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DEPARTMENT REVIEW SURVEY



Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti (Credit: Getty Images)

# DO YOU CURRENTLY FEEL SUPPORTED BY THE MAYOR?

#### 99.10% NO 0.9% YES

- You can't thank us after calling us "killers." He did nothing to meet with us to initiate discussions, but made assumptions based on a political agenda set by a small number of people. He has an obligation to all residents of L.A. I think there was no psychological safety for all Angelenos to be heard, and that was his leadership failure.
- 2. The Mayor has sold out for political gain; he is going to lean whichever way the political winds are blowing.
- 3. Mayor? What Mayor?
- Definitely not. We are "killers" to the Mayor. Horrible job by him.
- 5. Absolutely not. He wants to cut the police budget and reimagine policing?? \$600 million spent on homelessness and it gets even worse... total mismanagement... no backbone... once again, common theme. Image and perception and worried about his next job.
- 6. Absolutely not. Really scares me. I think the Mayor, City

- Council and the DA need to find someone to arrest to appease the BLM movement. Makes me really nervous to be out there. Need to find an inside job like all of the smart personnel who had dodged the field for years and years—getting the same pay and pension.
- The Mayor called the Department "killers" and was on board to defund our Department.
- 8. Despite what he has said in the media, that is for his political gain. Give credit where credit is due. Generally, the Mayor has supported the LAPD. Look at our last contract, it was a great contract. In addition, there are many other things such as allowing the City/ LAPD to consider and approve the contract with MTA. As a long-term patrol officer, officers need to stop whining and just do their job.
- 9. How can I feel supported when he is defunding our Department? We see crime going up. People are being killed or victimized. Homelessness is out of control, the streets are dirty with garbage and graffiti, the roads are in disrepair. I was born and raised in Los Angeles and have been a police officer for over 36 years. I've been involved in almost every civil unrest, earthquake, major fires, etc. I took my young kids to downtown L.A. and was embarrassed when they pointed out needles, used condoms, and soiled baby diapers on the sidewalk. They asked me, "Daddy, don't you work here?" He supports no one but himself.
- 10. The Mayor has been publicly unsupportive of

- law enforcement, actually condemning them on numerous occasions to the media, and instead supporting aggressive, criminal protestors. He comes across as a political climber looking out for his own self interests.
- When the Mayor called our Department "killers," it clearly spoke volumes of what politicians, at the highest levels, think of the rank and file of the LAPD. As an employee of the City, I feel vulnerable, unappreciated, hung out to dry, and clearly expendable. I believe the City, as my employer, has failed to protect its employees, LAPD officers, on a myriad of levels-politically, socially, in the media and economically—as it has now started to cut the budget of an entity sworn to protect the City's interests. The ripple effects of what the Mayor has said, has done and will continue to do will have disastrous ripple effects that the city will feel for years to come as officers will leave this department and prospective applicants to our profession look elsewhere for employment for the aforementioned reasons that we feel abandoned!
- 12. Not at all. He's worried about his next political position and will sacrifice us "killers" to placate whatever movement is popular.
- 13. Absolutely not.
- 14. He doesn't care about us. He's only out for himself and his political future.

