

Communication from Public

Name: Damian Pipkins
Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 09:10 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: CD 8 should get an equitable amount of funding for housing and job opportunities. The district was the center of the 1992 riots which happened 28 years ago and is still suffering from the fallout of those events. Do what is morally right with the budget. Budgets reflect our values and disenfranchised people should be valued.

Communication from Public

Name: Resa R Caivano
Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 09:11 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the city council to look at a budget that serves to decrease disparities not perpetuate them. The current Covid crisis has brought into the light the inequities. By shifting funding away from vital services designed to impact inequities the inequities will only get worse. Increasing funding for policing and incarceration will make those already vulnerable to this crisis more vulnerable. I encourage the council to adopt a people's budget. One that puts the most vulnerable at the center and acts to decrease inequity.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 09:16 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I urge your support to renew the LA Justice Fund (LAJF) to protect ALL immigrants not just a few. All citizens contribute to our city.

Communication from Public

Name: Edward Landler
Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 09:29 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: From the earliest grades, arts education especially gives children the means to express what they see and feel -- this accelerates their ability to think out things for themselves clearly. The arts are the root and guide of all education. The City Council must not make changes to the Transient Occupancy Tax that will adversely impact arts and culture funding in Los Angeles. Please eliminate the recommendations in Exhibit H.

Communication from Public

Name: Rosalind Helfand

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 11:34 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to ask the Los Angeles City Council to ensure that the Wildlife Pilot Study is fully funded and is not delayed. Like all funding and action that is related to environmental protections, resilience, and addressing climate change, we need this to receive full support. The Study is important to laying the foundations for a green recovery from the economic impact of the pandemic, which is rooted in the destruction of nature. Los Angeles must meet and expand its environmental commitments -- before we run out of time for the health and well-being of both nature and people.

Communication from Public

Name: Ali Ture

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 06:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi! My name is Ali Ture and my pronouns are they or she today. I am writing because I am concerned about the 10.5 billion dollar cuts that LA is making to services that will support community residents. It is already enough to have to deal with covid19 and these cuts certainly don't make it any easier. Decisions like these ***embolden*** COVID in adding extra stress to the bodies of folks who will be made even more vulnerable to contract covid because the added stress contributes to a weaker immune system, such as women of color, black women, and black and of color trans and queer folks. All communities that you are supposed to be serving not surveilling, which is especially what I am outraged about. Not only are services cut but, 123 million dollars was added to LAPD's budget. We are telling you we don't want more cops, we want care.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Skehan

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 04:09 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for the opportunity to submit public comment on the City Budget. As a resident of Sherman Oaks, I urge my Councilmember Ryu and the entire City Council to reject a budget that prioritizes policing over the many other more essential items that we should be valuing and funding during these critical times. There is no need to add additional funding to a bloated LAPD budget when we are furloughing city workers. Let's value and financially support our young people who need summer jobs, city workers doing essential tasks, and agencies providing critical support to families left vulnerable by COVID19. I hope you will de-prioritize law enforcement and re-prioritize the services we know help keep our city residents safe.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 03:12 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed \$10.5B budget for Los Angeles reduces services, furloughs city workers, and cuts the budget of many city departments with a glaring exception: the Los Angeles Police Department, which is slated to see a \$123 million increase to its budget. People need financial support to stay in their homes, healthcare, healthy food and groceries, education resources, small business support, mental healthcare, and free public transit. They have not asked for more police! In fact, many youth have said that the increased police presence in our neighborhoods is stopping them from going outside to enjoy the limited recreational opportunities they have which is having a negative impact on their wellness. I am asking the city council to vote NO on this city budget. We need a budget that increase aid to our most vulnerable communities, not the LAPD. Budgets are moral documents, and in this time of crisis, it is important to have a budget that reflects the needs of the community.

Communication from Public

Name: Ali Ture

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 07:30 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi! My name is Ali Ture and my pronouns are they or she today. I am writing because I am concerned about the budget cuts that LA is making to services that will support community residents. It is already enough to have to deal with covid19 and these cuts certainly don't make it any easier. Decisions like these ***embolden*** COVID in adding extra stress to the bodies of folks who will be made even more vulnerable to contract covid because the added stress contributes to a weaker immune system, such as women of color, black women, and black and of color trans and queer folks. All communities that you are supposed to be serving not surveilling, which is especially what I am outraged about. Not only are services cut but, 123 million dollars was added to LAPD's budget. We are telling you we don't want more cops, we want care.

