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REYES RESPONDS TO LAPD MAY DAY DECISION

Councilmember Ed P. Reyes, whose district includes MacArthur Park, issued the following statement following the Los Angeles Police Department's decision regarding the incidents at MacArthur Park on May 1, 2007 that left some reporters and demonstrators injured.

Los Angeles Police Chief William J. Bratton has announced plans to discipline 15 officers. Of those officers, four have been ordered to Board of Rights hearings with the recommendation of termination.

Councilmember Reyes responded with the following:

“The Chief’s action sends a strong message that we are holding people accountable,” said Councilmember Ed P. Reyes, whose district includes MacArthur Park. “But just as importantly, it’s about rebuilding the confidence between the LAPD and the residents in my district. The May Day events opened a tremendous wound in the community. But I believe these actions go along way in the healing process. I applaud Chief Bratton for his methodical approach in making sure everyone is held responsible.”