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Motion to ask CD# 5 and #10 to request LAUSD reconsider it's ban on LAUSD police on campus during non-school hours

Agenda Item: To Be Filled in by Exec Committee
Date: June 16, 2022
Proposed By: Education Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? Yes

Background

Last year in an environment impacted by both economic concerns and equitable concerns regarding how students of color reacted to on-campus policing, the LAUSD made significant revisions to their response to school safety. One result of this was the focus of LAUSD police was shifted from an on-campus force to one which patrolled the school, but which did not reside on campus.

There was a recent break-in at Shenandoah Elementary School during a time that the campus was closed that resulted in some damage. This was of concern to neighbors whose residences are adjacent to the school. They know that the campus was vacant during the off hours and are concerned both as to the school and as to how it could affect their community.

Proposed Motion

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council will forward the proposed letter to Councilman Paul Koretz (CD#5) and to Councilman Herb Wesson, Jr. (CD#10) asking them to write to LAUSD requesting that the LAUSD conduct a review to determine whether the actions taken last year are the best use of their LAUSD police. It could well be that adjustments to that policy are appropriate. It is certainly true that having police on-site during non-school hours would not affect student perception about LAUSD equitable practices but would solve vandalism and theft concerns that have an effect on the school. It would also be an action that the neighbor's adjacent to the school would welcome.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For:

Against:

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$-0-
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

Arguments against:

1. There is no greater obligation for

1. This is a concern for the



LAUSD than the protection of students and staff.

schools, and we should leave it to the school Board to resolve the matter.

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Proposed Letter:

Date: _____

The Honorable Paul Koretz
Council District # 5
200 N. Spring Street, Suite 440
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Honorable Herb Wesson, Jr.
Council District # 10
200 N. Spring Street, Suite 420
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: LAUSD policy re LAUSD Police keeping off-campus

Dear Councilmembers:

Last year in an environment impacted by both economic concerns and equitable concerns regarding how students of color reacted to on-campus policing, the LAUSD made significant revisions to their response to school safety. One result of this was the focus of LAUSD police was shifted from an on-campus force to one which patrolled the school, but which did not reside on campus.

There was a recent break-in at Shenandoah Elementary School during a time that the campus was closed that resulted in some damage. This was of concern to neighbors whose residences are adjacent to the school. They know that the fact that the campus was vacant during the off hours is widely known and they are concerned both as to safety at the school and as to how it could affect their community once people with bad intentions are in their community.

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council is asking that you write to the Board of Education at LAUSD and ask them to review their policy. We believe that a slight "tweak" to their policy which would allow LAUSD police on campus during times that the school is closed would improve the schools' chances of eliminating or minimizing vandalism and theft. It would also function as a deterrent to people coming into the community to avail themselves of a target of opportunity. Such a modification would be welcome by the neighbors in the community that reside close to the campus.

Sincerely,

Michael Lynn

President