Communication from Public

Name: Linda Gomez Evans

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 08:34 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Linda Gomez Evans and I strongly appose The proposed budget. I am a Civic Engagement Specialist at Community Coalition and see first hand the need for support in our communities. The support we need does not lie in the hands of LAPD it lies with a support network created by the community. Our essential workers, folks that are now unemployed due to COVID19, our schools, our service providers are the folks that should be the main recipients of these funds. We are already being over policed, crime is down 30%. I am fed up because my community has been plagued by criminalization and police violence for far too long. An increase to law enforcement funding, while gutting other critical services for communities most impacted by the pandemic, is a complete disappointment in the current leadership. We are asking that you prioritize funding for critical services for communities largely impacted by the global pandemic. The proposed budget for LAPD to receive additional money is not a step in the right direction, it is in fact a leap in the wrong direction.

Communication from Public

Name: Erik

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 08:36 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to publicly comment on the budget since I became aware of the cuts being made to public services and increased money on police. During this crisis, low-income neighborhoods like the one I live in are the most impacted and I would like to see a budget that reflects the needs of working class Angelinos. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Ceballos y Campbell

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 08:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello Mayor, City Council members. My name is Jessica Ceballos y Campbell and I was born in Los Angeles and I'm a current resident of CD 1 and a non-profit business owner in CD 14. First of all, I'm a parent, tenant, full time employee, student, and activist, in addition to being an artist and arts administrator. I'm the founding director of a multilingual poetry library that uses poetry as a way to inspire and engage in discussion and action around issues that affect our local community of Northeast LA and beyond. My work impacts my community of established and emerging poets, writers, and students who use the arts to process and share their experiences through the healing and motivating artistic practice of writing and poetry. Without emergency funding, I and my fellow artists and administrators will not be able to practice our art, make a living, provide for our families, pay our rents, or extend these important artistic endeavors and resources to those who need it most in our communities. Furthermore, LA relies on a fully funded DCA to support the artists and cultural services for families and youth to ensure our city's reputation as the creative capital of the world. But more importantly, equitable arts programming can ensure a healthier livelihood by reducing the burdens socio-economic illnesses create in our communities. I urge you to reduce the LAPD budget by 90% and instead invest in housing and ELIMINATE THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN EXHIBIT H TO PROTECT ARTS + CULTURE IN LA! #CreativityInCrisis #artmatters Thank you, Jessica Ceballos y Campbell Alternative Field

Communication from Public

Name: Jabbar Stroud

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 08:55 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing this comment in regards to Assisting with more stimulus money for rent and mortgages . My needs to sustain housing has raised a burden beyond stability. The notion that an increase budget for policing is just another sign of mis appropriation of government tax payer spending. Our interest and concerns will not be meet if people are unstable and this will justify the agenda of continuing a police state vs treatment...

Communication from Public

Name: Maria-Isabel Rutledge
Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 08:57 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Vital services for an already neglected community.

Communication from Public

Name: Briana Bender

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 07:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, My name is Briana Bender and I'm a member of the Community Coalition and a constituent in City Council District 13. I'm asking you to vote against the proposed budget to increase funding for LAPD and support a humane budget that reflects the priorities and needs of Black, Brown, and poor Angelenos. To cut much needed services is unjust, especially during the current health crisis. Many people in my community have already been suffering from a lack of supportive services prior to the pandemic and we do not want more resources going towards police and criminalization. I know people that are coming home from jail/prison and do not have access to diversion and reentry services such as transitional housing, medical and mental health services, and job training. I am fed up because my community has been plagued by criminalization and police violence for far too long. An increase to law enforcement funding, while gutting other critical services for communities most impacted by the pandemic, is a complete disappointment in the current leadership. We are asking that you prioritize funding for critical services for communities largely impacted by the global pandemic. We appreciate this space to share our voices.

Communication from Public

Name: Kathleen Gallegos

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 07:59 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: DCA investment in the arts has strongly impacted our community. For more than five years, the DCA has supported Avenue 50 Studio's La Palabra poetry readings which impacts our Latinx community through health wellness. Art speaks to our mental health, our spiritual health. Under periods of extreme stress, we see a rise in all kinds of abuse: spousal, child, self-abuse. The arts speaks directly to our internal health. We need art now more than ever. Without DCA's solid financial support, Avenue 50's poetry coordinators would not get paid. Poets would not be receiving any money for their production. We need to understand that the creation and production of art is a viable production that distributes wealth throughout the city. We request that the City Council not make changes to the Transient Occupancy Tax that will adversely impact arts and culture funding in Los Angeles. Please eliminate the recommendations in Exhibit H. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Kate Grodd

