

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Casey Emma Lewis

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 04:14 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Allocating so much of the city budget to the LAPD is unethical. We need that money to go to transportation, arts and culture and the crumbling infrastructure of our city. Los Angeles will never thrive if all we do is allocate our money to an organization that only leads to more violence on the street.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nicole Spinnler

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 04:20 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I request that all funding set to be transferred to the LAPD be funneled back into the communities in LA that need it most to help with healthcare, education, and small businesses. I request that no more money is given to the LAPD.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Justin Moon

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 09:55 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The LAPD does not warrant such an exorbitant portion of the city budget when so many other aspects of the city still need attention. Policing is important and essential but effective policing also does not require 3 billion dollars in funding. It's my opinion that this money would affect significantly more change if funneled into other areas.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Maddie

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 10:00 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My ask is to please reconsider moving forward with Mayor Eric Garcetti's proposed budget, and to hold an emergency council meeting to re-evaluate where the allocations of our city's budget goes. There is no denying that our city needs the protection that comes with a healthy and well-funded police force, but I also ask that you remember that our system is fraught with structural discrimination that needs to be addressed. It doesn't feel right that in this time, when we're continuing to see police use brute force in spite of peaceful protests, that they are receiving over 50% of the budget while our homeless, food scarce, unemployed citizens get so little. Please consider a reallocation of funds that seeks to address the humanity of this city. I'm not suggesting that we completely dissolve funding for the LAPD, but I believe that a more equitable distribution of this budget towards community services, housing, and healthcare would do a world of better AND help mitigate some of the challenges we're seeing today.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nancy

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 10:11 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I am writing to express that I am against the new proposal from Mayor Garcetti. We do not need more money to go towards the police. They are not here to protect us but rather abuse their powers to keep perpetuating systemic racism in the name of a fake justice. What we do need is more funding towards education, community projects, and homelessness. The whole country is in chaos because we've had enough. We will not allow oppression to continue. Thank you for reading my comment.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Caroline Parks

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 10:34 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council, As I'm sure you have noticed, our city is in mourning. People are turning to violence because they have nothing else left. It seems to citizens that our government values property and political clout more than the lives and wellbeing of Angelenos. This budget is your chance to show up that you hear our cries for help. I realize the importance of a city budget and the importance of public safety. But as a citizen, I would rather see our funds going to housing, community development, transportation, and other public programs that will lift people out of bad situations and support them, rather than over-funding police and continuing to support the vicious cycle of marginalization and violence this country has subjected black people to for generations. Please use your power to support what the citizens of this city are desperate for: peace and hope. Please use the funding LAPD gets to fund de-escalation training and other things that will help put a stop to police brutality. Please put the needs of our city above the lure of more violent, militarized policing. Our city is burning, so please listen to your constituents and make a positive change. History can either remember us as a city that stood up for the rights of black people or one who allowed the status quo of aggression and oppression to continue. Choose wisely, we are watching and hoping you do your part to be on the right side of history. Black lives matter, and right now so do your actions.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Troi Irons

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 10:48 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I would like 100% of my taxpayer dollars to go into: 1. Increasing the quality of education in public schools with low ratings and student bodies. 2. Free clinics and free women's health services in underprivileged neighborhoods. 3. Affordable housing, drug-free mental health care, and career education to address the homelessness crisis. 4. Even stronger initiatives to protect our environment and transform our city into a zero-waste city. a. Strong business band and penalties to cut the use of a single-use plastic cold. b. Launching a composting program to utilize growing organic waste into fertile soil. c. Create opportunities around sustainability. 5. Maintaining the funds allocated to library services, recreation & parks, and wildlife protection which upkeep the core spirit of our city. I would like to keep this city a diverse, inspiring place where art and innovation can thrive despite all of the world's challenges. You may notice that I have not allocated any of my tax dollars to armed forces as they have not historically demonstrated fair treatment of black and brown citizens. Black people are 5.8X times more likely to be killed by police officers than their fellow white citizens. 1/3 of Americans killed by strangers are killed by police officers. For every 1,000 white people in the general population, 50 are stopped and/or arrested. But for every 1,000 black people in the general population, 140 are stopped and/or arrested—a rate nearly triple that of whites. America touts itself as 'the greatest country in the world' but all of my international friends are shocked at the relations between police officers and the citizens they've sworn to protect. Until there is sufficient non-violent reform, community accountability, and thorough diversity training, I do not consent to the use of my taxes for armed forces. And diversity training must include history. Police, in dealing with the disenfranchised, must be FULLY AWARE and sensitive to the generations of disenfranchisement. They must be aware of disproportionate access to mental health. They must be equipped to treat every citizen with as much respect and care as a white man in Michigan with a gun at the State Capitol.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amanda Fair

