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Chief Charles L. Beck
 Los Angeles Police Department
 100 West 1st Street
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Dear Chief Beck,

The Los Feliz Improvement Association (LFIA) congratulates you on your appointment as the new Los Angeles Chief of Police. We look forward to working with you and the department to improve public safety and the quality of life for all Angelenos. To that end, the LFIA strongly supports a recent proposal by Councilmember Tom LaBonge to establish a new LAPD Northwest Division.

Los Feliz is currently served by the Northeast Division, which is responsible for more than 30 square miles – an area equal to the entire city of Boston. It is bisected by the Los Angeles River, which creates substantial logistical impediments to policing the Western portion of the Division, including Los Feliz, Silverlake and East Hollywood. The current extremely broad configuration of the Northeast Division wastes critical resources and prevents the LAPD from effectively allocating its manpower. This results in Los Feliz suffering from extended response times and little police presence due to our geographically distant Western location within the Division.

As the oldest neighborhood association in Los Angeles, the LFIA has a long history of working constructively with the LAPD on issues of critical importance in a nearly 100-year old partnership. We believe that working together to establish a Northwest Division would allow for a significant improvement in the service we receive from the police department.

Sincerely yours,

Donald Seligman, President

Also for Jordan Susman, Chair, LFIA Police-Fire-Safety Committee

cc. Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles Councilmember, 4th District

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