

Communication from Public

Name: Jason D.

Date Submitted: 05/21/2020 04:58 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We want services that help and strengthen our communities and meet our needs and priorities--not more police! We need transportation that doesn't put us at risk! We want more services for unhoused Angelenos, which could easily include housing people in the thousands of empty hotel rooms throughout the city; more mental health services; rent forgiveness for the 55% of Angelenos who are currently unemployed; more funding for public schools and resources to ensure all students—regardless of their situation—can continue learning during these uncertain times. I'm against approval of a higher budget for police and support more intelligent spending on resources for the community.

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Name: Gabi
Date Submitted: 05/27/2020 10:32 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I do not support the mayor's current LA budget and giving over 50% of funds to the LAPD. I demand that the current LA budget is not pushed through. I demand a People's Budget, a budget that is approved by the people and is delegated to issues that affect us. Thank you.

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Name: Greyson Beffa

Date Submitted: 05/28/2020 11:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The proposed budget does not serve the people of LA. Allocating over half of the city's funds to LAPD while the city is experiencing a budget crisis is unconscionable. There is a moral imperative on the city's leaders to allocate funds to services which help keep the people of LA housed and healthy, not policed. There is absolutely no reason that our police should receive raises and bonuses while every other department experiences furloughs and cuts, despite what the LAPPL might say. Please do what is right for the people of this city and set the budget in a way that allows for our social programs to continue to flourish. Do what is right.

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Name: Dr. Andrew Dilts

Date Submitted: 05/28/2020 12:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: During this time especially, but always, the last thing that we need is increased funding for law enforcement. I say this as a concerned citizen of Los Angeles, and also as a published expert in policing and state punishment. As any scholar or historian of policing can tell you, increases in police budgets do not reduce brutality, violence against citizens, or crime itself. The answer is never more police (or even "better" police, as if the problem is individual and not structural) but more resources that enable people to flourish and support themselves. Please turn your attention to the People's Budget, which directs funds where they are needed. -Dr. Andrew Dilts, Ph.D

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Name: Lauren
Date Submitted: 05/28/2020 02:29 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: In regards to the upcoming vote on city budget spending, I feel it is extremely important to allocate our funds to the housing, health, and well being of civilians and city employees as opposed to over half of our city budget going towards police enforcement. We are experiencing a budget crisis, a health crisis, and extreme racism - LA shouldn't make matters worse by spending more money on making our city a police state. This is not a good look, and not one that our city's people are going to sit back and be okay with right now, under our country's current climate. Riots are happening because power is being abused. Extreme force is being used against the black and brown people of this city, and no one is being held accountable. Do not put more of our tax dollars into the system that is clearly broken. Spend money on housing for the growing homeless population, on feeding them. Spend money on mental health services and the people and professionals who want to tackle substance abuse. Spend money on our health care workers, and the people getting hit the hardest in nursing homes. Do not spend over half of our city's budget in police. This is not what the people need, and not what we want.

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Name: Landon and Janie Grandison
Date Submitted: 05/19/2020 05:31 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: support and make available more foods banks and assistance programs or grants to homeowners and families.

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Name: Leah K. Rabinowitz
Date Submitted: 05/28/2020 09:39 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: You need to adopt a People's Budget and defund the police.

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Name: Patricia McPherson

Date Submitted: 05/20/2020 07:27 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Grassroots Coalition supports comments made by the senior director, Morgan Goodwin, of the Angeles Chapter, Sierra Club pertaining to maintaining/restoring \$500k for the Climate Emergency Mobilization, including the Climate Emergency Commission -\$200k , and the Community Assemblies and pilot projects -\$300k for a total of \$1million to the proposed budget. Grassroots Coalition also supports reinstating the four staffers working on the Planning Dept.'s Wildlife Connectivity Project. Energy issues and climate issues are key to a positive future and environmental health. In the midst of coping with the Covid emergency, the public can be seen online working strongly to promote a healthier, safer global environment--both built and natural. Please continue to support these efforts and vote to ensure funding for a continuing Climate Emergency Mobilization Office. Patricia McPherson, President, Grassroots Coalition Than Pl

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Name: Jiyounng Carolyn Park

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Comments for Public Posting: I am firmly opposed to cutting services and increasing LAPD funding. We have unprecedented unemployment. Many more people will be unhoused soon if rents and mortgages aren't cancelled. Having more unhoused people means they'll be unable to practice good hygiene, which puts us all at risk. We can't just wall ourselves off from houseless people somehow or turn our eyes away forever. The issue needs to be addressed head on with vision and methods that have proven to be effective elsewhere. We are at a tipping point. We can either descend into despair together through oppression or we use this as an opportunity to uplift each other to become the best that LA can be.

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Name: Joel Carnes

Date Submitted: 05/21/2020 10:12 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: #CareNotCops The people of Los Angeles do not need even more of the same 20th-century policing that simply doesn't work. And we definitely don't need a militarized police force. We need outcomes-based budgeting that puts citizens first. Let's take a breath and get this right. Thank you, ~Joel

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Name: Patrice Fisher

Date Submitted: 05/21/2020 11:49 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Currently, during the Coronavirus crises and in L.A.'s BETTER New Normal, we must put caring for people and not more policing as our cities top priority. Caring for people and their needs creates an environment where LESS law enforcement is needed and produces a higher return on the taxpayers investment, if you are truly concerned with the City's budget issues.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/21/2020 12:31 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Leah Runyan and I live in Lawndale. I am asking you to vote against the proposed budget scheduled for the next City Council meeting and vote instead for a budget that reflects the priorities and needs of Angelenos. We want a budget that reflects our priorities and needs. We want more services for unhoused Angelenos, including housing in the thousands of empty hotel rooms throughout the city; more mental health services; rent suspension and forgiveness for the 55% of Angelenos who are currently unemployed; more funding for public schools and resources to ensure all students — regardless of their situation — can continue learning during these uncertain times. Many LA families are hurting without necessary services provided by schools, as my friends in the school system are telling me. 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 housing, health services, food programs, and other services- not to fill police coffers.

