

Communication from Public

Name: Saraí Vasquez

Date Submitted: 05/31/2020 12:10 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my comment. At a time in which LA is facing the various effects of COVID 19, we are faced to address the pending social issues that have been neglected for decades. Rather than using public funding to support health and social services, and intending to use these funds to further expand police funding is irresponsible. The answer to our collective difficulties will not be resolved with more arrests and incarceration. Furthermore, in the light of civil unrest throughout the nation, Los Angeles needs to reconsider whether strengthening and emboldening law enforcement is truly what Angelinos want.

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Name: Brynna

Date Submitted: 05/31/2020 11:42 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We do not need to spend another dime on police in this city. It's quite clear after the protests on 5.30 that we don't have a crime problem, we have a cop problem. We do not need military grade gear, thousands of militant officers and false priorities. That money should be spent on education, housing and healthcare. We've had enough. Your constituents are paying attention.

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Name: Rochele Gomez
Date Submitted: 05/31/2020 01:40 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am posting a comment in regards to Mayor Garcetti's FY2020-21 Budget Proposal for the City of Los Angeles. The budget does not reflect the social services our city needs while we continue to cope with the circumstances surrounding COVID-19. Right now we need funds directed towards affordable housing, mental health services, rent stipends, utility stipends and meals/groceries for people who can't afford their basic needs. Services to the homeless community should not be cut 6%--the Mayor continues to fail at putting forth any real plan on dealing with homelessness. Instead he puts the onus on City Council, and their actions are mucked up in red tape and fall short. The Bridge Housing program has only produced 13 centers, which offers 973 beds and does not come close to providing shelter and resources for the 60,000 homeless people. The most obvious discrepancy is the budget directed toward LAPD that is the only department allocated a budget of over \$1 billion. It appears the education bonuses LAPD officers will receive of \$190-\$290 every two weeks for having a degree are grossly out of touch with the needs of the City of Los Angeles, and the anti-racist work needed in that department.

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Name: Cricket Arrison

Date Submitted: 05/31/2020 03:17 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Enough is enough. Our city is protesting because we are sick and tired of most of our money going to support a murderous police force that does not protect our communities. Yesterday I stood at a protest and listened as ten different families talked about their children being murdered by LA police. If ten different families can come to one small protest, how many families have been destroyed by police violence across our city? Even one family destroyed is too many. It's time to realign our priorities by enacting the People's Budget. COVID-19 will mean we need to make cuts, and in a housing and public health crisis it is indefensible that those cuts come from housing and community health and not from a bloated police force, more than 75% of whom live outside our city. Please use this moment to affect real change, to transform our beautiful city into a place that supports its residents through schools, housing, public health and green spaces, instead of killing them. <https://peoplesbudgetla.com/>

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Name: Garrett Hallman
Date Submitted: 05/31/2020 03:19 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am posting this comment in regards to Mayor Garcetti's FY20-21 Budget Proposal for the City of Los Angeles. His budget does not reflect the social services the public needs to cope with the circumstances around COVID-19. Funds must be allocated to affordable housing, mental health services, rent stipends, utility stipends and meals/groceries for those who are experiencing financial difficulties. The Mayor's proposed budget delegates an inordinate amount of funds to LAPD at the expense of more necessary services. Defund LAPD and reallocate those funds to programs and Departments that will help the citizens of Los Angeles get through the worst of this pandemic.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: I am gravely concerned about the future of LA, the United States, and the many constituents, predominantly Black people, who are murdered, targeted and hurting due to Police brutality. Please defund LAPD. Please call an emergency city council meeting to deny the mayor's budget to instead consider the great needs of our city that DO NOT include the funding of a police force that hurts more than helps. I am a graduate student at UCLA and invested in teaching young people to think critically, creatively, and with justice. Please considering supporting our youth through funding education, food access, the climate crisis, and supporting artists who are not working in major industries. We need more nourishment right now.

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Name: Marissa

Date Submitted: 05/31/2020 04:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: A LAPD budget that is 54% if the city budget is absurd. As is a budget increase when all other sectors had budget cuts. Schools need that money. Hospitals need that money. Social services need that money. Militarized cops do not need that money.

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Name: Gabriel Garza

Date Submitted: 05/31/2020 07:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The proposed budget for for the 20-21 fiscal year is incredibly imbalanced. The LAPD, most notably, is receiving an exorbitant amount of funding, while many public services, as and especially those that provide assistance to the crises of housing in LA (affordable housing) and stipends for rent and for food, as well as other funding for public institutions that are related to facilitating these progressive programs, are underserved drastically. Please reconsider the proposed budget with a redistribution of funding DIRECTLY FROM THE LAPD'S PROPOSED 20-21 FYP BUDGET AND GIVES IT TO ALL OTHER SECTORS OF CITY INFRASTRUCTURE THAT PRIORITIZE THE WELL-BEING OF ANGELENOS. This change will in turn bring a greater understanding of the role the LAPD has in our city. Please for the dignity, safety, and prosperity of the citizens of Los Angeles, change this proposal for the people.