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 12:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Kate Grodd, and I'm a concerned LA resident. I urge your support to renew the LA Justice Fund (LAFJ), especially as Mayor Garcetti has already earmarked this in the Mayor's budget. Additionally, I urge your support for an amendment to the CLA report, when it goes to the full City Council, that ensures that the funds can be used for all cases. Today, in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic, LAFJ attorneys continue doing the work. Despite calls to the federal government to free all individuals from detention, that has not been the case. In fact, in opposition to demands, detention centers like Adelanto are actually still considering expanding their number of beds. As a result, I write to respectfully urge your support for the funding allocated for the LAFJ to ensure the protection of non-citizen Angelenos caught in the deportation machine. It is important to note that the LAFJ has been critical in responding and spearheading efforts to mitigate the draconian and inhumane policies of the Trump Administration. LAFJ attorneys and advocates have provided and can continue to provide support and respite, as they are on the ground, in detention centers, and in immigration courts tracking cases, seeing the changing policies, and developing real-time solutions that can be best-practice models for others facing similar circumstances. So, again, I write to respectfully urge your support for the funding that the Mayor has allocated and for the amendment to ensure the protection of ALL non-citizen Angelenos caught in the deportation machine.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Hodos

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 12:23 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: During this crucial time, please keep LAJF Renewal IN the budget. Additionally, please support an amendment to the CLA Report that ensures funds can be used for everyone, rather than be restricted to only existing cases. Our immigrant communities face a daily barrage of attacks from this administration. This is not the time for the City to decide that only some immigrants will be eligible for their own City's protection and that others are not. We need to stand strongly and fully in solidarity with all immigrants in LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexandra Lee Carcieri

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 12:34 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Alex Carcieri, LA city resident. We urge your support to renew the LA Justice Fund (LAFJ), especially as Mayor Garcetti has already earmarked this in the Mayor's budget. Additionally, we urge your support for an amendment to the CLA report, when it goes to the full City Council, that ensures that the funds can be used for all cases. Today, in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic, LAFJ attorneys continue doing the work. Despite our call to the federal government to free all individuals from detention, that has not been the case. In fact, in opposition to our demands, detention centers like Adelanto are actually still considering expanding their number of beds. As a result, we write to respectfully urge your support for the funding allocated for the LAFJ to ensure the protection of non-citizen Angelenos caught in the deportation machine. It is important to note that the LAFJ has been critical in responding and spearheading efforts to mitigate the draconian and inhumane policies of the Trump Administration. LAFJ attorneys and advocates have provided and can continue to provide support and respite, as they are on the ground, in detention centers, and in immigration courts tracking cases, seeing the changing policies, and developing real-time solutions that can be best-practice models for others facing similar circumstances. So, again, we write to respectfully urge your support for the funding that the Mayor has allocated and for the amendment to ensure the protection of ALL non-citizen Angelenos caught in the deportation machine.

Communication from Public

Name: Anisha

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 11:54 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We urge your support to renew the LA Justice Fund (LJF), especially as Mayor Garcetti has already earmarked this in the Mayor's budget. Additionally, we urge your support for an amendment to the CLA report, when it goes to the full City Council, that ensures that the funds can be used for all cases. Today, in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic, LJF attorneys continue doing the work. Despite our call to the federal government to free all individuals from detention, that has not been the case. In fact, in opposition to our demands, detention centers like Adelanto are actually still considering expanding their number of beds. As a result, we write to respectfully urge your support for the funding allocated for the LJF to ensure the protection of non-citizen Angelenos caught in the deportation machine. It is important to note that the LJF has been critical in responding and spearheading efforts to mitigate the draconian and inhumane policies of the Trump Administration. LJF attorneys and advocates have provided and can continue to provide support and respite, as they are on the ground, in detention centers, and in immigration courts tracking cases, seeing the changing policies, and developing real-time solutions that can be best-practice models for others facing similar circumstances. So, again, we write to respectfully urge your support for the funding that the Mayor has allocated and for the amendment to ensure the protection of ALL non-citizen Angelenos caught in the deportation machine.