# There were over 100 pages of comments. This is a selection of comments we received regarding the Mayor.

- 15. Mayor seems to have no clue about all the things the Department has implemented in regard to racism and biased policing.
- 16. Absolutely not. He throws us under the bus every chance he gets. He wants to defund us. Yet he wants his security detail.
- 17. The Mayor is too busy trying to be politically correct and lets the rioters destroy the communities and businesses in the city.
- 18. He's caved to the angry mob. We all know why.
- 19. Contradicting support.
- 20. The Mayor is a joke and caved in to the hate groups. The Mayor could have prevented a lot of the destruction by allowing us to take care of business. The Mayor completely threw the officers under the bus and not once supported the LAPD with actual data and facts to disprove the narrative of police brutality.
- 21. Like our Chief, the Mayor has acceded to BLM politics and initiated budget cuts to our Department. Mayor Garcetti was the one who proposed to cut the Department's budget by \$150 million. Unlike our Mayor, Mayor Kevin Faulconer of San Diego increased their police budget, acknowledging that more training will be needed to make progressive changes to the police department. This is something that Mayor Garcetti should have done; he should have shown the much-needed support the police officers need during this time of crisis and civil unrest, and he should be promoting the positive changes that can be made within the Department with sufficient funding.
- 22. He bowed down to the mob and referred to us as killers. He will always side with people who he thinks will vote for him over actually doing what is right. He also could have touted the progress the Department has made, but chose to pander to the crowd.
- 23. The Mayor does not listen to the citizens of Los Angeles who do not want funding taken away from LAPD.
- 24. He is pandering to anti-police groups right now and is supporting defunding us, all the while we have been working hard to protect this city, as well as protect him.
- 25. He wants to cut our budget? Why doesn't he cut his salary and the salaries of the Councilmembers?
- 26. The Mayor has shown himself to be a direct partisan figure whose ideology clearly places his position in direct conflict with the natural complications police work can bring to the forefront. The Mayor's willingness to exploit these circumstances leads me to feel that he will, if/when/how it suits him, betray the trust of the officers in his employ if he can gain a political advantage.
- 27. His actions and how quickly he turned on the officers that protect his city would seem to indicate he is an opportunist and a coward.
- 28. Once he called police "killers" and was completely behind defunding the Department, how could that mean support?
- 29. He's a politician; they only support what is popular at the time. So, of course, when we were popular, he supported us; when we became

NO



99.1%

YES



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# "MAYOR? WHAT MAY

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## "LAUGHABLE"

unpopular, he stopped. But that is the same as any politician. They are all the same, and he is no better or worse.

- 30. Not one bit. He is the worst Mayor to ever be in the city of Los Angeles.
- 31. Will throw officers under the bus to further his own agenda.
- 32. He rushed to show his true colors by calling us "killers" and essentially complicit in something that happened across the country. He is a fierce ally to the leftist, anti-police agenda, and the people promoting it. I think anything positive he says regarding us is simply him "talking out both sides of his mouth" when he realizes he's gone too far and the city is about to collapse on his watch. He is writing a lot of checks he won't have to cash—the people who live and work in Los Angeles will be the ones paying for his poor decisions and foolish actions.
- 33. The Mayor is guided by his liberal outlook. He is using the incorrect tide of public opinion to reduce the LAPD budget to promote his misguided policies. The Mayor should recognize that LAPD is one of the most highly-trained progressive police organizations in the world. The Mayor should be able to tell that to the world and refuse to cut our budget. If he truly cares about the citizens of Los Angles, he would not cut police services.
- 34. As a politician, he also is too responsive to a vocal minority, when he should show strength and progressive movement forward. If you want a better Department, give them more funding and tools for the job they have to do.
- 35. We as a Department have taken more strides and measures to battle racism than any other police department in the nation. Yet we get crucified instead of being praised for all the hard work we have already done to take measures against, and the Mayor should have known or should have been informed of all the steps that have actively been taken already.
- 36. The Mayor himself and the City Council made negative comments about their police department to appease the mob. The Mayor has been in his position long enough to know we have the best officers and best training in the country. But he acted like he was a spectator watching something he didn't have anything to do with. Apparently, the buck doesn't stop with him.
- 37. The performance of the Mayor during the civil unrest (riots) was truly dismal. Bowing to the whims of a mob that forcefully destroyed the work of lawabiding citizens and publicly criticizing the entire Department for simply doing our job in trying to protect those law-abiding citizens shows his true lack of character.
- 38. The Mayor missed his chance to tout LAPD as being at the forefront of reform. He would rather grandstand politically on a national level to prepare for his next job than to actually be a leader for L.A.
- 39. The Mayor turned on the Department. Weak leadership. Caved to political pressure of some members of society.
- 40. According to him, we are killers. He knows we have made changes and we are into "transparency," but he, too, is elected, and doesn't have a backbone to stand up for what's right even when it's not popular.
- 41. Doesn't want to stand up for what is right. Appeared to only be concerned with being popular for a small majority of people compared to the rest of the city, which was begging for the police to stop the violence.
- 42. The Mayor is concerned for himself and himself only. The citizens of Los

