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LVMPD RATIO OF OFFICERS TO POPULATION

The following ratios are based on 1 officer per 1000 population.
These figures **DO NOT** take into consideration the 36,000,000 tourists per year.
The national average is 2.5 officers per 1000 population

EFFECTIVE DATE	NUMBER OF OFFICERS	RATIO OF OFFICERS PER 1000 POPULATION
JANUARY 2002	1,969 AUTHORIZED	1.72
JULY 2002	2,050 AUTHORIZED	1.74
JANUARY 2003	2,105 AUTHORIZED	1.70
MARCH 2003	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE

The ratios are based on authorized, not actual number of officers.
(The City of Las Vegas and Clark County have required us to maintain a 2% vacancy factor.
Because of this we are not fully funded for our total number of authorized positions.)

1. Senate Bill 334 would give us the ability to adequately provide services to our rapidly growing jurisdiction
increases in population as well as our service areas, large convention and tourism
these are growth areas we have no control over
2. There are constantly increased demands on the available resources of our funding agencies.
3. SB334 provides us with an alternative if it becomes necessary to seek additional funding.
4. The Bill would allow us to respond to the public safety needs of our community in a timely way.
5. SB334 would give us the ability to react to current conditions - potential threats or significant events as they occur rather than 3 to 4 years later.
the current process causes a 2 year delay.
6. By eliminating the legislative step and enabling us to take a proposal directly to: Fiscal Affairs Committee then;
to the full City Council and County Commission;
Debt Management
and then make our case before the voters within our jurisdiction
7. The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department would still be required to obtain approval from more levels than any other local government.

8. Without passage of this Bill Metro Police must anticipate;

the law enforcement needs of the community
gauge the fluctuating national and local economic conditions,
gauge the ability of our taxpayers to fund a potential increase,
more than two years in advance of a property tax initiative and three
or more years before the revenue would actually materialize.

9. When you add the months it takes to recruit, screen, train officers and finally assign them to needed and vacant positions it adds another full year.

10. Mr. Chairman, Committee members. This delay can put citizens, the business community and the officers in a dangerous and possibly life-threatening situation.