Communication from Public

Name: Greg Bartlett

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 12:01 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Greg Bartlett, I am an LA Resident. I'm a volunteer with LA Forward and we urge your support to renew the LA Justice Fund (LAJF), especially as Mayor Garcetti has already earmarked this in the Mayor's budget. Additionally, we urge your support for an amendment to the CLA report, when it goes to the full City Council, that ensures that the funds can be used for all cases. Today, in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic, LAJF attorneys continue doing the work. Despite our call to the federal government to free all individuals from detention, that has not been the case. In fact, in opposition to our demands, detention centers like Adelanto are actually still considering expanding their number of beds. As a result, we write to respectfully urge your support for the funding allocated for the LAJF to ensure the protection of non-citizen Angelenos caught in the deportation machine. It is important to note that the LAJF has been critical in responding and spearheading efforts to mitigate the draconian and inhumane policies of the Trump Administration. LAJF attorneys and advocates have provided and can continue to provide support and respite, as they are on the ground, in detention centers, and in immigration courts tracking cases, seeing the changing policies, and developing real-time solutions that can be best-practice models for others facing similar circumstances. So, again, we write to respectfully urge your support for the funding that the Mayor has allocated and for the amendment to ensure the protection of ALL non-citizen Angelenos caught in the deportation machine.

Communication from Public

Name: Rabeya Sen

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 11:19 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Councilmembers, My name is Rabeya Sen with Esperanza Community Housing Corporation. We urge your support to renew the LA Justice Fund (LAJF), especially as Mayor Garcetti has already earmarked this in the Mayor's budget. Additionally, we urge your support for an amendment to the CLA report, when it goes to the full City Council, that ensures that the funds can be used for all cases. Today, in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic, LAJF attorneys continue doing the work. Despite our call to the federal government to free all individuals from detention, that has not been the case. In fact, in opposition to our demands, detention centers like Adelanto are actually still considering expanding their number of beds. As a result, we write to respectfully urge your support for the funding allocated for the LAJF to ensure the protection of non-citizen Angelenos caught in the deportation machine. It is important to note that the LAJF has been critical in responding and spearheading efforts to mitigate the draconian and inhumane policies of the Trump Administration. LAJF attorneys and advocates have provided and can continue to provide support and respite, as they are on the ground, in detention centers, and in immigration courts tracking cases, seeing the changing policies, and developing real-time solutions that can be best-practice models for others facing similar circumstances. So, again, we write to respectfully urge your support for the funding that the Mayor has allocated and for the amendment to ensure the protection of ALL non-citizen Angelenos caught in the deportation machine. Thank you,
~Rabeya

Communication from Public

Name: Talia Inlender

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 11:24 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Talia Inlender. I am a supervising attorney at Public Counsel. We write in support of the LA Justice Fund (LAFJ), a critical program that Mayor Garcetti has already earmarked in this year's budget. LAFJ's lifesaving work creates a critical legal safety net for immigrant Angelenos who were already struggling in the Trump era, and are among the hardest hit by COVID-19. In particular, LAFJ providers are day in and day out serving community members in Adelanto Detention Facility, who face imminent illness and death as a result of their confinement in this period. LA resident and Public Counsel client Pedro Bravo-Castillo, whose story was featured in the LA Times in March, is one such person. ICE arrested Pedro at his Bell Gardens home in the midst of the pandemic, despite LA's Safer at Home orders. With no precautions taken to protect Pedro's health or that of the community, he was thrown into Adelanto Detention Facility, a place that experts call a "tinderbox" for the coronavirus. With legal intervention, we were able to win Pedro's release back to his family. That work must continue. To that end, we also urge your support for an amendment to the CLA report that ensures that the funds can be used for both existing and new cases. Without this amendment, LAFJ providers will not be able to take on new clients through the program who urgently need assistance, including those who need legal representation to seek release from detention during the pandemic. Since its inception, LAFJ has been critical in responding to and spearheading efforts to mitigate the draconian and inhumane policies of the Trump Administration. LAFJ attorneys and advocates have provided and can continue to provide support and respite, as they are on the ground, in detention centers, and in immigration courts tracking cases, seeing the changing policies, and developing real-time solutions that can be best-practice models for others facing similar circumstances. That help is needed now more than ever. We respectfully urge you to support the funding that the Mayor has allocated and for the CLA amendment to continue to protect non-citizen Angelenos caught in the deportation machine.

Communication from Public

Name: Chase Engelhardt
Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 01:31 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Chase Engelhardt and I am a CD 11 Resident. I urge your support to renew the LA Justice Fund (LAFJ), especially as Mayor Garcetti has already earmarked this in the Mayor's budget. Additionally, I urge your support for an amendment to the CLA report, when it goes to the full City Council, that ensures that the funds can be used for all cases. Today, in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic, LAFJ attorneys continue doing the work. Despite calls to the federal government to free all individuals from detention, that has not been the case. In fact, in opposition to our demands, detention centers like Adelanto are actually still considering expanding their number of beds. As a result, we write to respectfully urge your support for the funding allocated for the LAFJ to ensure the protection of non-citizen Angelenos caught in the deportation machine. It is important to note that the LAFJ has been critical in responding and spearheading efforts to mitigate the draconian and inhumane policies of the Trump Administration. LAFJ attorneys and advocates have provided and can continue to provide support and respite, as they are on the ground, in detention centers, and in immigration courts tracking cases, seeing the changing policies, and developing real-time solutions that can be best-practice models for others facing similar circumstances. So, again, I write to respectfully urge your support for the funding that the Mayor has allocated and for the amendment to ensure the protection of ALL non-citizen Angelenos caught in the deportation machine.