- Angeles suffered property damage, lost businesses and their livelihoods based on protests that devolved into anarchy. The Mayor then had the nerve to call his own police officers "killers." The Mayor must be held accountable for his ineptness and his failure to lead.
- 43. He wants us to protect his home but won't stand up for us. He has supported defunding the police.
- 44. The Mayor is an abysmal failure. His political ideology has blinded him to reality. He fails to realize that he is in charge and it starts and stops with him.
- 45. Feel sorry for active officers.
- 46. I have absolutely no trust, no faith and no respect for the Mayor of Los Angeles. He has failed us all miserably!
- 47. Mayor Garcetti fails every test of leadership. Every time I see or hear him on TV, it makes me sick. He does not support us; he is a political hack looking for his next job. Please, California, do not vote for this man for any statewide office. Ugh.
- 48. He is a politician. It is expected. But, he sure bends easily.
- 49. Absolutely not. Suggesting that because all of us Americans are "killers" (if you believe his explanation of his own words), why does that mean LAPD has to be treated as killers? Other agencies should be following our lead. He should be championing the changes in policy and procedure that were already made in our Department, not suggesting LAPD needs more "reform" because of what is happening in the rest of the country. It's absurd.
- 50. Over it. He is a politician bidding for the votes of his constituents and bending at the will of any special interest group that will give him the nod. It is disgusting.
- 51. Mayor needs to voice the elite Department we are. Highlight our policies and procedures, and vital units: MEU-SMART teams, DART Team J-CARS in patrol areas, CRO/SLO in patrol areas, Human Trafficking, CSP-HACLA, CEG. Please remove or CHARGE for the expense of Metro expertise assigned to him and family. To include staff Nury Martinez.
- 52. Just another politician who talks out of both sides of his mouth. As much as this Department has done for this city and these politicians, they, especially him, turn their backs on us in a second.
- 53. I'm a killer. Remember? Defunding us? Yes, so supportive.
- 54. Does this really need further explanation?
- 55. While I have personally liked the Mayor in the past, Garcetti showed no backbone in drawing a line of legal activities (peaceful protests) versus the illegal activities the city experienced (violence, looting, vandalism). The Mayor publicly condemned us officers, then privately sent us a thank you letter. What kind of message is that?
- 56. He enacts a curfew but then supports the City Attorney in not filing charges.
- 57. He is a hypocrite. He called us the killers that we are? Why is our Department being "reimagined"? What reform have we not already done? Why didn't he acknowledge the UOF stats that show we hardly use force?
- 58. Absolutely not. He called us killers. Then sent us a letter thanking us for doing such a great job. He is a hypocrite. We need a mayor who has the courage and political prerogative to make tough and unpopular decisions. Not someone who wants to please everyone because he has higher political aspirations. We need a mayor who can take the side of law and order against anarchy. It's an easy side to pick.
- 59. His actions speak volumes. Garcetti thanks officers for our hard work but slashes the LAPD budget to quell the masses demanding police reform. Backing our Department by touting the positives as outlined by our League would be a big first step in supporting LAPD.



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#### "THIS MAYOR WOULD SACRIFICE ANY OFFICER TO GAIN POLITICAL STATUS"

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- 60. LAPD has made leaps and bounds with the community. Instead of pushing that info out to the community, he bends to the minority of people who want to defund or who dislike the police. We don't have to please everyone. Back the officers who are doing a good job working in the community or reap what you sow.
- 61. The Mayor and the majority of elected officials are listening to the vocal few extremists and going against what the majority of the residents of Los Angeles have been complaining about and pushing for many years.

  More police patrols, presence and visibility in the communities. Better community policing.
- 62. Calling us killers then he later attempted to retract that by saying that he meant minorities have a lower life expectancy. Are you kidding me?!? He appears more concerned with politics and approval ratings than leading the city in areas where it counts. Governing, changing laws, policies and defunding our Department based upon protest signs and upon a horrible event that took place in another part of the country only solidifies the Mayor's belief that we are killers. Instead of standing as a united front to tell the media we are a strong and diversified city that supports our police department and that consistently works with the community we protect and serve for justice for all. City Council caved in to the demands of a few and defunded us and in effect agreed with the rioters that looted and burned our city, instead of standing with the officers who were there to defend and protect its citizens and community. Not realizing their actions will now hinder future good officers from even applying, leaving us in a worse position as a profession and as a Department.
- 63. I feel he is a politician who will bend to the side that will benefit his agenda in his political career.
- 64. He sold us out for votes. His actions are disgusting. I've

