

Communication from Public

Name: Joseph Gabler

Date Submitted: 05/27/2020 10:20 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please adopt the People's Budget. The current budget proposal is disproportionately allocating so much to police. We desperately need that money for housing and infrastructure. The citizens of this city are struggling more than ever, they need help. This budget in its current form is a disaster.

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Name: Amy

Date Submitted: 05/27/2020 12:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Nury Martinez and Monica Rodriguez should be ashamed of themselves for trying to funnel another \$100k to the LAPD on top of the \$3 BILLION earmarked in the mayor's disastrous budget proposal. I could try to educate you on the deep, generational violence inflicted by police in this city, but I know you're already aware. Your decisions are not the result of ignorance. They are the product of greed and cruelty. You're paying cops to do what they do best: terrorize Black and brown people in the name of private property and white supremacy. You're just protecting your interests as landlords and politicians in a city that extracts profit from mass suffering and death. Thousands of L.A. residents have been struggling to feed and house themselves long before the COVID crisis began, but it's a slap in the face to deny us assistance in the midst of a global pandemic. People are dying in their homes, in the streets, and most importantly - under your watch. Once again, I will not insult the intelligence of Nury Martinez and Monica Rodriguez. You are well-aware of the mass violence and death that will come of your policies. But city council has never acted in the interest of its constituents. The real people of L.A. need to come together to enforce a #PeoplesBudgetLA.

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Name: Carly Taylor

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Comments for Public Posting: The city of LA must adopt a people's budget. We need care not cages or we will continue to see the brutal murders of our Black and Brown neighbors at the hands of the police to whom we give 50 percent of our funding.

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Name: Jose Rodriguez

Date Submitted: 05/26/2020 10:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: It is saddening to see the budget that has been proposed for the City of LA. The budget creates a terribly unbalanced budget that overtly emphasizes a system that clearly needs reform, not more funding. I, like many of my peers, demand a sensible, effective budget that emphasizes people and services over the police. The police union has a stronghold on many of our elected politicians, but it is clear that criminal justice reform is on its way. It would be a shame if the great city of LA refused to understand that change is necessary and change is coming. I demand the people's budget. I demand accountability and an emphasis on the residents of LA, not ineffective systems that terrorize our communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Corey Kniss

Date Submitted: 05/27/2020 10:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Scrap the Mayor's budget and vote for the People's Budget. I live in Koreatown. The problems faced by this community will not be solved by the police. Police can never solve the poverty and other social ills which lead to homelessness. They can never prevent the material conditions which lead many to crime and substance abuse. We need services for the mentally ill, the homeless, the poor, the elderly, and for children. We need a budget that is rooted in compassion for all of humanity, not an oppressive budget that gives half of the city's resources away to one of the most murderous police departments in the entire country. A budget is a reflection of our city's values. Right now, we have a moral imperative to provide services that keep people housed and healthy, that strengthen small businesses and help people thrive. We don't need more police and we can't afford to pass another budget overwhelmingly devoted to police over people. We need Los Angeles to prioritize providing housing, building health services, food programs, and other services that help our city thrive- not to fill police coffers. Take a walk around my neighborhood and see how the City has so completely and utterly failed the houseless population of Los Angeles. Many were unaware of the fact that a virus was spreading throughout the city until weeks after the shelter in place order had taken effect. It is a moral failing of such an immense magnitude that, while a pandemic shuts entire economies, the city of Los Angeles has continued to allow tens of thousands of human beings to waste away in the streets, when they could be providing these people shelter in hotel rooms. To pass the Mayor's budget when nothing has been done to curb police abuse of power and we are daily reminded with video evidence of police impunity is beyond tone deaf. To pass this budget signals that you do not care about people of color, or poor people, or the homeless, or the unemployed. Pass the People's Budget and show that Los Angeles is a true leader for the world community, taking steps to address the roots of the problems which cause so much suffering around us every day.

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Name: Angela M Chung

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Angela Megyung Chung, and I am a long time resident of Los Angeles - Koreatown. I am a public servant, healer, and organizer. I am writing to ask you to delay the budget vote and give the community an opportunity to provide input into a document that impacts the well-being of all Angelenos coming through this global pandemic. A budget is a reflection of our city's values, and right now, we have a historic and moral imperative to build the future we want now. This includes FINALLY a robust health and safety system, strong small businesses and people's ability to thrive. We do not need more police and value police over people. We need a city that prioritizes housing, health services, and food programs. As a small business owner, I am struggling during what will likely be a global depression. Get on the right side of history so we don't end up here again.

Communication from Public

Name: Olympia Auset

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Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles' budget should not be more than half policing when so many Angelenos need rent protection, housing, health, and economic development. Please reduce the police budget to 25% or less and invest in the areas of housing, fair food access, and economic development, especially in low income communities of color threatened by displacement. Support entrepreneurs in this community to control their own destiny.