

## Public Comment for Council file 17-1228

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Ashley Y Lin <alin4@wellesley.edu> To: carolina.peters@lacity.org Mon, Jul 2, 2018 at 11:49 PM

Dear Carolina Peters,

I strongly reject the Mayor's CVE grant. It unfairly targets the Muslim community, please don't funnel more resources into a program that furthers inter ethnic tensions.

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Stop CVE from bleeding into the diverse fabric of Los Angeles.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Ashley Lin 90274

Sent from my iPhone



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Jake Gideon <thejakegideon@gmail.com> To: "carolina.peters@lacity.org" <carolina.peters@lacity.org> Tue, Jul 3, 2018 at 12:07 AM

Mayor Garcetti is good at talking. Beyond that he has yet to show he has the integrity, conviction, or motivation to truly take a stand against the Trump agenda. He refuses to support a strong sanctuary ordinance for Los Angeles, and yet he has the gall to call LA a sanctuary city, despite continuing cooperation between LAPD and ICE. It's shameful to mislead the people of Los Angeles this way.

Now Garcetti wants to accept a \$425k grant to enforce the blatantly Islomophobic sham that is the Countering Violent Extremism program. Now is not the time to play politics with people's rights. If the mayor thinks he can keep talking progressive and governing center-right, he's in for a major wake-up call from people on the left who've had enough of his pathetic, two-faced approach. We will make sure he never reaches higher office and that he never forgets his lack of courage in standing up to this fascism administration.

Jake Gideon Indivisible Highland Park



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Amy J Smith <amyjsmithla@gmail.com> To: carolina.peters@lacity.org Tue, Jul 3, 2018 at 6:40 AM

Regarding the vote on "CVE" : "I encourage all of the councilmemebers to vote No on today's Countering Violent Extermism Grant.

Too often in our militarized forces and city streets, we are thinking of defense before offense. We think of violence before compassion and reaction versus contemplated action. Too often city council members and top of the ladder politicians, turn their eyes to the system that has been versus rethinking, revisualizing and reshaping communities into a world that can be.

As the highest paid city council members in the nation, you all not only have an obligation, but a huge responsility to your fellow colleagues and communities across the nation, to assist in creating and stabilizing a crumbling economic and emotional foundation in America. We can be a role model for new, but not by spending nearly a half of a million dollars on more militarized defense. That is not the answer to our violent paradigms of the World. Don't we have enough "security personnel" across America, and isn't that what our military's forces are for? The largest forces in the World, while some of the politicians across Los Angeles and CA are accepting campaign PAC money from those very destructive industries.

When do we start thinking with a heart, compassion and diligence, will lead us to a brighter world a more inclusive world? By standing with weapons and their lobbyists before humanity, you are ripping away thread that holds our human quilt together.

Stop CVE and build a smarter humanity, not a more militarized one.

Thank you, Amy J Smith

In David Ryu's district: 90046



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Trey Horvath <treyhorvath@gmail.com> To: carolina.peters@lacity.org Mon, Jul 2, 2018 at 8:02 PM

Good Evening Carolina,

I am writing to urge you to reject the Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) grant to be voted upon tomorrow (Tuesday) in City Council.

CVE is a horribly biased measure which is based on entirely subjective criteria. It depends on the discernment of local police who are not at all qualified to make such judgments, and who are already overburdened with actual crime prevention. It is an attempt by the racist, authoritarian Trump regime to overreach and manipulate local government with their bigoted agenda, and an invasion of the privacy and freedom of everyday citizens.

CVE is "Stop and Frisk" meets the Patriot Act. We cannot allow this sort of fear and ignorance to infiltrate our great multicultural and multi-faceted city.

Thank you for your serious consideration of my appeal and others opposing this measure.

