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Subject: Upcoming Protests

Hello all,

I hope this email finds you well. I have received numerous inquiries on why we allow people to take over the downtown area during protests. A follow-up question, why doesn't the Police Department object to these protests and marches. The Chief of Police has taken a stance that we will not object to any First Amendment Rights protests or marches. They are essentially approved before we get them. All we ask is that the permit puller complies with the Bureau of Street Maintenance rules.

You can ensure your constituents that we have more than adequate resources to handle anything in the DTLA. Every entity of the Department is in uniform and at the stand-by. We have hundreds of officers on stand-by in various locations within the Downtown area to respond. I have directed by Senior Lead Officers to patrol your BID area and pay close attention to the vulnerable areas and the BID headquarters especially.

Hopefully, it will continue to rain and the crowds will be small.

If you have any problems, please feel free to call me.

Take care,

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