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**Community Coalition Statement on Shooting of Anthony Weber
by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy**

Another life lost. Another family devastated. Another groundswell of community outrage and weeping. As we remember the legacy of Trayvon Martin this week on what would have been his 23rd birthday on February 5, we mourn the loss of 16-year old Anthony Weber. Anthony was fatally shot on February 3 in Westmont by a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy.

Anthony joins an unacceptable and tragic lengthy list of Black lives lost to police violence. We call upon the Office of the Inspector General to investigate what occurred with all deliberate speed. However, we will not wait for the continued deadly assault on Black and Brown lives to end.

*These are the sobering and sad facts:

- In 2017, 1,147 people were killed by police. 92% were killed by police shootings. Tasers, physical force, and police vehicles accounted for most other deaths.
- **Unarmed** people of color were disproportionately killed by police when responding to an incident (49 Black; 34 Hispanic).
- Police recruits spend 7x as many hours training to shoot than they do training to de-escalate situations.

Police officers in Los Angeles and across the country must be held to vigilant accountability when shooting first is the immediate response. This must end and we must unite together as a community and as a city (regardless of the zip code where you live) to demand that every life is treated with respect and dignity.

*According to a report and statistics compiled by [Mapping Police Violence](#)

About Community Coalition:

For nearly 30 years, Community Coalition has provided a hub to elevate South LA's voice and empower residents to take control over the future of their neighborhoods. Community Coalition works with residents to build a prosperous and healthy South LA with safe neighborhoods, quality schools, and a strong social safety net. The Coalition continues to work on positive economic development that reduces crime, poverty and substance abuse in South LA through resident organizing, direct advocacy and community support services.

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