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Fwd: CF 17-0600 - public comment for city budget and Vision Zero funding

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This one's for you...thanks!

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From: **Lyndsey Nolan** <lyndsey@la-bike.org>

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Subject: Re: CF 17-0600 - public comment for city budget and Vision Zero funding

To: "adam.lid@lacity.org" <adam.lid@lacity.org>

Good morning. My name is Lyndsey Nolan and I'm the policy and outreach coordinator at the LA county bike coalition and a member of the Vision Zero Alliance. Today is bike to work day and I started off my morning at a pit stop on Slauson and Western in South LA. But really I was there to support my partners at TRUST South LA document the experience and struggle of black and brown folks trying to get around. Everyone I spoke with makes less than \$15,000 per year and rely on buses, bikes, wheelchairs, and their own two feet to get around.

I'm here today for all the folks in South LA who can't make it to council to voice their own experience and who probably don't even know the disgraceful decision the budget and finance committee took last Friday when they chose to cut funding to Vision Zero in this year's budget.

The new proposed budget takes away critical funding to make our streets safer through engineering improvements. More troubling is that it confirms our fears that the City would use Vision Zero as an excuse to simultaneously fund the continued over-policing of black and brown bodies and devalue their safety, well-being, and dignity.

Your motion on Friday told these people that you don't care about their safety. Many of these communities already didn't trust that they would be considered with Measure M. I ask that you follow the bold leadership of councilmembers Bonin, Martinez, and Harris-Dawson and prioritize an equity-based Vision Zero strategy. We ask that you invest in Vision Zero with equity at its core—including a 10% set aside to protect against the displacement that transportation investments often bring to low-income communities of color.

This is a public health crisis and as public servants you have the privilege and responsibility to protect the health of the residents that elected you.

—
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