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Mr. Hamid Khan  
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Dear Mr. Khan:

The members of the Board of Police Commissioners (Commission) were provided copies of your letter dated February 24, 2015 which you submitted at the Commission meeting on that date. The issues identified in your letter have been discussed by members of your organization many times when the items have been on a regular Commission meeting agenda, during public comment periods and at Commission community meetings.

I will provide a brief response to each of the topics identified in your letter.

1. **Racial Profiling relative to the Suspicious Activity Report (SAR) Program.**  
The Inspector General provided a thorough review and audit of the program which was approved by the Commission at our meeting on January 27, 2015. The Los Angeles Police Department (Department) staff and the Inspector General and his staff were also questioned about the report and my fellow Commissioners also asked questions. We took public comment on this item prior to it being approved by the Commission.

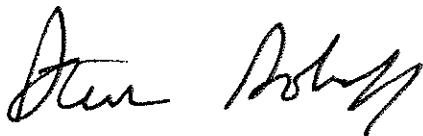
The Commission has not considered rescinding the SAR's program or the iWATCH program and as of this date and I do not anticipate that will occur.

2. **Community Meetings on Body Cameras.** The Commission has held two community meetings for the purpose of hearing from the public on the policy relative to the use of On Body Camera technology. Additionally the Department received input via their website as did the Commission from community members who wished to provide their input into the policy development on the use of On Body Cameras. On Body Cameras are being purchased by the Los Angeles Police Foundation as a donation and Mayor Eric Garcetti has publicly stated he is placing in his Fiscal Year 2015/2016 proposed budget sufficient funding to purchase an additional 7,000 cameras. When the Department's proposed policy is before the Commission the public have an opportunity to comment on the proposed policy governing their use prior to the Commission taking action to approve the proposed policy.

3. **Militarization.** The two Unmanned Aerial Surveillance (UAS) devices, otherwise referred to as Drones, acquired from the Seattle Police Department have been in the custody of the Office of the Inspector General and not utilized by the Department or any other law enforcement entity. As has been clearly stated no action will be taken on the deployment of the UAS devices until there has been an opportunity for public input prior to any recommendation coming before the Commission for consideration. The Commission clearly understands your organizations opposition to the deployment of these devices.
  
4. **Sabotaging Consent Decree.** All operational paragraphs of the 187 paragraphs of the Federal Consent Decree have been formally established in Department Special Orders. The Commission with the assistance of our Inspector General will ensure that the Department Special Orders are complied with. The responsibility for the administration of the Department rests with the Chief of Police. The Commission is confident in the ability of the Chief of Police and his command staff to ensure that occurs. While you and the members of your organization may not concur I am confident in the ability of my fellow Commissioners and I, the Inspector General and the Chief of Police to ensure that it does.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and concerns with the Board of Police Commissioners. I encourage you to remain engaged in the dialogue and take advantage of the opportunities to express your thoughts before the Commission.

Very truly yours,



STEVE SOBOROFF, President  
Board of Police Commissioners