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Memorandum

Date: September 19, 2017

To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.M.W.*

From: Robert G. Luna, Chief of Police *R. Luna*

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: Assaults on Hotel Employees in the Downtown Dining & Entertainment District

This memorandum has been prepared in response to questions asked by several Councilmembers regarding reported sexual and aggravated assaults to employees of hotels within the Downtown Dining and Entertainment District.

Preliminary results have shown that from September 1, 2016, through August 31, 2017, two assaults occurred with the victims being hotel employees. One assault was a sexual battery to a female hotel employee and the other was a battery to a male hotel security guard.

The Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) encourages all people who believe that they have been a victim of a crime to contact the LBPD. There is a process to report crimes in multiple languages. This message is communicated to the community through the Chief's Women's Advisory Group consisting of several multi-lingual community engagement organizations. In addition, we have been very proactive with our community partners to raise awareness and educate our community, businesses, and our educational institutions on the importance of reporting sexual assault and domestic violence.

The LBPD values the rights of all community members and will support any victim who comes forward to report crime. We do not consider the immigration status of victims when investigating a crime; and our practice does not include asking about a person's immigration status when they report a crime.

Please contact me or my Chief of Staff, Commander Paul LeBaron, at 562-570-7301 if you have any questions.

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