

February 13, 2018

Honorable Mayor Garcetti
Members of the Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

At our regular meeting on February 13, 2018, the Downtown L.A. Neighborhood Council voted to send this letter reflecting the growing concerns of our stakeholders. DLANC has received countless complaints from frustrated stakeholders who are encountering situations which threaten their safety and well-being daily.

Stakeholders, both residents and business owners, have expressed concerned. Some have stated that they are willing to take matters into their own hands due to mistrust of a system that they perceive as failing them a majority of the time. This Neighborhood Council is interested in diminishing the lawlessness in our neighborhoods.

The community greatly appreciates the temporary resources (bike patrol and SPU) provided to the Historic Core. The temporary resources have had a positive impact. When there are more LAPD foot and bike patrol officers, Downtown witnesses a tremendous positive effect. Please continue to increase these for the benefit of entire communities.

The Downtown population is growing rapidly. This increase coupled with legislation which has decriminalized many offenses, has exacerbated the number of incidents in our community. Here are just a few which have been reported to this board:

- Sale of alcohol bottles on the sidewalk (Rosslyn Hotel on 5th Street between Spring and Main Streets)
- Cocaine sales on the ledge of the LATC theater at 10:30am
- Pill sales in front of Springtime in NY (in plain sight)
- Crack smoking on the sidewalks in front of businesses
- Heroin shooting in alleys and parking lots
- Theft of backpacks/tip jars/merchandise from local businesses owners
- Knives and other objects being carried in sight of pedestrians
- Physical assaults and threats to pedestrians at any all times of the day

DLANC believes that the continuation of additional deployment, along with a mandate to take a more aggressive approach to “quality of life” crimes, will make all the difference to Downtown. Please let this Board know what it can do to assist you in making Downtown the best it can be.

Very truly yours,

Patricia Berman

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Dan Curnow

DLANC President

Livability Committee Chair