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Dear Members of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Commission,

We are writing to express our concerns and request a thorough investigation into reports suggesting that LAPD officers may have undergone training programs in Israel. We are particularly concerned about the potential implications of such training on the human rights of the civilian Palestinian population and the civil rights of pro-Palestinian communities and individuals in the City of Los Angeles.

While we acknowledge the importance of international collaboration and the exchange of knowledge between law enforcement agencies, it is crucial to ensure that such engagements align with principles of human rights, justice, and accountability. The government of South Africa produced an extensive report at the International Court of Justice at The Hague indicting the Israeli Defense Forces of committing genocide in Gaza. Reports of LAPD officers participating in training programs in Israel have raised questions within the community regarding the nature of the training, its impact on policing practices, and potential violations of human rights.

Given the sensitive nature of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and concerns raised by various human rights organizations, we believe it is in the best interest of the LAPD to conduct a thorough and transparent investigation into any training activities involving LAPD officers in Israel. This investigation should aim to address the following questions:

1. What specific training programs have LAPD officers participated in while in Israel?
2. Were the training programs consistent with international human rights standards and best practices in policing?
3. How might the training received in Israel influence LAPD officers' practices upon returning to their duties in Los Angeles?
4. What measures are in place to ensure that LAPD officers are trained in a manner that upholds human rights, accountability, and community trust?

We urge the LAPD Commission to prioritize transparency and accountability by conducting an impartial investigation into these matters. This will not only address

concerns within the community but also reaffirm the LAPD's commitment to upholding human rights and fostering positive relationships with the diverse population it serves.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We trust that the LAPD Commission will take the necessary steps to ensure that the public's concerns are addressed and that the LAPD remains committed to the highest standards of accountability and respect for human rights.

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