Communication from Public

Name: Beth Pratt, National Wildlife Federation
Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 09:11 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Attaching letter from National Wildlife Federation opposing 2019/20 Open Budget Termination of the Wildlife Pilot Study (CF 20-0600)



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May 11, 2020

Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street City Hall - Room 360
Los Angeles, CA 90012
CityClerk@lacity.org

Re: Opposition to 2019/20 Open Budget Termination of the Wildlife Pilot Study (CF 20-0600)

Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers:

On behalf of the National Wildlife Federation, I urge you to retain the funding for the Wildlife Pilot Study in the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget Proposal. The Federation is one of the oldest and largest wildlife conservation groups in the country, with 6 million supporters nationwide. Our organization provides a voice for wildlife, and is dedicated to protecting wildlife and habitat, and inspiring future generations of conservationists.

In California, the Federation works on a number of conservation projects, and our work throughout the state focuses on restoring habitat, connectivity and corridors for wildlife. We are also one of the primary partners in building the wildlife crossing at Liberty Canyon, which will restore a key linkage for wildlife in the area and help save the local population of mountain lions from extinction. The City of Los Angeles area is an important part of this linkage.

Improving connectivity is key to ensuring a future for these cats, and all wildlife in the Los Angeles area. The situation is so dire for the area mountain lion population that the California Fish & Game Commission recently voted unanimously to consider further protections under the state's endangered species act.

We understand these are challenging times, and human health and safety must be a priority. Yet healthy ecosystems are also critical to human health. Additionally, the extinction timeline for mountain lions is not on pause, and we must continue to act on improving connectivity or they may vanish from the Los Angeles area landscape. The public overwhelmingly supports efforts like the wildlife crossing at Liberty Canyon, the state ESA listing, and efforts like the Wildlife Pilot Study to ensure wildlife have a future in the area.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter for the wildlife of Los Angeles and California.

Beth Pratt

California Regional Executive Director
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Communication from Public

Name: Yujuan Chen
Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 02:06 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: please see the attached group letter



May 19, 2020

Los Angeles City Council
200 N Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Consideration of the Mayor's FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget for Urban Forestry

Dear Council President Martinez and Councilmembers,

TreePeople believes that a healthy urban forest is essential infrastructure to a thriving, sustainable, and resilient city. Los Angeles's urban forest, if planned and managed well, can protect Angelenos from many of the current and future impacts of climate change including saving lives from extreme heat, capturing and cleaning water, improving human health and wellbeing, and providing many other life-supporting benefits.

Given the sobering reality of Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget and the Newsom Administration's recent projected \$54 billion budget deficit in California for FY 2020-21, this letter puts forward two critical requests that would ensure the City's significant progress in urban forestry is not lost this budget cycle.

To better align with the Mayor's priorities expressed in the Green New Deal and to better serve Angelenos, especially during this difficult time, we respectfully request these two items be given strong consideration:

- **Funding to maintain the current urban forestry staff level and provide support staff for the City Forest Officer without any additional personnel changes. This includes funding to support the proposed *new* positions for the City Forest Officer in the Board of Public Works. We also strongly oppose the Mayor's proposed elimination of the 7 vacant positions in the**

Urban Forestry Division of the Bureau of Street Service. It is critical to strategically support the urban forestry workforce in the City to sustain LA's urban forest and the desired benefits for current and future generations.

- **\$400,000 or more for a complete Urban Forestry Management Plan.** With the first-ever City Forest Officer and the ongoing street tree inventory, we believe it is past time to develop an urban forestry management plan that serves as a roadmap for urban forestry management in the City.

Thank you for your leadership and support for Los Angeles's urban forest. We look forward to working with you on this critical issue to achieve a greener, healthier, and more climate-resilient future for all Angelenos.

