

Dear Honorable Mayor Garcetti and Los Angeles City Council Members:

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council has composed this letter with the intent of reinforcing the growing concerns of its constituents. We have received countless pleas, complaints, and rants from frustrated stakeholders who are encountering situations which threaten their safety and wellbeing on a daily basis.

Stakeholders, from Residents to Business owners, are fed-up. Some are even willing to take matters into their own hands due to the mistrust on the system that right now is failing them a majority of the time. We are interested in diminishing the lawlessness in our neighborhoods. When we have seen more LAPD foot and bike patrol officers, we have witnessed a tremendous effect and we are pleading with you to increase these for the benefit of entire communities.

In acknowledgement of the lack of LAPD resources, DLANC heavily encourages LAPD to be more strategic when allocating resources citywide. Downtown is growing vertically, and due to the sheer increase in volume, we deserve more officers in the area. Coupled with legislation which has decriminalized many offenses, in our neighborhoods we have witnessed the following new developments which have until this point, been uncharacteristic for many areas of Downtown:

- Man setting up a display of Alcohol bottles for sale on the sidewalk (Rosslyn Hotel on 5th Street between Spring and Main Streets).
- Man splitting and selling cocaine on the ledge of the LATC theater at 10:30am.
- Pill selling in front of Spring time in NY, also in plain sight.
- Crack smoking on the sidewalks in front of businesses
- Heroine shooting in Alleys and Parking Lots.
- Thieves stealing backpacks/tip jars/merchandise from Local businesses owners.
- Knives and other objects that can be turned into weapons instantly.
- Physical assaults and threats to people walking by at all times of the day.

This list of examples amongst too many others to mention, reflects and indicates the lack of respect criminals have for law enforcement and a lack of weight put into consequences of penalties for certain crimes. This is embarrassing to us as we are proud to be working hard to encourage development and tourism, living and working in the center of the City of Los Angeles.

We are confident that through this letter the City of Los Angeles can grasp our desperation. Together we wish to develop a system that can both maximize our resources and restore the public's faith on your institution. We are here to here to listen and advocate in favor of the community's best interests, and support our fair City as her urban core develops, increasing jobs, homes, and a thriving economic engine for all.