr. Marc Rojas, LAPPL Vice President Jerretta Sandoz, Sgt. Adam Moore, Det. Rafael Mora (kneeling), Ofcr. Steven Winslow, Ofcr. Justin Weitzman and Jim Erwin

Baker to Vegas

Congrats to all the LAPD officers who participated in Baker to Vegas 2017. See the center spread of this issue for highlights.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at JerrettaSandoz@lappl.org, or call me at (213) 251-4593. Be safe.