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 11:06 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I am a Los Angeles resident residing in District 1 and I would like to offer a review to reallocate funds towards schooling, improvements via transportation, recreational community centers, job building from the enormous disproportioned workers effect by COVID-19. The police is not protecting property where it should and we can build a future where new jobs are made to help develop our community as a leadinh innovated city needing a unnecessary restraint presence. Living in fear is a time of the past, embrace the future of comfortability, unity and posterity.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Luke Jones

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 04:38 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Today the city council has to approve a budget, per the city charter. The mayor's proposed budget dedicates over half of all funding to police. Given the overwhelming militarization of the LAPD I believe that providing 50% of the city's budget to funding the Los Angeles Police department is a fiscally irresponsible decision. Given the current transgressions of the Police in the USA with the LAPD being no exception I feel that voting to put 50+% of the city's budget towards Policing I feel will put further fuel to the fires that are currently ravaging all across the city of Los Angeles. I request that the council of the city of Los Angeles revisit the proposed budget and provide justification for why the proposed budget has been allocated as such.

## Communication from Public

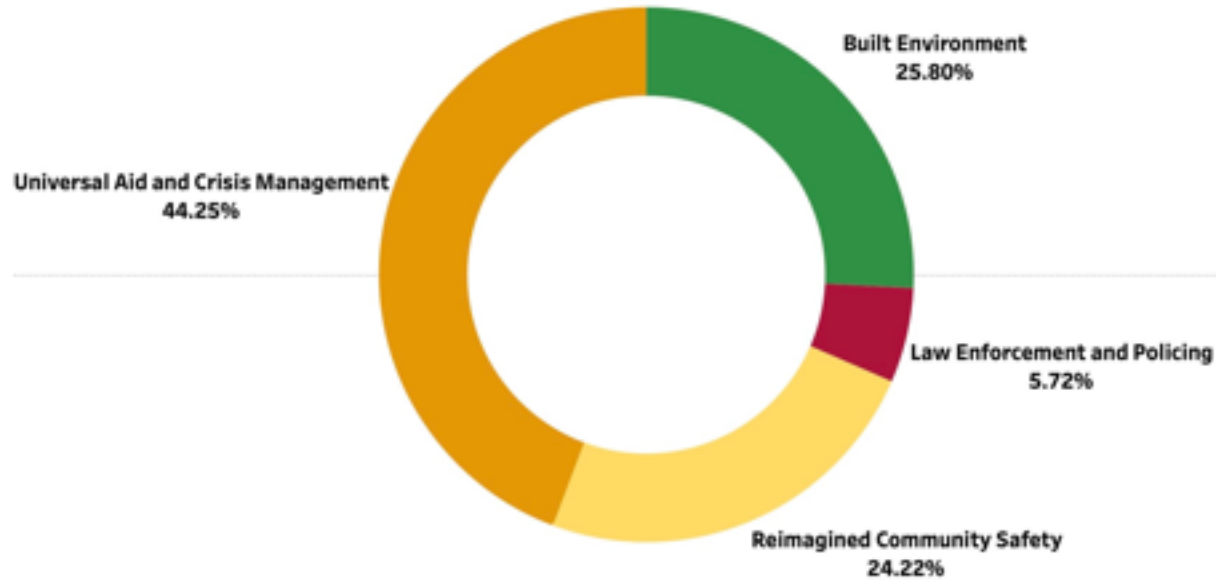
**Name:** Seanne Winslow Wehrenfennig

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 04:40 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

