



**WILSHIRE CENTER  
KOREATOWN  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**



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To Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer:

While we, the Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council of the City of Los Angeles, applaud the City Attorney's decision to not seek criminal or financial penalties against peaceful protestors, we strongly support the Motion ([Council File 20-0718](#)) requesting that the City Attorney dismiss ALL citations against protestors, particularly those related to protests surrounding the murders of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, among too many others, at the hands of police.

Our right to exercise freedom of speech, our right to peacefully assemble, our right to petition the Government for a redress of grievances are protected by the First Amendment, and, therefore, any charges or citations made against individuals engaging in nonviolent protest is a violation of the Constitution. No one should fear government retribution, in any capacity, for exercising these rights.

Furthermore, we demand that the City Attorney uphold his promise of declining to seek criminal penalties and dismiss all charges against Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council Sub-District 3 representative Jamie Penn, whereas Penn, who was serving as a medic at the time of her arrest, has been falsely [charged with felony lynching](#). Penn was not attempting to remove someone from police custody; rather, she was compassionately [aiding an elderly person](#) who had been shoved to the ground because she "didn't want them to be trampled." Instead of persecuting Penn, the City should be celebrating her bravery and kindness. Additionally, it should be noted that Penn suffered transphobic discrimination at the hands of police, and we believe officers should undergo mandatory sensitivity training for the fair treatment of transgender persons.

We are disappointed with the lack of care and respect that the Los Angeles Police Department has shown towards protestors, especially those protesting in support of Black Lives Matter, and we are gravely concerned about the dangerous precedent this sets.

Respectfully,

Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council