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Major Cities Chiefs' Members:

Last week, I held a conference call with the Executive Board Members to brainstorm ideas on how we can better serve the membership given your tight schedules and demanding workload. In response to comments I have received over the past month and the observations of the Executive Board Members, we are considering some changes to the upcoming two-day conference in Denver that will enhance the experience for all members.

Since everyone sees the value of the roundtable discussion, we are going to retain that format for the first day. We will provide printed background and crime statistics for distribution for each jurisdiction in attendance so that the Chiefs can focus on the major issues during their comments.

On the second day, we are looking to focus in on the common major issues we are all facing by hosting a facilitated discussion to be moderated by Executive Director Chuck Wexler of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF). I know that many of you have attended PERF's Town Hall meetings each year at the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Conference, and I believe that you will see the tremendous value of holding our own "town hall" style meeting.

We will be reaching out to you in the coming weeks for recommendations on topics for discussion on principal issues that are important to each of you. We will identify the issues prior to the conference and will prepare background material in advance, which we will make available to each of you.

Additionally, we will be forwarding a brief survey to collect data and opinions on MCC issues, crime statistics, significant topics for the upcoming conference, and feedback on the MCC web site. Although this survey will be anonymous and voluntary, I strongly encourage everyone to spend a few minutes to weigh in on how we can make the association work for you. Please contact the MCC staff with any questions or concerns you may have as we prepare for the upcoming conference. You may also contact Sergeant Ruby Malachi in my office on all MCC-related issues at (213) 473-5328 or ruby.malachi@lapd.lacity.org. Thank you.

All the best,

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