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FIRST MACARTHUR PARK TASK FORCE MEETING SET FOR THIS MONDAY – *Public encouraged to participate in public hearing, Q&A forum, on LAPD actions during May 1 protests*

The first meeting of a newly-formed task force designed to monitor the investigation of the May 1 protests will take place **Monday, May 14**, Councilmember Ed P. Reyes announced today. The meeting of this new panel, called the Special Task Force on May 1 Protests is being held at **6 p.m. at Charles White Elementary School (across the street from MacArthur Park), 2401 Wilshire Blvd., at Parkview.**

The Special Task Force, Co-Chaired by Reyes and Councilmember Jack Weiss, also includes Councilmembers Wendy Greuel, Jan Perry and José Huizar.

“This task force meeting will serve as a vehicle to re-strengthen the relationships and confidence between the community, the City and all those affected by the May 1 protests,” said Reyes, who represents the MacArthur Park area where the confrontation between police, protestors and media occurred.

Monday’s Task Force meeting will include an update on the probe conducted concurrently by the LAPD and by the Office of the Inspector General. It will also include a public hearing and Q&A forum with the Task Force.

“The Task Force will allow the Council and the public to monitor the progress of the investigation and provide an extra layer of oversight,” said Weiss. “For this first meeting we are bringing the Task Force to the community to send a strong message that we are listening and will ensure that questions are answered in a thorough City investigation.”

Reyes’ announcement follows his May 2 motion calling for the L.A. Police Commission to report to City Council in 30 days with its probe of LAPD actions at MacArthur Park, as well as recommendations to prevent a recurrence of the unfortunate events experienced by those affected by the May 1 march.

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