Sincerely, Trey Horvath



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**Tiffany Do** <tido4liberation@gmail.com> To: carolina.peters@lacity.org Mon, Jul 2, 2018 at 8:10 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

CVE was created with the same racist and dehumanizing logic that views communities as "national security threats", which justified Executive Order 9066, the creation of ICE, and the ongoing criminalization of Black and Brown bodies in this country. When will the cyclical violence end? We cannot allow more funds in LA that add to greater surveillance of Muslims under the guise of providing funds for social services that "serve" our communities.

As a resident of LA, 91304, I do NOT want the \$425k grant from the federal government for Countering Violent Extremism because it is a guise for racializing black and brown bodies.

Tiffany Do 91304



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hatem ali <hatooma10@gmail.com> To: carolina.peters@lacity.org Mon, Jul 2, 2018 at 10:44 PM

Hello, I am against discrimination and targeting minorities . Stop CVE. Thank you, Hatem Ali

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Felicity <felicitynf@aol.com> To: carolina.peters@lacity.org Mon, Jul 2, 2018 at 10:59 PM

#### Don't accept CVE funds!

I'm completely against any government program that stigmatizes Muslims and reinforces Islamophobic stereotypes for flawed "counterterrorism" efforts.

Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) is based on a flawed theory that claims there are reliable "indicators" for predicting if individuals are on a path to radicalization. CVE targets the Muslim community and stigmatizes them as inherently suspect under the false premise that Muslims are more prone to violence than other religious or ethnic groups. CVE chills First Amendment-protected activities such as attending a mosque, participating in activism and expressing political opinions.

CVE goes against everything we as Americans stand for. PLEASE do not accept any CVE funding!

Sincerely, Felicity Figueroa



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**Richard Jones** <bander43212@yahoo.com> Reply-To: Richard Jones <bander43212@yahoo.com> To: "carolina.peters@lacity.org" <carolina.peters@lacity.org> Mon, Jul 2, 2018 at 12:23 PM

I am writing to urge you to vote 'no' for the CVE funding. Los Angeles does not need to spread Islamophobic rhetoric. The Trump administration has shifted the focus of this program from combating extremism in all forms (domestic terror/foreign terror) to simply spreading anti-Muslim animus.

Please do not accept this money that is earmarked for spreading intolerance and bigotry.

Best regards, Richard Jones



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**Daniela Bond** <dcbond16@gmail.com> To: carolina.peters@lacity.org Mon, Jul 2, 2018 at 12:56 PM

Hello,

I am writing to urge the LA City Council to reject the Countering Violent Extremism grant. CVE targets Muslim, Black and Brown communities and stigmatizes them as inherently suspect under the false premise that Muslims are more prone to radicalization than other religious or ethnic groups.

I am urging the Mayor and Council to vote NO on CVE.

My zip code is 91711

Thank you, Daniela Bond



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**M. Jankovic** <leeence@gmail.com> To: carolina.peters@lacity.org Mon, Jul 2, 2018 at 1:13 PM

CVE program poses a dangerous threat to the civil rights and religious liberties of American Muslims, is of questionable effectiveness, and faces strong community opposition. Particularly at this time, when the Trump administration has become even more emboldened to carry out its Islamophobic and anti-immigrant policies, Los Angeles should not participate in a program like CVE that squarely furthers this troublesome agenda.

Shame on Mayor Garcetti for presenting himself as a progressive and pro-immigrant figure while initiating an acceptance of such grant from the federal government.

Milena Jankovic Del Rey CD 11



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**Daniel Balsam** <danielbalsam@gmail.com> To: carolina.peters@lacity.org Mon, Jul 2, 2018 at 1:25 PM

To whom it may concern,

My name is Daniel Balsam and I am a concerned citizen living in Los Angeles, Council District 1. I am writing to urge the City of Los Angeles to reject funding for the Department of Homeland Security's Countering Violent Extremism program.

The NYU Law School's Brennan Center has thorough documentation on the many issues with the CVE. Starting with open racial and religious profiling and ending with disrupting communities and violations of those communities rights.

I urge the City of Los Angeles to stand in solidarity with it's Muslim citizens and their allies to reject this blind expansion of this discriminatory program. Please do the right thing.