- not seen it this bad before in my 31 years.
- 65. The Mayor is nothing more than a self-serving politician who cares more about his own political future and toeing the party line over serving the interests of the law-abiding citizens and taxpayers.
- 66. HE DEFUNDED US!! What else needs to be said?
- 67. Budget says it all.
- 68. He is controlled by the mob and trying to save his political career.
- 69. NO, the Mayor gave us directions and then stabbed us in the back. We owe NOTHING to the Mayor. He's just another con artist.
- 70. Hell no. I dedicated 30 years to this city with a spotless record, zero complaints, and he decides to call all police officers "killers." I agree, we have a small amount of bad apples, but the majority of us truly are trying to serve the city with commitment and integrity.
- Took funds from us without hesitation to give away and then crime skyrocketed. That act alone eliminated all the past gains from the Consent Decree, etc.
- 72. He doesn't care about the officers. Protestors were arrested and charges dismissed. Officers were hurt with no repercussions.
- 73. He stoked the flames of adversity and divisiveness. He intentionally put the lives of the public and officers into harm by condoning the behavior. With no consideration for human life, he let officers take actual bullets and never spoke out about that. He is liable for the visceral hate of law enforcement and any officer harmed in the line of duty within the city of L.A. He made officers feel abandoned along with feeling targeted for political gain.
- 74. The Mayor has one of the best police departments in the country; however, he didn't take any opportunity to tell the media this fact.
- 75. The Mayor has wholly abdicated his role; his policies

- and rhetoric have resulted in numerous homicides in the city. He has taken to pandering to the minority and taken the easy way out. Good leadership requires making hard decisions that are sometimes unpopular. This Mayor has chosen the path of pandering and embarked on a repeated pattern of ignoring the safety of the people of Los Angeles. This city and its police officers deserve better leadership. He is an embarrassment and has taken steps that will devastate hundreds or thousands of lives.
- 76. He turned his back on us, including City Council. This Mayor espouses so much damaging divisiveness and political pandering. He has absolutely no credibility, and his failure to delineate all the improved training and reforms undertaken by the Department in the last two decades is reckless and selfish. The result is Department-wide decreased morale. The full impact will become more evident as officers retire or depart to other agencies employing leaders with integrity and character.
- 77. I think this was his opportunity to brag about how progressive his Department is. He could have backed it up with stats. He could have spoken about how gender and ethnically diverse his agency is. How we hire from within our community, how we constantly and consistently teach de-escalation techniques. How we utilize in-car and body-worn video for transparency. Shoot, he could even take credit for it and try to advance his political aspirations.
- 78. The Mayor is not consistent with his messaging.

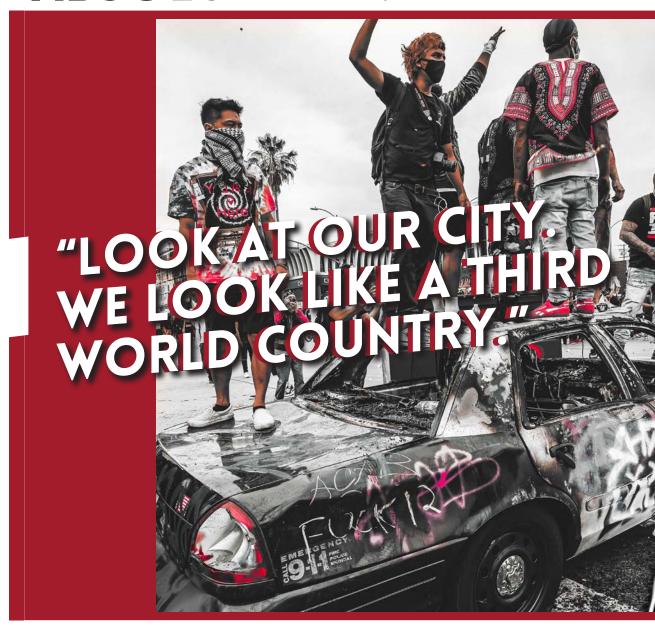
  He says he supports the LAPD and its officers, but
  he is quick to side with rioters, looters and angry
  protesters when they label us as "villains," "killers,"
  etc. It's important to acknowledge the progress
  and professionalism of our Department while we

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continuously strive for improvement.