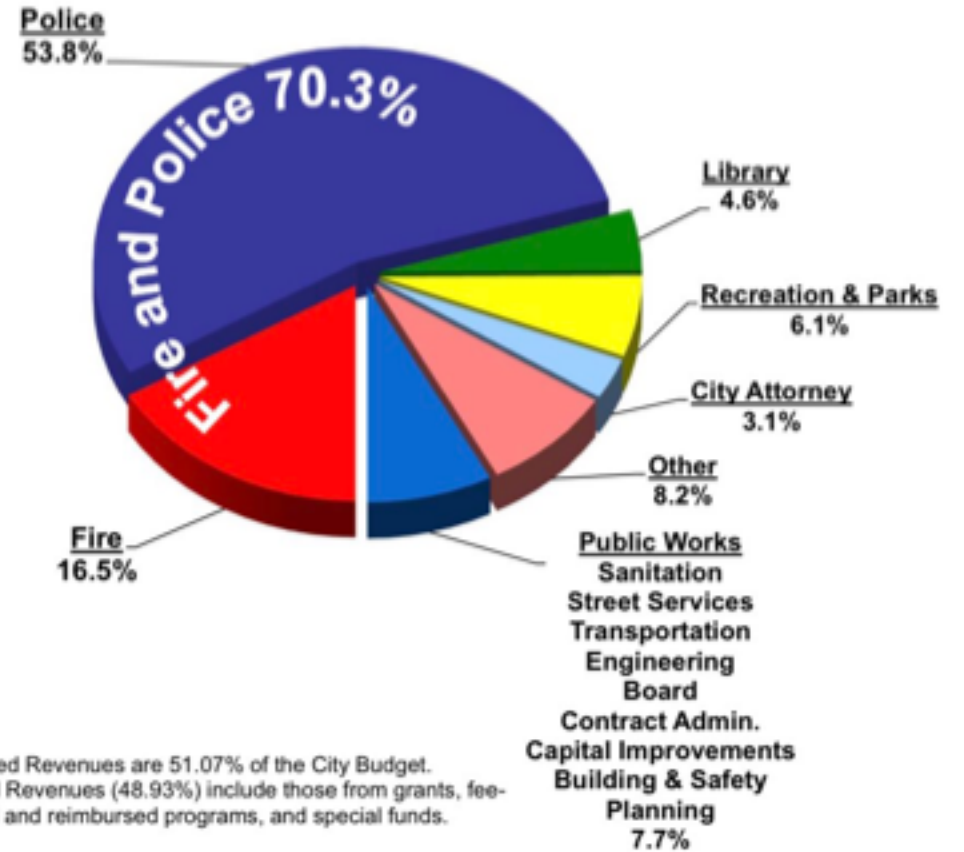
**Comments for Public Posting:** I want to reach out to urge you to fight for the reallocation of funding within the budget proposed by Mayor Garcetti -- We need a budget that reflects the needs of the people of Los Angeles. I know the People's Budget isn't perfect but it's a start. We need a budget that values care over control and providing more funds to the police force is a step backward when our city is all about taking steps forward to make a better world. Our city is an inspiration for so many people in the world, we have a global reach. We have an opportunity to show the world how best to impact positive change in a city. I urge you to reallocate resources from the police to promote mental health, combat homelessness, build trust, and bring our city back together as a community. Respectfully, Seanne Winslow Wehrenfennig

# The People's Budget



- Universal Aid and Crisis Management
- Built Environment
- Reimagined Community Safety
- Law Enforcement and Policing

