

Communication from Public

Name: Carolina Goodman, League of Women Voters of Los Angeles

Date Submitted: 05/16/2019 08:08 AM

Council File No: 19-0600

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Name: Liz Amsden

Date Submitted: 05/15/2019 12:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The new budget should include funding LA San's (as well as any other department requests) for needed supervisory personnel: efficient operation is a function of effective supervision.

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Name: Budget

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Name: Lucie Ayres

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Name: Masami Fukuhara

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Name: Michelle

Date Submitted: 05/14/2019 12:22 PM

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Name: Michele

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Name: Steven Baio

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