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Name: Rory Fitzpatrick

Date Submitted: 05/31/2020 07:52 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Increasing the police budget while slashing the budget for other services in the middle of a housing crisis and a health pandemic is unconscionable. This budget should be rejected for the good of our city.

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Name: Joey Power

Date Submitted: 05/31/2020 08:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the relative percentage increase in the budget devoted to police at the expense of all of the city's other departments. It's a grievous misuse of funds, does not address the needs of Angelenos, does not provide adequate resources to address the issue of increasing homelessness. It tacitly encourages addressing civic problems only after they've metastasized rather than funding services and departments that attempt to stamp problems out at the root. It definitely does not address the police's treatment over the last few days of the citizens they are employed to protect. It rewards their reckless, violent behavior. I am disappointed that a mayor whom I voted for and who purports to uphold Democratic values and democratic values would choose to use the city's resources this way.

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Name: Camille Cotteverte

Date Submitted: 05/31/2020 08:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council members, I am writing to demand an emergency city council meeting. Please deny Mayor Garcetti's budget which allocates 54% of funding to the police force at a time when crime is low and police brutality is at an all time high. Our city funding must go to community services: mental healthcare, physical healthcare, education and housing. Please adopt a budget that reflects the needs of the people in our city.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: Stop spending half the budget on the police and please take the money and make it accessible to the fire department and other departments that will truly protect and serve the community

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: As a concerned citizen, I ask you to redistribute funds away from the police and towards programs that help our citizens grow in health, education, and opportunity. 54% to the police feels disproportionate to the needs of our community. Thank you.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/31/2020 10:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We're living through an unforeseen pandemic, which we can't control, and nationwide demand for reform, which we can. Our situation right now is vastly different from last fiscal year, much less last calendar year. Each day that passes brings some new crisis, and we must be willing to adapt, to be flexible, to anticipate changes in the world that's so different from what it was even a month ago. We must hold an emergency meeting to reject this proposed budget and work with one that will prioritize our community at a time where any vulnerability is quickly taken advantage of, whether by illness or by oppressor.

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Comments for Public Posting: We are in the midst of a health pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed — and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of this city is renters — and if the people are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, there were around 60k unhoused folx; after evictions and economic insecurity due to COVID-19 and its fall out, we can expect thousands more. In this context, the Mayor is proposing an increase to LAPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. LAPD has seen a rise in overtime which, more often than not, is paid out to officers harassing unhoused people as well as Black, Indigenous, people of color. After declining to vote on this proposal, City Council referred it back to the Budget and Finance Committee. Now, the Committee has decided not to meet, thereby shirking its duty and upholding the racist and white-supremacist structures that underlie both the proposal and City Council as a governing body. I am urging you to publicly support the People's Budget. The Mayor's disastrous proposal MUST be updated with the priorities of Angelenos. You need to Adopt a People's Budget which defunds the police. We need disinvestment from the police, and investment in community- and health-centered services. The LAPD do not need 53% of the city's funding. The city council needs to hold an emergency meeting on June 1st 2020 and REJECT the Mayor's proposal. The council needs to do what's right for the people. Your constituents are watching. The mayor does not elect you into office; we the people of Los Angeles do. Please, make the right choice. Do not approve the Mayor's funding.

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Name: S Gautier

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Comments for Public Posting: Please reject the proposed budget, as more of our budget should be going towards COVID-19 resources as opposed to funding the police.

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Name: Deanna

Date Submitted: 05/31/2020 11:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a citizen, I implore you to have an emergency meeting to redistribute city funds. LAPD does NOT need \$3 billion of the Los Angeles budget. Angelenos demand a change. It's heart-wrenching to know the LAPD is getting more funding than libraries, recreation & parks, and public works combined. And alternatively, when budgets cuts come, why is it always anything but the LAPD? Please think about that when the budget proposition is discussed. Please, for our community, for our dignity, for our freedoms. Black Lives Matter.

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Name: Rachael McDonald

Date Submitted: 05/31/2020 11:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Supporting our fragile communities at this moment is critical. I urge our council to protect us from the violence and trauma that are caused by grotesquely weaponized law enforcement. We need health care and sanitation to be our highest priorities immediately. It is essential. Our council must review Peoples Budget LA. <https://peoplesbudgetla.com/peoplesbudget/>

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Name: Jade Young

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my I am writing to my district 11 representative, Mike Bonin, as well as city council president Nury Martinez and chair of budget and finance committee Paul Krekorian to advocate for rejecting the mayor's proposed budget in favor of the people's budget. I would like to see increased funding to poverty and homelessness prevention, help victims of domestic violence, and affordable housing, as well as crime prevention programs like gang reduction, youth development and Summer Night Lights. I believe these types of programs will aid crime reduction more than an increased police budget. I would like to redistribute funds away from the police and towards the people.