# The Mayor's Budget



Unrestricted Revenues are 51.07% of the City Budget. Restricted Revenues (48.93%) include those from grants, fee-supported and reimbursed programs, and special funds.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** A Concerned Citizen

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 04:40 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Greetings, I am writing to request the following: that the LA City Council hold an emergency meeting regarding upcoming budget proposal that Mayor Garcetti's proposed funding increase for the LAPD be removed entirely from the budget that the LA City Council support a budget that is centered on humanity. "Care, not cops." Thank you for your time. Sincerely, A Concerned Citizen for reform that works for all.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amanda Miguel  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 04:50 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Amanda Miguel and I am constituent of Council District 1. The Mayor's Proposed Budget for FY2020-21 does not reflect the investments our City will need to make in order to protect our most vulnerable residents. I urge the Council to not approve this budget. This budget reflects major cuts to social services provided by the Departments of Aging, Disability, Housing and Community Investment, and Recreation and Parks. All while maintaining no cuts to police. I am deeply concerned that the Council is not demonstrating the necessary leadership to respond to the growing needs by our most vulnerable populations. This is in addition to the response by the City in regards to the protests this past week. Over-policing during a period of economic downturn will exacerbate the deep inequalities faced by our Black brothers and sisters. Revisiting the budget is not only necessary but imperative to the future of our City.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer Ly

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 05:00 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The mayor's proposed budget to dedicate over half of all unrestricted funding to the police does not consider the needs and interests of the public. During this time of unrest and economic downturn, services for the residents of Los Angeles is needed now more than ever. Unrestricted funding should be directed for more services for unhoused Angelenos; more robust mental health services; and more resources for public schools to ensure all students can continue to learn. Additionally, the city should seriously consider rent suspension and forgiveness for the 55% of Angelenos who are currently unemployed.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ben varian

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 05:13 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of Los Angeles, I am appalled by the amount of money that this budget gives to an already massively overfunded police department, in a city that is experiencing historical health and housing crises. The police department's acts of unprovoked violence during the current protests are just a more visible iteration of the LAPD's overtly aggressive and violent policing style, made worse by the militarization which is results from astronomical funding levels. Use the people's money to get people off the streets and in permanent homes. Use it to get people medical care. Use it to fund arts programs and education. Don't give it to an already-militarized force who are acting like the enemy of the people.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Vivian

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 05:27 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** More police funding is NOT what we need right now. With everything going on, we need to think about directing resources towards universal aid and community protection NOT LAPD. Defund the police



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Catie Soo

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 05:30 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** You need to adopt a People’s Budget and defund the police. 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 folx 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 folx, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. After declining to vote on this draconian proposal last week, 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 calling on you, Paul Krekorian, to schedule a Budget and Finance Committee meeting for Thursday, May 27 at which you and the other Committee members consider the People’s Budget which centers Care, not Cops. You need to Adopt a People’s Budget which defunds the police. Public opinion is with me (see attached graphs). Thank you for your time, Catie Soo and many other UCLA students

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Arn

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 05:32 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The people of Los Angeles are outraged at Mayor Garcetti's proposal to mass-fund an already militarized police force failing to protect the city and its underserved communities. We are vocalizing our demand that the city council members REJECT this heinous proposal and use of taxpayer dollars. We demand the city council call an emergency meeting to discuss these funds and allocate them in alignment with the People's Budget and not toward sustaining sanctioned violence on behalf of the state. The city council has a responsibility to its constituents who oppose this proposal and put you in office. We are watching and documenting your response to our cries for help. We will remember your names and the choices you make, using this to inform our votes. Stand in solidarity with #BlackLivesMatter. Stand in solidarity with poor communities. Make decisions that benefit ALL members of this city. #CareNotCops