Thank you for your time, Daniel



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Sandra Madera <smadera76@gmail.com> To: carolina.peters@lacity.org Cc: Gil@gilcedillo.com Mon, Jul 2, 2018 at 1:40 PM

As you may know, on Tuesday the City Council will vote whether to approve a \$425,000 grant from the Trump administration to the Mayor's Office of Public Safety to carry out Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) programs supposedly aimed at building community resistance to extremism. But the highly criticized CVE program poses a dangerous threat to the civil rights and religious liberties of American Muslims, is of questionable effectiveness, and faces strong community opposition.

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Sincerely,

Sandra Madera



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Mariam K <airryana@gmail.com> To: carolina.peters@lacity.org Mon, Jul 2, 2018 at 1:48 PM

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Sincerely,

Mariam An American Muslim



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Carey Kayser <careyjkayser@gmail.com> To: carolina.peters@lacity.org Mon, Jul 2, 2018 at 2:36 PM

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Los Angeles 90027



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1 message

Jason Ma <jasonchoima@gmail.com> To: carolina.peters@lacity.org Mon, Jul 2, 2018 at 4:44 PM

Good Evening,

This is Jason Ma from Los Feliz in Council District 4. I am writing to urge the City Council not to approve the \$425,000 grant from the Trump administration to carry out Countering Violent Extremism programs. Rather than increasing ties with the Trump administration, the city should be building a wall between the city and the White House. CVE is already of questionable effectiveness. But in the hands of a bigoted, anti-Muslim, xenophobic president like Trump, the programs represent a dangerous threat to the civil rights and religious liberties of American Muslims.

Sincerely,

Jason Ma



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Rooh Song <hroomana@hotmail.com> To: "carolina.peters@lacity.org" <carolina.peters@lacity.org> Mon, Jul 2, 2018 at 5:01 PM

We just learned that tomorrow, the Los Angeles City Council will be voting on the Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) program—a harmful initiative that endangers, surveils, and targets Angelenos, especially Muslims and people of color.

CVE has been continuously presented as a community-led program, but in actuality, thousands of Angelenos and dozens of community organizations have lined up in opposition, warning Mayor Garcetti and LA City Council of its many flaws and potential harms.

I want to join in this protest to emphsize how harmful it could be for our future and to please ask Major to vote No on it at tomorrow's meeting.

Sincerely

Roomana H. Songerwala



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Carolina Goodman <carolina.goodman@sbcglobal.net> To: carolina.peters@lacity.org Mon, Jul 2, 2018 at 5:03 PM

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Ghalia Mohder <gmohder@gmail.com> To: carolina.peters@lacity.org Mon, Jul 2, 2018 at 7:09 PM

I would like to urge the Los Angeles City Council to reject CVE. This program has no place in our diverse city and will lead to further marginalization of minority communities.

The Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) initiative unfairly singles out Muslim communities for surveillance and criminalization. LA's CVE programs have been developed and launched in an opaque process without broad community consultation. The Trump administration has made it clear that they plan to use the program to target Muslims.

I urge you to reject CVE funding from Trump's Department of Homeland Security as it is corrupt, morally reprehensible and ineffective.

Thank you for your understanding.

Ghalia Mohder

7/3/2018



Carolina Peters <carolina.peters@lacity.org>

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1 message

**MARTA ALQUIJAY** <alquijay@pacbell.net> To: carolina.peters@lacity.org Mon, Jul 2, 2018 at 7:55 PM

I am writing to express a great deal of concern regarding the upcoming vote whether to accept the \$425,000 grant from the Trump administration to the Mayor's Office of Public Safety to carry out Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) programs. This program poses dangerous threats to civil rights and religious liberties of American Muslims, is questionable in terms of it effectiveness, and faces strong community opposition. I encourage the City Council to reject this grant.

Marta A. Alquijay, Ph.D. Licensed Clinical Psychologist PSY14453 (213)448-2477

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