- 79. We do a remarkable job and we have only improved over the years. 2019 was the lowest use of deadly force in the history of the LAPD. Despite the size and scope of our mission, which goes far beyond law enforcement. He left his cops out to dry. He told them he has their backs and then told the citizens that the cops are brutal, albeit not literally, but figuratively. He has absolutely no reason to be kowtowing to a violent mob. He speaks eloquently, and he has the ear of every person of influence in this city. What he says matters. And he did not come out strong enough in support of law and order.
- 80. The Mayor first came out in support of our budget being untouched and has now gone ahead with budget cuts, caving into "defund the police" from the many groups demanding it.
- 81. He had one chance to stand up for us and he folded. And that was the signal for everyone else to fold. He showed us what he thought of us, in one swift stroke. All these years of taking it on the chin for these folks and that's the thanks we got? Thanks for nothing.
- 82. The Mayor is bowing down to the masses rather than being supportive of officers while at the same time listening to the public's concerns. Many places I go to, they still support the police. They aren't marching up and down the street saying it, but they do support us. Unfortunately, what is cool right now is bashing law enforcement.
- 83. The Mayor made very, very poor decisions that negatively impacted the greater good in the name of politics and mob rule.
- 84. Why would I feel supported by a man who called us "killers" when we are leagues ahead of any other department when it comes to training and reform?
- 85. The Mayor had a chance to attempt to bring Angelenos together with police by saying that LAPD has already made many community-supporting policies and is willing to lead police reform with the policies that we have in place. Instead, he chose to divide us and claim we are killers.
- 86. The Mayor continues to throw us under the bus, called us killers, cut our fund and is looking to replace us with social workers. Not to mention that after all the arrests during the protests, he decided not prosecute; what was all that work for? In my 21 years, he has been the worst Mayor as it relates to working with us.
- 87. A leader who calls us killers in public then sends out a useless, meaningless letter to our emails in private. He has disgraced this Department and the troops.
- 88. The Mayor is the worst. Look at our city. We look like a third world country. Shame, shame, shame. No other city around us looks this way. Torrance, Beverly Hills, Glendale, Manhattan Beach. I can go on and on. These cities enforce the law. Law and order. Not chaos and anarchy. City of L.A. looks like a dump, and the Mayor absolves himself of any responsibility or blame. As he depends on LAPD to protect him and his family, he despises us. We are a necessary evil. The worst Mayor ever. Makes Villaraigosa look like a genius.
- 89. We have been doing exactly what the Mayor has ordered ever since he was a Councilman. We have implemented many reforms already that he's currently holding up as if they are new—he could have very easily held us up as an example of reasonable reform while still appealing to his progressive base, but instead, he sold us out and insulted the women and men whom he's sent into harm's way for years.
- He knows the strides that LAPD has made in the past 20 years. He should've been one of the first ones to speak

### "ABSOLUTELY NOT!!!!!!!"



#### "THREW US RIGHT UNDER THE BUS INSTEAD OF STANDING UP

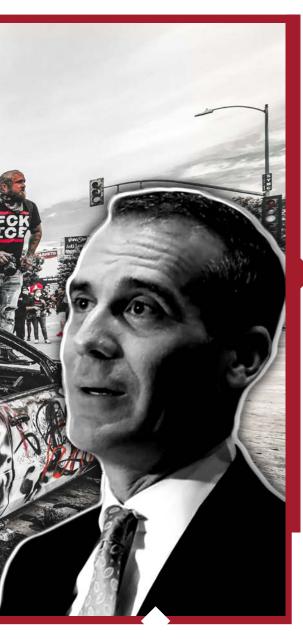
#### AND SPEAKING PROUDLY OF THIS DEPARTMENT AND HOW FAR WE

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up about the advances that we made as a Department, not only operationally, but also through our diversity and community engagement. What happened in Minnesota had nothing to do with our Department, yet we got linked to it.