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rochele Gomez  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 05:39 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a constituent of CD 14 in the Highland Park neighborhood. I'm writing you to give my comments on the Mayor's Budget Proposal FY2020-21. I am asking you to have the Budget and Finance Committee amend the Mayor's Budget Proposal. The budget does not go far enough to protect the most vulnerable communities during this COVID-19 pandemic. Housing Relief and LAPD I know there is a Renters Relief Program put forth by some council members that are using parts of their discretionary funds to provide relief to constituents who can't pay rent. Instead of private donations and fundraising to cover the rest, there needs to be funds redirected from the general fund to contribute more money. LAPD's budget needs to be scaled back as it is the largest departmental budget. To show that you are hearing the people, you could cut from their budget and direct it towards the Housing Authority, which I believe will be administering this rent relief fund. This needs to be noted, if you want create trust in the community you need to decrease LAPD's budget. Food I was made aware that council districts have been providing meals for Seniors, which I believe is something you do whether or not we are in a pandemic. This is great, but what about people and families who can't afford groceries right now? Why not add more to discretionary funding with guidelines for Council Districts so they can strengthen their food programs to include the vulnerable people in their districts during this pandemic? Housing What is the budget doing to direct dollars toward developing affordable housing? Do you realize that the people who are changing this city the most are developers? For the most part, developers are rich white men, who are not members of the community they are building their buildings in. They have no idea of the needs of the community and are given too much power that needs to be reigned in and limited. We don't need anymore luxury condos, we need affordable housing. Homelessness It is embarrassing that HHH passed in 2016 and all that the city has built is 13 Bridge Home Centers that offer 978 beds. There is no need to tell you that that is not going to help the 60,000 homeless people in LA. Don't cut from the funds that will be directed toward helping the homeless community, they are among the most vulnerable for contracting the virus. Thank you for your time. Rochele Gomez  
Constituent of CD 14 Los Angeles, CA 90042

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Violeta

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 05:42 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I AM NOT in support of the mayor's proposed budget and urge the Council to vote against it. I believe the LAPD should not receive over half of the budget as that money would be better spent on important resources for residents, such as community housing, mental health resources, parks, and schools. The police response to the protests, in which they have been filmed violently harassing peaceful protestors and ignoring actual looters, has been absolutely abysmal and it is baffling that the mayor would like to reward such absolute incompetency and brutality with even more funding.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jesus Gonzalez

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 05:54 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Increasing funding for police departments in moments of both austerity and social unrest sets the wrong message to the people of Los Angeles, we should be striving to demilitarize our forces, better train those who protect lives and showing angelenos that we are here to solve all of our problems together. Please reduce any unlimited funding and increase funding for training

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 05:56 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The people of Los Angeles are outraged at Mayor Garcetti's proposal to mass-fund an already militarized police force failing to protect the city and its underserved communities. We are vocalizing our demand that the city council members REJECT this heinous proposal and use of taxpayer dollars. We demand the city council call an emergency meeting to discuss these funds and allocate them in alignment with the People's Budget and not toward sustaining sanctioned violence on behalf of the state. The city council has a responsibility to its constituents who oppose this proposal and put you in office. We are watching and documenting your response to our cries for help. We will remember your names and the choices you make, using this to inform our votes. Stand in solidarity with #BlackLivesMatter. Stand in solidarity with poor communities. Make decisions that benefit ALL members of this city. #CareNotCops

