



Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

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To: Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners:

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council represents one of your city's most well-informed, involved and police-friendly communities. Years of SLOs and captains tell us S-T's low crime rates are owed to the interaction of residents and LAPD in Community Policing.

Ignoring our community's support of law enforcement—and ignoring your own charter to investigate charges of LAPD misconduct for credibility, your board sweeps under the rug dozens of written requests, public statements and rallies, effectively ignoring intelligent input from the stakeholders of the served communities.

You misrepresent the personally motivated and invidious transfers of SLO Cesar Contreras and Capt. Johnny Smith as "day-to-day" or "disciplinary" transfers when there is plausible evidence they may be of a retaliatory action as part of a political cover-up.

Factual issues the board must investigate include earlier allegations of Councilperson malfeasance, then LAPD cronyism and self-protection that the transfers effected by Chief Moore hope to marginalize.

We demand BOPC follow City of Los Angeles mandates and thoroughly investigate all circumstances that preceded these clearly retaliatory transfers.

Evidence indicates Chief Moore bowed to pressure by Councilperson Monica Rodríguez, then worked to deny Contreras and Smith their procedural rights. Specifically, the chief:

- Knew of and discounted Contreras' sworn statement documenting Rodríguez's obstruction of justice during a narcotics warrant
- Bowd to Rodríguez' demands to transfer Contreras for whistleblowing
- Knowingly accepted, then acted upon, false and *admittedly biased* testimony against Smith
- Thereby retaliated against and sought to discredit Smith's earlier whistleblower lawsuit against the city
- Purposely pushed through Smith's unduly harsh punishments without due process or thorough fact-finding. All for his being honest.