

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 06:44 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0190

**Comments for Public Posting:** Arming Park Rangers is a truly terrible idea. Law enforcement is already overly militarized, and the last thing we need is more people with guns. Park Rangers have enough on their plate without having to figure out the use of deadly force. Fewer guns in our community, not more!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** oliver jones

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 02:38 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0190

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am concerned that individuals tasked with keeping our parks are going to be asked to act as first-line law enforcement officers and forced to choose when to use deadly force, something that existing law enforcement seems to already have a great deal of problems with. Please do not arm park rangers, for the safety and security of our communities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** CH

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 03:58 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0190

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am AGAINST the proposed change in municipal code to arm park rangers. As stated by others, many park rangers regularly interact with the homeless, among whom instances of mental illness and drug abuse are higher than the rest of the population. Despite the extensive training and professional conduct of the majority of park rangers, my concern is that this measure will do nothing to increase the safety of the public or of park rangers, and instead create dangerous situations. Putting a gun into any situation raises the stakes, with the worst outcome being unjustified murders of civilians. Our park rangers already have access to effective less-than-lethal uses of force and extensive training to control a situation if it gets out of hand. They also work closely with the LAPD. Instead of arming park rangers, the city should invest in further training and updating current equipment. Once again, I am AGAINST the motion to amend LAMC Section 63.41 (Council File Number 20-0190).

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brandon Baruch

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 09:55 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Are you out of your minds??? We can't even trust our police with weapons, and you're going to give guns to park rangers? We need to unarm our society, not put more weapons on the streets. This is a terrifying notion. There's no way this won't end badly. Please, please, please do not put more guns in our society.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sam

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 02:20 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As we have seen over and over in the past and much more in the last few weeks, if a person in power is armed, they tend to use it as the first answer. Considering what rangers are encountering in Los Angeles within their parks, the need for deadly force capabilities is not only unnecessary but exceptionally dangerous. In favor of keeping our public spaces safe for all of the public, I believe we should stand firmly against arming our park rangers and work towards a community driven solution for policing our public spaces without violence.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shanti Rittgers

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 02:04 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I can't believe I have to type this, but please don't give our park rangers guns. Also, please allocate whatever funds that would be considered to purchase these guns towards non-violent, de-escalation approaches and training tactics. We as a city do not need any more forces meant to protect and serve our people in public spaces to be modeled after our very broken, over militarized police system.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Janet Kim

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 01:20 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** In light of the amount of force applied by law enforcement towards Los Angeles residents this weekend, I think that we ought to be vehemently opposed to arming park rangers. It creates a threat towards marginalized groups who simply want to exist in the public spaces, which is the right of any resident. The argument from neighborhood councils and property owners appear to be that they trust park rangers because they are trained in the same manner as the LAPD, which is a terrifying notion held by people trying to protect their property values. I think the behavior of the LAPD in recent days makes it intensely clear that their unnecessarily punitive methods cannot be trusted. We need to move to a community policing system that prioritizes a non-violent approach towards the community, but for right now, we should absolutely not arm park rangers.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** EMma FRiend  
**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 05:33 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0190  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Guns and parks do not mix. There can be no justification for arming park rangers.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chelsea E Pickens

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 11:22 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0190

**Comments for Public Posting:** Arming park rangers would put marginalized groups in danger and an unnecessary risk to the public who wish to use the space. As we have seen, the training LAPD receive has not been helpful in responsible use of force or firearms. The idea that this is the training that will be given to park rangers is concerning and frightening. Please do not arm park rangers, it will only serve to make people fearful in those spaces.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cynthia Cheng

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 12:18 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** It is very concerning that you are considering arming park rangers. Parks should be a place where LA's citizens and visitors can feel safe and at peace. Please consider the current events surrounding police brutality and how arming park rangers would only add to the fear and terror placed upon vulnerable citizens. The city's resources should not be put toward changes that can lead to harm and further violence, but to provide services like housing. I strongly oppose this motion, park rangers should NOT be armed.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jaz Wright  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 12:20 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0190  
**Comments for Public Posting:** No, please do not give more government employees lethal weapons.