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chase Engelhardt  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 06:10 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Honorable Councilmembers, My name is Chase Engelhardt and I'm a CD 11 resident. I am writing to 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. Like the many Angelenos who have called in and tweeted their opposition, I am urging the City Council to block the Mayor's budget. The LAPD has an expansive history of violence and corruption, one of the worst in the country, and the city is repeatedly sued over the LAPD's abuse of power. We are in the midst of a global health pandemic — thousands remain unhoused and millions are at risk of joining those ranks. Black, Brown, poor, institutionalized and unhoused bodies are at the greatest risk of being exposed to and dying from COVID-19. These are the same folks who are disproportionately impacted by LAPD violence. I have seen first hand on Saturday and through the accounts of friends on Sunday, police inflicting violence on peaceful protestors over the weekend, and it has laid bare to me the need to completely overhaul this institution doomed to fail from the beginning. The People have spoken. They want the city to invest in universal needs like quality housing for all, universal access to healthy food, financial and economic support, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health and mental health support. They want the city to divest from traditional policing. And they DO NOT want you to give LAPD an additional \$100,000 for the "Through Our Eyes" Program. Our communities deserve a full and just recovery, where no one is left behind, where our collective and individual is centered, and our families and neighborhoods are stabilized and kept together. This safety, stability, and a sustainable & just recovery is achieved through equitable access to healthy affordable homes, health, jobs, community-based prevention, essential services, and protection from this administration's racist, hateful policies against immigrant communities. It is not achieved through false choices, where the system tries to pit us against one another for our basic needs. Our communities deserve better. So, again, I write to respectfully urge your support for a People's budget that emphasizes Care not Cops and pulls funding away from the

LAPD. Thank you for your time. Thank you. Chase Engelhardt



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ruby Melchof

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 06:56 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The budget should and must prioritize the care of the nation's neediest. To undercut education and health care is to prioritize ignorance and instability. This is the convergence of a global pandemic and a national outcry that black lives matter. This is the turning point to begin unraveling oppressive systems within the US. How much longer can we keep feeding into a system that functions to shut people out, keep people dumb, and assure people stay sick? Fund schools, fund health care, do not fund the police.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bryce Anderson  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 07:03 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Allocating so much of the city's resources to police is fiscally irresponsible and morally abhorrent. There are so many ways to help keep Angelenos safe and peaceful, and permitting an untrained gang of citizen soldiers, who routinely violate the laws they are trusted to uphold, works against that mission. I have attended several of the protests this week. Please hear me when I tell you that I have twice watched LAPD provoke a riot. I have no doubts that the looting and damage done in the aftermath of these gatherings was substantially worse due to the police actions during peaceful events. I have never been so scared on the streets of LA as I am right now surrounded by twitchy militarized police and soldiers untrained for domestic peacekeeping. Please consider alternative proposals that allocate the city resources to helping people, not promoting thugs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cait C.

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 07:03 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of Los Angeles and a teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District. I urge you to vote to DENY the mayor's proposed budget, which grotesquely overfunds the police. We need services, not policing. Please support the People's Budget LA, created by actual Los Angeles residents. Listen to the priorities of the people. Especially in light of recent instances of police brutality, it is more critical now than ever to work to defund the police. Spending over half of our discretionary spending on the LAPD is not in line with reality or with the safety of Angelenos. Thank you for listening to the voices of your constituents. WE ARE LISTENING. WE ARE WATCHING. MAKE CHOICES THAT BETTER OUR COMMUNITIES. CARE, NOT COPS.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nestor

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 07:14 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Half of all unrestricted funding should NOT go to police! Give it to the people of LA and fund programs that can help with issues like mental health, homelessness, and better education!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Saskia Lane

