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TO: THE CITY CLERK:

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN THE PACKET FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE UNDER AGENDA ITEM #3 FOR THE JULY 24, 2020 MEETING.

It would be appreciated if receipt of this email is acknowledged.

Thank You,
Stephen Downing
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On Sept. 12, 2019 the LBPDP was asked to provide information regarding the Department's progress in meeting the requirements of AB 392 passed into law on Aug 19 and SB 230 signed into law by the Governor on September 12.

The provisions outlined in both bills became effective Jan. 1, 2020.

On Sept. 25, 2019 the LBPDP responded: *"The Police Department is reviewing the requirements of the new legislation. We will not be providing information regarding the planning and implementation process at this time, but expect to be in full compliance with any legal requirements by the effective dates of these laws."*

The provisions of both bills became operative on January 1, 2020.

On June 16, 2020 the LBPDP was again asked if the department was yet in a position to respond to the specifics of our questions related to the implementation of AB 392 and SB 230.

On June 24 the LBPDP responded by providing a copy of the LBPDP's REVISED SPECIAL ORDER - USE OF FORCE - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 16, 2020 - 16 days after the required implementation of AB 392 relating to the use of force by police officers.

It is unknown what if any training materials, classes, or review processes were undertaken to put the memorandum into effect - or when.

Further, the Department's response only partially addressed the first question posed:

The response did not address the implementation requirements of SB 230 other than to say: "We are still researching the other questions made in the request."

As of today - July 23, 2020, a response to those questions have not been received.

Those questions included the following:

1. When does the LBPD anticipate implementing the 20 regular basic (training) courses required of SB 230?
2. When does the LBPD anticipate applying the policy requirements of SB 230 and legal requirements of AB 392 to Use of Force board reviews involving the use of deadly force?
3. Does the Department's preparations for planning and implementation require a reallocation of administrative and training resources? If so, could you provide an overview of what that may be?

It is now July, 2020 six months past the date that all of these legal provisions should have been implemented in full with all training materials published, training accomplished and review processes implemented.

Since the LBPD is still "researching" these questions a concern arises as to how, if and when the requirements of these important news laws have been implemented - and if so, how effectively?

It is recommended that the Public Safety Committee ask these questions at its July 24 meeting - as the agenda suggests that Use of Force is one of the main topics of inquiry.

Is the LBPD in full compliance and if so, what are the processes designed and implemented to insure full compliance as well as repetitive training - and at what levels and frequency?

Thank You,
Stephen Downing