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Name: Matt Wait
Date Submitted: 05/20/2020 09:12 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: This budget is ridiculous. It should be cutting LAPD to fund services we actually need instead of the other way around.

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Name: Nathalie

Date Submitted: 05/20/2020 09:43 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello! My name is Nathalie and I am a longtime resident and constituent of Los Angeles. As a former LAUSD student and now arts professional in LA - what was once considered the Creative Capital of the world - I ask that you eliminate Exhibit H from this proposed budget. As a child, I can still recall the cultural and arts festival that I attended and I'm confident that that exposure to the arts made me the person I am today, an artist, and arts educator and an arts appreciator. The DCA is invaluable asset to our city, especially in challenging times when humanity needs to be uplifted and creativity needs to flourish. It is no surprise now when a stay at home order was instated that folks realized how vital the arts and culture really was. The DCA has offered free programming that celebrate our city's diversity and creative mastery. If not for our current youth, please consider future generations who will be immensely impacted by the defunding of the DCA. Please eliminate Exhibit H now!

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Name: Don Dwiggins

Date Submitted: 05/20/2020 10:48 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm commenting on a graphic that I saw recently, comparing this year's proposed budget with last year's. It shows a 7.1% increase in police-related expenditures, a 9.4% *decrease* in housing-related expenditures, and an 8.9% decrease in jobs-related expenditures. I note that shortchanging investment in people's quality of life will result, among other things, in an increase in desperation and frustration, leading to an increase in violence and crime; this then results in the immediate need to increase policing and a concomitant shortchanging of support for quality of life. This leads to a downward spiral, It would be far more effective to directly address the underlying causes that lead to crime (as well as related social ills). This might require initial additional expenditures in this area, but the investment will pay back in many ways in the future, to the benefit of all Angelenos.

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Name: Chad Monk

Date Submitted: 05/20/2020 11:03 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am asking you to delay the budget vote and give the community the opportunity to give meaningful input into the document, which is crucial to the well-being of Angelenos. There is a disproportionate share of the proposed LA City Budget devoted to the LAPD, while other departments that provide valuable services face deep cuts and furloughs. LAPD already receives over 50% of the City's discretionary spending, and in this time of desperate need we need funding for programs that keep people housed and healthy, support small businesses, and help people thrive. Adequate housing, small business support, and community programs prevent the situations, such as poverty and crime, that would require LADP's often violent interventions.

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Comments for Public Posting: Given the ongoing pandemic, it's egregious that social programs would be cut, let alone that the funding would go to the racist LAPD.

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Name: Annie B

Date Submitted: 05/20/2020 12:07 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I waited on the phone for an hour trying to voice a comment at today's (5/20/20) city council meeting regarding item 1 pertaining to the proposed budget by Mayor Garcetti. I would like to strongly urge city council members to delay the vote as this proposal allocates a gross proportion of the city's budget to the LAPD. Particularly, Garcetti means to increase LAPD staffing on public transportation. I fail to see how this aids the people in the recovery from this current financial crisis. Also, a fool could see the ways in which this specifically targets low income citizens and people of color who are disproportionately harassed by these idle cops. It does NOT mobilize or enable them to work, and thus does not aid their economic safety and the stimulation of our economy at large.

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Name: Adam de Monet
Date Submitted: 05/20/2020 12:10 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I'm a resident of Los Angeles, and I'm writing to to oppose the proposed budget. We need more services for our people and communities, we do NOT need more police. Thank you for your time and attention.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/20/2020 12:21 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We the people feel it is inappropriate and a dramatic oversight to give \$3 billion to the police force while the homeless crisis is rampant, Carona virus devastating, and rent prices unrealistic. That money could better serve the community by helping to offer rent halts during this time, unemployment increases, and special care for the homeless who need it.

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Name: Joseph Ocón

Date Submitted: 05/20/2020 12:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We heard from the public today, May 20, and the resounding message was that the residents of LA do not accept Mayor Garcetti's police state budget. This budget immiserates our city in two ways: 1) by stealing resources from social services and 2) by expanding the scope and power of the LAPD. This city needs life-affirming services, not more police. In fact, the LAPD is an entire public health crisis in and of itself. It is the most murderous police force in the country. In every case, less police necessarily means a safer city for all of us, but particularly it means a safer city for our black, Latinx, indigenous, poor, and unhoused neighbors, whom the LAPD actively targets, harasses, and kills. And then, of course, there's all that the city can do with money freed from the LAPD's death grip: housing unhoused folks, cancelling all rent and mortgages, supporting workers in this time of great uncertainty, and so on and so on. You heard lots of great ideas from your constituents. Your inaction on this issue will be understood for what it is: a complete abandonment of the people of LA. Prove me wrong. I stand with Black Lives Matter LA and other community organizations and say: reject this budget and advocate for a people's budget, one that actually prioritizes the needs of this city.

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Name: Audrey Chan

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Audrey Chan and I am an Artist-in-Residence at the ACLU of Southern California. 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.

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Name: Louis McNeal

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Comments for Public Posting: There is an overconcentration 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