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Hi Kerry:

In case Captain Palka and you haven't already spoken, the dedicated foot beat at and around the Hollywood and Highland complex still exists and is still deployed 24-hours a day (HED covers from 0600-0400 and patrol covers from 0400-0600). In addition two additional foot beats are deployed in the entertainment district on Fridays and Saturdays from 1800-0400. The unit remains at a lieutenant, 6 sergeants and 64 officers who are solely responsible for crime suppression, radio calls, traffic enforcement, and quality of life issues within the HED. Hope this helps.

Mark

>>> Kerry Morrison <Kerry@hollywoodbid.org> 6/26/2014 4:15 PM >>>

Gentlemen,

I mentioned at the CIT meeting yesterday that my board president has asked me to draft his newsletter message around the theme: "what a difference a year makes." I need a little help to ensure I am presenting accurate information.

The president's message is going to focus on all the positive changes that have occurred in our partnerships with the city family that have brought Hollywood to a place of relative calm this summer.

One of the key things I am focusing on is the impact that our two new elected officials made: O'Farrell and Feuer. From the day they took office on July 1, they were quite intentional about working with us to problem-solve together. When we met with both of them after they took office, we had a wish list of seven things we thought could help our community. Not everything has been accomplished (nor were they all feasible) but several have.

I wanted to check with you on two things.

Last year we asked for

- A daily dedicated LAPD footbeat in the highly trafficked tourist zone

What can I say about that? I think we started with some footbeats – but is that still happening? I know you've mentioned that we have 25 additional officers in the Hollywood Entertainment District footbeat. So – I just need accurate information about what we have now that may have been different prior to the murder of Christine Calderon.

We also asked for assistance with the characters and vendors. Referring back to my notes, I think I could report this:

"LAPD has been quite proactive in their efforts to address lawbreakers amongst the cast of characters and vendors that populate the sidewalks in front of the Dolby Theatre. There has been an improvement over last summer, possibly due to the commitment of two undercover task forces doing surprise enforcement every month. Though this represents a huge devotion of resources by the department to this effort, it helps to reinforce that laws must be adhered to and weeds out the trouble-makers. We are very appreciative of this strategy."

Last, it will go without saying that he will be highly complementary of the Division under the leadership of Palka and Zarcone. I will include in the message the fresh commitment to invigorate VICE to tackle nighttime enforcement issues, and we have all seen the difference that has made. It is very positive. People are elated.

If it would be easier for one of you to call me instead of typing on your phones, I am here.

Many thanks
Kerry

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