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Let's build a community."

# West Hills Neighborhood Council

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March 16, 2017

Dear Councilmember Englander:

At our March 2 board meeting, the West Hills Neighborhood Council approved the following resolution. We would appreciate your support in the Los Angeles City Council.

### ***Whereas:***

- 1) Crime is increasing within the City of Los Angeles, including areas served by the LAPD's Topanga Division;
- 2) U.S. Census Bureau data show that the population in areas served by the Topanga Division increased by approximately 17,000 people between 2009 and 2015;
- 3) These areas are experiencing additional population growth with the addition of thousands of residential units in 2017 and beyond;
- 4) The Westfield Village complex has opened in neighboring Woodland Hills;
- 5) LAPD basic car staffing has been REDUCED in the Topanga Division since it opened in 2009; and
- 6) A significant increase in violent crime has prompted a corresponding increase in requests for police in our area...

### ***Be it resolved:***

The West Hills Neighborhood Council requests that, in order to provide proper police services to the area, the Los Angeles Police Department shall immediately allocate no fewer than seven basic car units to the Topanga Division and the division's staffing shall return to levels that existed when the station opened in 2009; and

While we value the contributions to the area that Westfield has made, the West Hills Neighborhood Council requests that the LAPD and Westfield management adhere to the recommendations made in Environmental Impact Reports and develop a Memorandum of Understanding to provide funding of appropriate police resources for the Village and other heavy-use projects that supplements Topanga basic car staffing and does not draw these units from their designated neighborhood patrols.

*Motion approved unanimously, March 2, 2017.*

Sincerely,

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