Respectfully,

Manny Gonez
Director of Policy Initiatives
TreePeople

Nickie Miner
President
Benedict Canyon Association

Jacky Surber
Co-Founder
Angelenos For Trees

Isabelle Duvivier
Principal
Duvivier Architects

Jamie Hall
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Laurel Canyon Association

Gerry Hans
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North East Tree

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Executive Director
Koreatown Youth and Community
Center

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John Lee, Council Member - Council District 12

Mitch O'Farrell, Council Member - Council District 13

Jose Huizar, Council Member - Council District 14

Jennifer Pope McDowell, Associate Director of Infrastructure, Mayor's Office of City Services

Rachel Malarich, City Forest Officer, Board of Public Works

Adel Hagekhalil, Executive Director and General Manager, Bureau of Street Services

Michael A. Shull, General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 05:33 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: City Council must not make changes to the Transient Occupancy Tax that will adversely impact arts and culture funding in Los Angeles. Please eliminate the recommendations in Exhibit H.

Communication from Public

Name: Carla Bollinger

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 05:41 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Eric Garcetti City of Los Angeles 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 May 19, 2020 Re: Opposition to 2019/2020 Open Budget Termination of the Wildlife Pilot Study (CF 20-0600) Dear Mayor Eric Garcetti and City Council Members: The Public Land Alliance Network/PLAN recognizes the difficult times caused by the Covid-19/Coronavirus, both the loss of human life and the economic impact for citizens and government. However, it will be a tragic mistake to place at risk the disastrous environmental impact to our wildlife and native habitat, wildlife corridors, and passive recreational trails, by cutting funding of LA's Wildlife Pilot Study. The Federal Rim of the Valley Preservation Act (ROV) passed the Congressional House in February, 2020, an overlay of the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance, with future opportunity to co-support our wildlife corridors/native plants-trees/biodiversity/trails for both humans and wildlife in our region. An financial abandonment by Los Angeles now will cause permanent damage to your own long-term plan to combine a dynamic LA City with the urban wildlife, a unique biodiversity and lifestyle. Our wildlife, including the mountain lions, bobcats, and other wildlife, all threatened and non-threatened (at the moment) species and their habitat, must not be sacrificed for a difficult but temporary health crisis. The loss of biodiversity contributes to climate change. We've seen the horrendous economic impact caused by wildfires to save residential developments in hillsides, canyons, riparian regions (wildlife zones) year after year. Not speaking for them but I have with so many environmental-conservation organizations and individuals, CLAW, Audubon Society, Sierra Club, California Native Plant Society, Center for Biological Diversity, Poison Free Malibu, Santa Susana Mountain Park Association, MCRA/SMMR, National Park Conservation Association, Save Open Space, National Wildlife Federation/LA Cougars, and many more, for decades attended planning and organization meetings working to save and preserve our local wildlife, supporting the passage of the ROV, and the future well-being of all humans by saving our local natural resources. It's unimaginable to think the Wildlife Pilot Study will be dismantled. I urge you, Mayor Garcetti, and all councilmembers, to think long-term for the sake of both wildlife and human life, not the immediate and temporary

situation, and to continue your support and not terminate the Wildlife Pilot Study. Sincerely, Carla Bollinger, Director Public Land Alliance Network

Communication from Public

Name: Dorsay Dujon

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 05:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: LA relies on a fully funded DCA to support the artists, cultural services, and programs for families + youth that ensure our city's reputation as the creative capital of the world. The value of the arts for all residents and visitors is incalculable. Los Angeles is recognized around the world for our creative economy. It is up to you to make sure that we continue to grow the arts and give more to programs by backing the arts with fully funded programs. The DCA has provided cultural opportunities for every artistic medium in communities across the city. Communities that would otherwise be forgotten. In this time of Covid 19 we have to think about building the moral of residents and the creative learning opportunities for arts and culture programming. Strengthening the city's commitment to the arts community. Please ELIMINATE THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN EXHIBIT H TO PROECT ARTS + CULTURE IN LA! The importance of the arts for the city of Los Angeles as we transition into what our new "normal" is will require the arts. The arts in all forms are called upon daily to keep our moral and interests in home staying safe more tolerable because we have the arts. The summer months will pass easier with outdoor activities involving musical/street performances/ concerts at a distance. The arts sustain us and aid us in healing. The loss of life daily from this dreaded virus may continue for years to come. Your help to protect the arts is a legacy. Make sure to leave the arts with a better and stronger foundation.

Communication from Public

Name: Rosie Lee Hooks

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 05:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We all know that the ARTS are MANDATORY for a well rounded LIFE experience. The ARTS are also a NURTURING OUTLET for SELF EXPRESSION. We can achieve FREEDOM through the ARTS. FREEDOM from COVID-19, FREEDOM from ABUSE, FREEDOM from ISOLATION, and FREEDOM from the world and it's challenges. PLEASE give us FREEDOM. GUARANTEE us FREEDOM by ELIMINATING the recommendation in EXHIBIT H.