- 91. Threw us right under the bus instead of standing up and speaking proudly of this Department and how far we've come, and how this Department represents the community.
- 92. He called us "killers," and defunded us by \$150M without any commensurate drop in responsibility. While it is a far overdue conversation to talk about moving responsibilities away from us, we haven't actually done that. Instead, we're still doing the same job with far less funding, including overtime, critically. He could have used this moment as an opportunity to tout the reform over several decades, and could have even taken some credit for that as a longtime city politician, but instead he caved to the outrage mob, and did it in the middle of the riots as we sustained serious injuries.
- 93. He cares more for election to a higher post than this Department.
- 94. Absolutely not. He is more interested in his political career and has shown a willingness to throw the police under the bus and sacrifice public safety to score future political goals.
- 95. When he had an opportunity to shine and make the city look good, he folded like a cheap lawn chair. He

- apologized over and over again for things that had NOTHING to do with L.A. or the Department. He is a disgrace.
- 96. With the Mayor speaking of police officers as "killers" and has since been seen siding with the public on this us versus them mentality is absurd. The Mayor is not doing a good job on mending the bridge between the public and police; in fact, all the hard work the LAPD has done within the past 10 years on gang reduction, task forces on human trafficking, homeless outreach (HOPE teams), and responses to a decade of bad media on school shootings have now gone down the drain because of the lack of voice the Mayor and City Council have had for the police.
- 97. Mayor Garcetti has gone out of his way to say hello when out on the streets. I feel he is too scared to support us and will maintain his stance against LAPD until his term is over to please a small group.
- 98. The Mayor and his comments made publicly about our Department made me feel as though he does not back us. His letter to us was not genuine. I would have had more respect for him if he would have just stayed on one side versus trying to play both sides.
- 99. He has abandoned us after we put our lives on pause and our safety on the line to save his city. He has bowed to protesters without addressing the improvements the Department has made since the '90s and not spoken about our low UOF and OIS statistics.



#### Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti & Protesters (Credit: Getty Images and AP Images)

- 100. 12 dead, 42 shot over the Fourth of July weekend. Crime is not his priority, only speeches every day and giving away money that the poor do not have.
- 101. As a veteran, and as a military officer, he should know better about morale. That being said, it makes his current positions even worse because he knows and still acts the way he does.
- 102. There's a lot of good people in the city of Los Angeles. Ask the good people what they think about us. Stop listening to a small percentage of people who, no matter what we do, will never be happy.
- 103. I would like to ask the Mayor, "What did we do wrong?"

  The unrest resulted from an incident that occurred 1,500 miles away, and it was something none of us would condone. Why didn't you point out to BLM and other protesters and most of all, to the media how far our Dept. has come as far as reform and accountability are concerned. All of the things they demanded we have already put in place; we are leading the nation. He should have showcased us as a model for police reform.
- 104. The Mayor is cowering to the noise being made by a small contingent of the city he runs. He's more worried about what looks right than what is right.
- 105. Eric has displayed a lack of integrity that is too jarring to ignore. Police were essential workers putting their life on the line one week, then "killers" the next. A budget is a "statement about our values" and a "snapshot of our pain." Then in the next breath he can "defund the police" when screamed at by the mob, hoping all he said before the civil unrest is forgotten. His words carry no weight, and his ability to vacillate due to public pressure has negated any trust or respect I had or will have for him.
- 106. Absolutely not. I'm not a killer. I have always done my job with complete regard for my victims and the citizens of Los Angeles.

