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# **HYPOCRISY: Criminality Disguised as Protests Endangers Officers**

*Where are the condemnations from politicians and calls to end these attacks?*

**Los Angeles, CA**—The Los Angeles Police Protective League issued the following statement in response to the violence and attacks targeting LAPD officers at yesterday's protests.

*"As a society, it should be easy to condemn attacking police officers with improvised blowtorches, or throwing fireworks, rocks and bottles at officers under the guise of "protest." Yet, the silence is deafening from our so-called community's leaders. This type of raw violence on display in Los Angeles and across the nation from dangerous mobs hell-bent on destruction has nothing to do with a woman's right to choose. Rather, it is nothing more than disgusting opportunistic behavior carried out by criminals hiding behind our First Amendment.*

*LAPD officers are sick and tired of being violently targeted by criminals using the First Amendment as a shield for them to purposefully attack police officers. Our officers are sick and tired of the silence and inaction from our elected and Department leaders when they are attacked. Seems some of these "leaders" forgot how to Tweet or they can't seem to find their voice to condemn these attacks on our officers when it does not fit their political narrative, align with their point of view or ruffles feathers. Violence is violence and it must be met with a strong response, and order must be restored. We demand the leadership of the LAPD to set aside politics and focus on protecting our officers and law-abiding residents from criminals."*

**Los Angeles Police Protective League Board of Directors**

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