Communication from Public

Name: Maria Melo

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 05:52 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Maria Melo with the Los Angeles LGBT Center. Our organization urges your support to renew the LA Justice Fund (LAJF), especially as Mayor Garcetti has already earmarked this in the Mayor's budget. Additionally, we urge your support for an amendment to the CLA report, when it goes to the full City Council, that ensures that the funds can be used for all cases. Today, in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic, LA LGBT Center LAJF attorneys continue doing the work for our county's LGBT asylum seekers. Despite our call to the federal government to free all individuals from detention, that has not been the case. In fact, in opposition to our demands, detention centers like Adelanto are actually still considering expanding their number of beds. After the death of two trans women due to lack of access to HIV care in less than 2 years, LGBT organizations have joined a national demand for accountability in health care in detention centers like Adelanto. As a result, we write to respectfully urge your support for the funding allocated for the LAJF to ensure the protection of non-citizen Angelenos caught in the deportation machine. It is important to note that the LAJF has been critical in responding to inhumane anti-immigrant policies. LAJF attorneys and advocates have provided and can continue to provide support and respite, as they are on the ground, in detention centers, and in immigration courts tracking cases, seeing the changing policies, and developing real-time solutions that can be best-practice models for others facing similar circumstances. So, again, we write to respectfully urge your support for the funding that the Mayor has allocated and for the amendment to ensure the protection of ALL non-citizen Angelenos caught in the deportation machine. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Linda Gomez

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 04:26 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the proposed budget put forth by Mayor Eric Garcetti. The proposed budget is unethical and completely disregards the lives of hundreds of thousands of Angelenos that are being negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and lack of public health infrastructure. Communities with very high needs, like South LA, have suffered from decades of wasteful incarceration spending and deserve common-sense approaches to addressing the huge lack of social safety net programs. At a time when so many Black and Brown folks are suffering and in despair, much due to historical racism, disinvestment, and the lack of governmental leadership, the people cannot afford any cuts to critical services that support the living conditions of vulnerable communities. I am asking that this budget does not pass and use this budget to help build up our community by supporting our folks suffering from unemployment, elderly living off of fixed incomes if any, LAUSD so our children can meet the new virtual requirements such as chromebooks and wifi and so many other community building programs. The LAPD does not need more money during this pandemic, please invest it into something that can truly help up.

Communication from Public

Name: David Weeshoff

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 04:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: ? OUR HILLSIDES funding for the Wildlife Pilot Study. PLEASE stand up for the environment without protecting LA's most fragile ecosystem. ? WILDLIFE AND THEIR CORRIDORS ARE VULNERABLE to being permanently wiped out in LA. ? DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE, we are running out of time to protect LA's biodiversity. ? The Wildlife Pilot Study WILL ENSURE THAT AS WE GROW as a city, we will do so in a way that benefits both people and wildlife. Do you live in endangered species

Communication from Public

Name: Violet Whitaker
Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 04:11 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Voicing concerns over LA budget cuts and furloughs to many city workers and departments except Los Angeles Police department. Many of the budget cuts will put more stress on city departments were there was shortages before pandemic. This would include public schools and health departments. Please put adequate funding in city area of need. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Hannah Ibanez

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 04:13 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is extremely disturbing to see a proposed allocation that places that much money in the most violent arm of an already broken criminal Justice system. In the midst of a global pandemic, no ones behavior has caught the ire of the public quite like the American police departments, either for their failures to act, their violent way of handling a global health pandemics, or for their embarrassing inconsistent responses to Americans during the covoid—should black people wear a mask or not!????? in any event, sanitation should be getting way more money. Education has had to adapt quickly without adequate technology. The police should not receive more than 5%. What a disappointing proposal to read, this was!

