

Dear Legislators:

I am writing to support the legislature passing LC 17, 18, 19 and 20.

I particularly urge the passage of LC 17 based on personal experience. I am a mother of two young children and have been a peaceful protester for decades, of the sign-carrying variety. This summer I peacefully protested in front of the Justice Center. I was repeatedly tear-gassed and pepper sprayed on multiple occasions, simply for being part of a crowd standing on public property. I committed absolutely no violence and had no intention to; personally, I am resolutely non-violent as a matter of principle. However, I experienced violence and considerable physical discomfort from the tear gas, simply for exercising my first amendment rights.

I also particularly want to urge the passage of LC 19, in order to protect the public from individual members of the police force who do not reflect the overall values of the force.

Again, I support passing these bills. Thank you.

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