

Communication from Public

Name: Rubina Bernabe

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 03:24 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm here to ask, beg, implore the Council to depend the murderous LAPD and adopt the People's Budget LA, to reallocate those dollars into the community. It is clear that the system we've been using IS NOT WORKING. If policing were effective, incarceration rates would be lower, rather than exponentially higher EVERY SINGLE YEAR. WHAT OTHER JOB CAN YOU REAP WORSE AND WORSE RESULTS, BUT STILL GET A PAY INCREASE? If you were paying for a personal trainer and each week you kept gaining weight, would you still pay, or worse, would you give them a raise? What other job can you fuck up so badly that it ends up A MURDER-- THE DEATH OF A HUMAN BEING, but you still get to keep your job? No. Absolutely unacceptable. We've giving under-trained & over-reactive police officers the duty of TOO MANY roles that are best suited to other industry professionals— psychologists, social workers, teachers, and more. It's not their fault, but they ARE NOT EQUIPPED TO HANDLE MANY OF THE SITUATIONS THEY ARE CALLED ON FOR. We, the people, are asking for change, on a drastic scale, because it is evident that that is what is NEEDED. We will not stop until change happens. Defund the police. Fire Chief Moore. FUCKING DO BETTER. BE BETTER.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Fields

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Comments for Public Posting: Support a budget that is created by the People of Los Angeles. Currently, 54% of funds go to the LAPD. Funds instead should be distributed for community-based actions. The People of LA ask for LA City Council to invest in universal needs (e.g., housing security, public health/health care, mental health and wellness, etc.) and divest from traditional forms of policing. More information of our requests are found here: <https://peoplesbudgetla.com/peoplesbudget/>. Our system is broken and embedded in systemic racism and lack of police accountability. There is so much pressure on police officers to fulfill their jobs to protect and serve. The People's Budget of LA will take pressure police so they can hopefully do their job more justly and gives funds to groups that are more right for the task at hand. The system needs dramatic reform, and the People's Budget is many steps towards a solution. Please consider the People's Budget and join the movement towards making the world a better place in fighting against police brutality and systematic racism. This plan is made by the People, and isn't this what the LA City Council is also for? Do what is best for your community and adopt the People's Budget now to defund the police to make communities safer, more equitable, and just.

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Name: Danielle Becker
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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Danielle Becker, I am a LA county resident of district 12 and I am involved with white people for black lives and SURJ organizations. I am speaking on the need for larger cuts to the LAPD budget. Existing proposals made by various city council members and the mayor fail to align with Angelenos' priorities. City council must defund the police and invest that money into communities and non-LAPD, unarmed alternatives to police. We have all seen the injustices to black, indigenous, and people of color throughout our lives due to systemic racism in all our public systems that we recognize. This has been further perpetuated in police brutality and the murder of black and brown lives throughout history. Their lives matter. It is our duty to humanity to make changes. You have the power to defund LAPD and support a budget that works for the people and protect black and brown lives. Further, the pandemic and the long-standing racial inequalities in LA County require that the City Council must divest from law enforcement and incarceration and invest in alternatives that support mental health services, public safety, education, and services for BIPOC that have been disenfranchised and killed due to police brutality in our city. That is why I strongly urge you to vote in favor of the PEOPLES BUDGET. You are hearing the voices of your community. You owe it to your voters to listen and the black and brown lives that have been lost to police brutality. Please know that if you don't I hope you understand that you will be voted out the next time we have the chance.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennica Moffat

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Comments for Public Posting: We need much larger cuts to the LAPD budget. The current proposed cuts are not nearly enough and are just an attempt to placate the community. Existing proposals made by various city council members and the mayor fail to align with Angelenos' priorities. City council must defund the police and invest that money into communities and non-LAPD, unarmed alternatives to police. Los Angeles is the capital of incarceration and you have the ability to make a step towards removing this horrific title. Incarceration is a vicious cycle that is all but impossible to escape and disproportionately traps BIPOC. It is long past time that LA stops investing in cages, but instead invest in the community and its people.

Communication from Public

Name: Steve Zivolich

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Comments for Public Posting: Please support SIP but please also support backfilling positions. Leaving positions unfilled just hurts the cities ability to fulfill work for the community and overloads those of left at jobs with less staff. Also, furloughs only add to economic disparity during these hard time. Most city employees are the only ones still working in their families, as spouses are unemployed in other industries. I personally find it unbelievable that we can't find other ways to save money then cutting employee pay. SUPPORTING CITY EMPLOYEES SUPPORTS THE ECONOMY. And please please please, don't allow LAPD budget cuts to land on the backs of the civilian LAPD employees. They are already understaffed and underpaid.