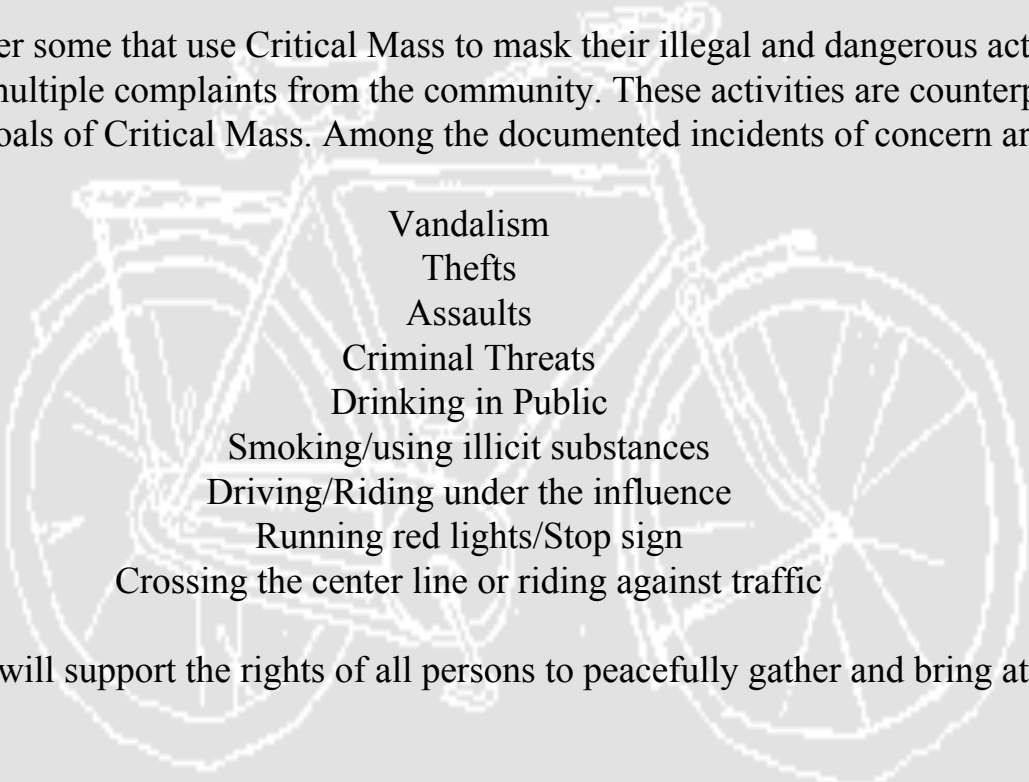


# CRITICAL MASS AND THE LAPD

The Los Angeles Police Department supports and encourages responsible cycling as well as cyclists' right to fair and equitable use of the roadways. The Department is also committed to protecting cyclist's 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Right to call attention to issues affecting their community. In keeping with the Department's mission, and in response to the cycling community's calls for police involvement and participation, the LAPD will be present at the next Los Angeles Critical Mass ride scheduled for June 25, 2010.

Critical Mass attracts hundreds, and at times thousands of cyclists. People come together for a variety of reasons: To assert their desire for cleaner air, less congestion, safer roads, more infrastructure, and to celebrate and ride in solidarity with other likeminded individuals.

There are however some that use Critical Mass to mask their illegal and dangerous activities which generate multiple complaints from the community. These activities are counterproductive to the intended goals of Critical Mass. Among the documented incidents of concern are:



- Vandalism
- Thefts
- Assaults
- Criminal Threats
- Drinking in Public
- Smoking/using illicit substances
- Driving/Riding under the influence
- Running red lights/Stop sign
- Crossing the center line or riding against traffic

The Department will support the rights of all persons to peacefully gather and bring attention to their cause.

LAPD officers will be present to ensure the safety of all those who lawfully participate and will take enforcement action against those who violate the law or the vehicle code.

Please remember:

- Participants under the age of 18 must wear a helmet
- Participants should have necessary lighting equipment
- All bikes must have brakes or otherwise comply with the braking requirements

*Ride Responsibly, Share the Road. We will see you there!!!*