- 107. I am not a killer. Our agency has been a world-class leader at providing unbiased police services. Brag about that instead of political pandering.
- 108. Worst Mayor ever!!! Does not support LAPD at all! Says one thing to the masses and then turns around and quietly tells officers something else.
- 109. To come out a week later and say all curfew arrests would not be filed on sent a loud message to both officers and the suspects. He has made our job 100 times more dangerous every day!!!
- 110. He doesn't care about the LAPD. His moral compass is guided by his political career.
- 111. Absolutely not. There is not enough space here to say what I think about the Mayor. I think he is a horrible politician, and he is pandering to the loudest protestors, but he is literally ignoring the needs of the other 90% of people who live and work in the city. The city has been in steady decline since he got into office, and it will continue to decline. This is what we will be able to show the world for the Olympics. L.A. is a complete disaster. Shameful!
- 112. He has no idea what police work entails and the responsibilities and decisions we have to make in the field. He thinks that social workers will be able to handle the calls for service we go to. Good luck with that. If you want more qualified and better-trained police (I think that's what everyone is saying), why would you defund the police? Do we defund teachers when they have bad apples? No.
- 113. He is oblivious to all facets of what it means to be a police officer.
- 114. Zero respect for a Mayor who calls us murderers but then wants us to push protesters away from his home because he's scared.
- 115. Please don't even get me started with the Mayor. If the Chief's lack of public support was inadequate, then the Mayor's was grossly deficient. His equating cops to "killers" guip was an open slap in the face to everyone who wears a badge. His public comments clearly supporting a fringe movement that had openly called for death to police officers hurt on a very basic level. He threw his entire political support behind this movement to remove us from public safety, and then sent us an emailed letter behind the scenes telling us what a good job we did during the riots. He openly campaigned for protest, yet when a thousand protesters showed up on his doorstep, he directed police to drive them away and make curfew arrests. Then he turned around and openly pushed to have the prosecution of those arrests declined by the City Attorney. The hypocrisy is appalling.
- 116. NO!! The Mayor did NOT support the officers! Not only did he not support, but he never commended what the officers went through. Of all the people who would have quieted the critics of the officers, he never spoke. Seems to me that he supported the protestors more.
- 117. His comments and the way he describes us as police officers have left a very negative impact on the way I view this job; as a result, I'm currently seeking employment elsewhere.
- 118. Absolutely not. Aside from calling us "killers," he hasn't done anything for us to help the situation. Maybe he doesn't want to meal or doze his agenda in future politics and is only siding with the Council.
- 119. Laughable.
- 120. Absolutely not.
- 121. This Mayor would sacrifice any officer to gain political status.
- 122. Absolutely not, he threw us underneath the bus the first chance he got and didn't stand up for us. So, hell no.
- 123. The Mayor blatantly called us "killers" and blatantly showed us how in a heartbeat he will throw us under

- the bus for political reasons even when we're doing the right thing. I live and grew up in South Central! My family is scared to call the police because of his statement and actions toward the police.
- 124. As an Angeleno who grew up in the inner city within drug- and gang-infested neighborhoods, and as a "minority," I find his immediate grovelling to the 5% pushing for borderline anarchy very disheartening and dangerous for the blue line workers patrolling the streets. Driving down the streets and having citizens flip me off or yell out profanities simply because we've been swept under the general media theme of "police brutality" is completely ironic and surreal for me.
- 125. The Mayor is a career politician who will say or do whatever is en vogue to further his political motivations.
- 126. LOL... really?! We have never been supported less.
- 127. Defund Garcetti.
- 128. Absolutely NOT!!!!!!!!!
- 129. He called us "killers" on national TV.
- 130. Never did feel supported by an L.A. Mayor.
- 131. Political puppet, per usual...
- 132. ABSOLUTELY NOT! He is a political figure who is only worried about his image and not what really goes on.

## "POLITICAL PUPPET, PER USUAL..."

He is no leader, he is a hypocrite who goes on camera making us look as though we are the problem, yet sends a letter saying he supports us. He needs to be exposed for what he really is.

- 133. His wife was very concerned about honking at her residence. This resulted in an MFF 1/4/40 personnel being deployed to her house each weekend. This is at the heart of public perception of police waste—because it's true.
- 134. The Mayor seems focused on career survival and appeasing a vocal minority. He made his stance clear when he diverted money away from the Department.
- 135. Stop inviting this guy to LAPD recruit graduations. He never publicly supports us.
- 136. The Mayor has blamed us for every social issue plaguing the city. The problem is poor leadership from all levels of government in Los Angeles.
- 137. There isn't enough time in the day for me to tell you what I think about the Mayor.
- 138. He needs to express more support.
- 139. Just watch his news conferences.
- 140. The "killers" remark was disgusting. Kneeling with protesters and encouraging their behavior during a pandemic was irresponsible. The Mayor is a joke!
- 141. The Mayor called us "killers," and that doesn't sit well with me or any other officer. I lost respect for him.
- 142. In all my 26 years with LAPD, I have never felt so abandoned as I do now. The Mayor completely failed the officers and, more importantly, all the citizens of the city of L.A. He was offensive in his speech and reactions.
- 143. I am not a killer.

Next month's issue will feature your survey results regarding City Council.