

# Questionnaire

We would like to start with just a few background questions to get your general views about policing in your community.

**1. Where do you currently live?**

- Outside of the Los Angeles metropolitan area
- In the Los Angeles metropolitan area, but not in the City itself
- In the City of Los Angeles

**2. Have you or a close friend or relative ever worked in law enforcement?**

- I have worked or currently work in law enforcement
- I have never worked in law enforcement, but I have a close friend or relative who has
- I have never worked in law enforcement, and I do not have a close friend or relative who has

Next, we would like to get your views on some of the considerations that might affect the decision of whether and when to release video of an officer-involved shooting.

**3. In deciding whether to release video to the public after an officer-involved shooting, how important is it to consider the views of each of the following:**

	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not at All Important	Not Sure
Civilian/Civilian's Family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Officer/Officer's Family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Los Angeles Community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LA Chief of Police	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LA Police Commission	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LA District Attorney	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mayor of LA	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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**4. Should the following circumstances be considered in deciding whether or not to release video after an officer-involved shooting?**

	Definitely	Probably	Not Sure	Probably Not	Definitely Not
The civilian's family wants the video to be made public	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Chief of Police believes that release of video would pose a threat to the safety of officers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There have been protests in the community after the incident, and community members have asked for the video to be made public	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The District Attorney believes that release of video may bias potential jurors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Releasing the video could help correct public misperceptions about what occurred	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The civilian's family objects to the release of video	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Police have not been able to locate or interview an important witness to the incident, and are concerned that releasing the video would make it more difficult to get that person's own perception of what occurred	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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**5. Generally speaking, should video of an officer-involved shooting be made available to the public at some point?**

- Definitely
- Probably
- Not sure
- Probably not
- Definitely not

**Next we want to ask your views on some of the policy options that the Los Angeles Police Commission may consider.**

In developing the policy, the Commission will need to decide whether to:

- Require release of all video within a certain time period (**automatic release**); or
- Decide in each individual case whether, and when, video should be made public (**case-by-case basis**); or
- Never release video

**Case-by-Case Release:**

We first want to consider your views if the Police Commission decides that video should be released on a **case-by-case basis**.

**6. If the decision is made on a case-by-case basis, how much do you trust each of the following to make the right decision about release:**

	A great deal	A fair amount	Not very much	Not at All	Not Sure
LA Chief of Police	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LA Police Commission	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LA District Attorney	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mayor of LA	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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**Automatic Release Within a Certain Time Period**

The other option is to have videos released **automatically**. In that case, the main question is **when** they should be released.

The more quickly a video is released, the sooner the public will get to see what happened. But releasing videos quickly makes it more likely some witnesses will not have been located, or that the videos would interfere with the investigation in some way.

**7. If video footage must be released automatically within a certain time period, this should happen:**

- within 30 days
- within 60 days
- within 120 days
- After the police commission decides whether or not the officers followed department rules (often up to 1 year after the incident)
- After the District Attorney decides whether or not to file charges (often up to 1-2 years after the incident)

**8. If an automatic release policy is adopted, should exceptions be made to delay the release of video in the following cases:**

	Definitely	Probably	Not Sure	Probably Not	Definitely Not
The Chief of Police believes that release of video would pose a threat to the safety of officers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The District Attorney intends to bring criminal charges against the officer, and believes that release of video may bias potential jurors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The civilian's family objects to the release of video	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Police have not been able to locate an important witness to the incident	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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## Policy Options

To help us better understand your views, we next will ask you about three different policy options, which are similar to policies other cities have adopted.

9. **Option A:** The LAPD will not release any videos until the LA Police Commission decides whether or not the officers followed department rules. This usually happens about 1 year after the incident.

However, within 72 hours after an officer-involved shooting, the LAPD will issue a public statement about the incident, including the time and location, a description of what prompted the officers' response, and whether any weapons were recovered. The LAPD will provide additional updates at regular intervals.

Would you favor or oppose such a policy?

- Strongly favor
- Somewhat favor
- Neutral
- Somewhat oppose
- Strongly oppose

10. **Option B:** The LA Police Commission, in consultation with the District Attorney and the Chief of Police, will **decide on a case-by-case basis** whether to release video footage. The Commission will make an initial decision within 5 days, and publicly explain its decision. If it decides not to release video, it will reconsider every 30 days.

All videos will be released once the Commission decides whether or not the officers followed department rules (usually 1 year after the incident).

Would you favor or oppose such a policy?

- Strongly favor
- Somewhat favor
- Neutral
- Somewhat oppose
- Strongly oppose

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**11. Option C:** Video of an officer-involved shooting will **automatically be released within 60 days**. The LAPD may request a 30-day extension on the release of video footage in exceptional circumstances. The LAPD must make the request in writing to the Police Commission, which will decide whether to grant the request.

Would you favor or oppose such a policy?

- Strongly favor
- Somewhat favor
- Neutral
- Somewhat oppose
- Strongly oppose

**(Optional) Please use the space below to explain any of your answers or provide additional comments:**

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**Background Questions:**

Finally, we have just a few optional background questions.

**12. What is your zip code?**

**13. How old are you?**

- Under 18
- 18-25
- 26-34
- 35-54
- 55-64
- 65 or over

**14. Which best describes your gender?**

- Male
- Female
- Other

**15. What is your race (check all that apply)?**

- White (non-Hispanic/Latino)
- Black
- Hispanic or Latino
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Middle Eastern/Southwest Asian
- Other

**16. What was your total household income before taxes in the past year?**

- Less than \$25,000
- \$25,000 to \$34,999
- \$35,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$74,999
- \$75,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$149,999
- \$150,000 or more