Communication from Public

Name: Hollis Leech

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 04:16 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please continue funding support the Wildlife Pilot Study. Do not cut this valuable project. In the wake of climate change, we are running out of time to protect LA's biodiversity. Coyotes are increasingly trapped on our hillside streets. Just on Sunday 5/17/20, I saw a gorgeous coyote walking down lower Angelo at Brooklawn Dr. at 1:30PM in the afternoon. Los Angeles needs our leaders to publicly stand up for the environment by protecting LA's most fragile ecosystem. Wildlife and their corridors are vulnerable to being permanently wiped out in LA. I urge the Los Angeles City Council to prioritize the environment by continuing to support the critical Wildlife Pilot Study. Do not abandon leadership on our essential environmental projects. Do not eliminate the funding for the Wildlife Pilot Study! As we continue to grow as a city, let's do so in a way that benefits both people and wildlife, for the sake of all.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexandra Romanoff
Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 04:02 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Alexandra with LA Forward. We urge your support to renew the LA Justice Fund (LJF), especially as Mayor Garcetti has already earmarked this in the Mayor's budget. Additionally, we urge your support for an amendment to the CLA report, when it goes to the full City Council, that ensures that the funds can be used for all cases. Today, in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic, LJF attorneys continue doing the work. Despite our call to the federal government to free all individuals from detention, that has not been the case. In fact, in opposition to our demands, detention centers like Adelanto are actually still considering expanding their number of beds. As a result, we write to respectfully urge your support for the funding allocated for the LJF to ensure the protection of non-citizen Angelenos caught in the deportation machine. It is important to note that the LJF has been critical in responding and spearheading efforts to mitigate the draconian and inhumane policies of the Trump Administration. LJF attorneys and advocates have provided and can continue to provide support and respite, as they are on the ground, in detention centers, and in immigration courts tracking cases, seeing the changing policies, and developing real-time solutions that can be best-practice models for others facing similar circumstances. So, again, we write to respectfully urge your support for the funding that the Mayor has allocated and for the amendment to ensure the protection of ALL non-citizen Angelenos caught in the deportation machine.

Communication from Public

Name: Louis McNeal

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 04:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: There is an over-concentration of police in South LA There has been a drop in crime, but increases in spending for law enforcement. Over spending on punitive law enforcement strategies has not to worked There needs to be more funding for community based initiatives that get at the root cause of the problem and that support the well-being of our communities through a public health first approach (Note: Summer Night Lights is getting gutted, and GRYD is getting a \$3 million reduction in the budgets) An increase of funding for LAPD -- further exacerbates the criminalization of poor working communities of color There is a direct racial disparity on only providing law enforcement funds to police poor communities while other communities have funding for arts/ cultural events/ and programming

Communication from Public

Name: Meg George

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 03:48 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am dismayed and outraged to learn that Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget deletes funding for the Wildlife Pilot Study. This Study is critical to Los Angeles and Los Angelenos continued harmonious cohabitating with our wildlife. ? LA hillsides need funding for the Wildlife Pilot Study. ? If leaders publicly stand up for the environment without protecting LA's most fragile ecosystem they are outing themselves as supreme hypocrites. Just because wildlife and ecosystems don't get to vote is no reason to abandon them. Healthy wildlife and their ecosystems benefit humans (who do vote) in awesome ways. ? Wildlife and their corridors are vulnerable to being permanently wiped out in LA. Time is of the essence. ? The Wildlife Pilot Study will ensure that as we continue to grow as a city, we will do so in a way that benefits both people and wildlife and habitat.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Silver

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 02:55 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Members of the Budget & Finance Committee: I realize you will have to make many difficult decisions for the 2020-21 budget. I urge you to preserve funding for Homeless Services. The crises of homelessness in Los Angeles has an immediate impact on the health and safety of all residents of the city. It is imperative that funding be maintained to mitigate the impact of homelessness on our community, to continue programs that serve the homeless, house the homeless, and prevent more Angelinos from falling into homelessness. Andrew Silver, Studio City.

Communication from Public

Name: Brady Collins

Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 02:33 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Members of the City Council, My name is Brady Collins and I'm with the Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance (KIWA). We urge your support to renew the LA Justice Fund (LAJF), especially as Mayor Garcetti has already earmarked this in the Mayor's budget. Additionally, we urge your support for an amendment to the CLA report, when it goes to the full City Council, that ensures that the funds can be used for all cases. Today, in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic, LAJF attorneys continue doing the work. Despite our call to the federal government to free all individuals from detention, that has not been the case. In fact, in opposition to our demands, detention centers like Adelanto are actually still considering expanding their number of beds. As a result, we write to respectfully urge your support for the funding allocated for the LAJF to ensure the protection of non-citizen Angelenos caught in the deportation machine. Those in deportation proceedings deserve and need legal defense! It is important to note that the LAJF has been critical in responding and spearheading efforts to mitigate the draconian and inhumane policies of the Trump Administration. LAJF attorneys and advocates have provided and can continue to provide support and respite, as they are on the ground, in detention centers, and in immigration courts tracking cases, seeing the changing policies, and developing real-time solutions that can be best-practice models for others facing similar circumstances. So, again, we write to respectfully urge your support for the funding that the Mayor has allocated and for the amendment to ensure the protection of ALL non-citizen Angelenos caught in the deportation machine. Thank you for your support and leadership. With regards, Brady