



**STATEMENT: COUNCILMEMBER ENGLANDER ON THE LAPD INVESTIGATION OF THE CADET LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

"As a Los Angeles Police Department Reserve Officer and Chair of the Public Safety Committee, I'm appalled by the alleged criminal behavior of an officer sworn to protect and serve the people of Los Angeles. Anyone wearing the uniform must uphold a standard of conduct worthy of the morals and values of our Police Department. I have full confidence that Chief Charlie Beck will continue to pursue a thorough and complete investigation and stand ready to provide any additional resources that may be required up to and including an independent investigation.

The cadet program is an invaluable resource and bridge between the department and the communities it serves. For decades, programs like the Cadet Leadership Program, GRYD, and PALS have provided pathways to success for at-risk youth throughout the City. It is shameful that an officer would abuse his authority in a way that would undermine the integrity of these programs.

Tomorrow, I will introduce a motion calling for a full investigation and audit of all LAPD youth programs.

It is during this challenging time that we must look to the example of thousands of honorable officers dedicated to restoring the character and dignity of this vital leadership opportunity for our youth."

- Councilmember Mitchell Englander

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## MOTION

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Law Enforcement Cadet Program is an invaluable resource and bridge between the department and the communities it serves. For decades, youth programs like the Cadet Leadership Program, Juvenile Impact Program, and the Police Activity League have provided pathways to success to at-risk youth throughout the City making a positive impact on thousands of young lives.

Recent allegations of serious criminal conduct by a Los Angeles officer in connection to the Cadet program do not diminish the value of these programs. They do however, necessitate that the department audit its policies, practices, and procedures to ensure that our most vulnerable are protected when in the Department's care.

In this light, it is critical that LAPD urgently expand the top-to-bottom review it is conducting of the Cadet Program to include an audit of all of its youth programs.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Los Angeles Police Department expand its review of the Law Enforcement Cadet Program, to include all of its youth programs. This report should include an analysis of supervisory practices, procedures for accessing equipment and facilities, and an accounting of program finances.

I FURTHERMOVE that upon the completion of its review, the Police Department present its findings to the Public Safety Committee and the City Council for review.

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