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 07:34 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, My name is Saskia Lane and I am a student at UCLA living in City Council District 5 with friends and family living across the LA area. I am writing to express my extreme concern and disapproval of Mayor Eric Garcetti both in his budget proposal and reaction to protests in the city. And I urge you to listen to your constituents as with the City Council elections coming up we will make our voice heard if you refuse to listen now. I urge you to call an emergency city council meeting to not only vote to reject but disavow the Mayor's proposed budget update that only further funds a reckless police department that has targeted not just black people, but my friends in the press & those peacefully protesting. The over-policing has lead my community, as well as myself as I have been harassed by the LAPD on multiple occasions, to feel unsafe and unsupported by the city's police department and government. Further funding an organization when they have demonstrated that they don't have your constituents best interests at heart is a slap in the face and reckless governing. I request that you support a budget that redistributes the wealth back into communities that you are meant to support. Especially given the current health crisis, money should be spent on health care & bettering public education in the city — it should be spent on the people who actually need it. I will not vote for council members who refuse to both listen to community voices and vote against the proposal both this November and all November's to come, and will urge my friends and family to follow suit. You have a responsibility to take action to support the members of the communities you serve.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 07:38 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is unacceptable to allot more than half the city budget towards policing. These resources should be redistributed to housing LA's unsheltered population, revamping our public transportation system, and investing in public education and cultural initiatives.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Westley Thornton  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 07:57 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As evidenced by current events the Los Angeles Police Department is no longer able to serve its community effectively and now requires that the entire City be shut down in order to steward peaceful protesters. In light of the failure of the LAPD and the Sheriff's office and the Leadership in City Hall in sending troops instead of justice to such calamity, If ever there were a time to increase the budget for the LAPD it is not while decreasing all other services. As we all have witnessed the LAPD is not prepared to serve the citizens in need and to do so would require certain tools that the LAPD does not have. Decrease the LAPD budget to 10% of the budget moving forward. The citizens can do a better job than this protecting ourselves and we can all stay in business instead of helplessly at home as the LAPD instigates violence in our streets and destroys our businesses by provoking the powerless, as you, the city, focus on the important task of rising the boats of those of us who have been so affected by the COVID 19 Crisis and making sure that the essential government services that we actually rely upon are funded and the citizens are served and respected without the spectre of the police state haunting us in our already captive new lives. We played fair with Mayor Garcetti as we all sheltered in place - we ask that he and all the city officials return the act in kind. Put away the guns and chaos will abate.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** joshua Blumenkopf  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 08:00 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to maintain propoes police funding, which is necessary at this time to maintain order and replenish losses due to rioting



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 08:08 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** PRIORITIZE HUMAN SERVICES OVER POLICE I urge the city council to adjust Mayor Garcetti's problematic budget proposal, and to work with the community to create a budget that funds human services over policing. As the proposed budget stands, the police force's funding will see an increase of 7.1%, while essential services including workforce development and emergency housing will be defunded (-8.9% and -9.4%, respectively). This is an insult to a city reeling from the recent death by police of George Floyd in Minneapolis, and the covid-19 pandemic which has put so many people out of work and struggling to meet their basic needs. If we want to live in a city with reduced crime, prioritize services that provide for the needs of our community and keep our residents out of the criminal justice system. Fund education, healthcare, jobs, food, and housing. I would look forward to the chance to discuss this as a community.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Noah Gladden

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 08:42 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I demand that the budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021 include a reduction in the funds available for LAPD. Those funds could be allocated to a number of departments and areas that need it more, or the funds could be used to investigate alternatives to policing. For example, Dallas County dispatches social workers instead of officers for certain types of 911 calls. Police violence must be reduced, and it is clear that the current half-measures and “trainings” are ineffective. The only solution is to reduce police presence as they become dangers to the communities they are supposed to protect.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tanner Whitney  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 09:36 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The current proposal to allocate over half of the city of LA's budget to police is absolutely unacceptable. In the wake of the murder of George Floyd, the LAPD has proven themselves yet again to be an evil force that seeks to abuse their power. As the constituents of this council, we demand that the LAPD be defunded, and that those resources be instead allocated to fortifying and enriching the black and brown communities in Los Angeles that need it now more than ever. I would like to remind you that you work for us, the citizens, and your decisions will be remembered in history. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Katrina

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 09:37 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am posting with regards to Mayor Garcetti's FY20-21 Budget Proposal for Los Angeles. I am vehemently against a budget of 54% for the LAPD and I am asking to DENY the mayor's budget. The LAPD absolutely does not need access to funds that take up more than half the budget. The US spends enough money on the military and law enforcement as it is with no protection or fair treatment given to the black community, a large and important group in LA. Los Angeles needs to focus its budget on affordable housing and healthcare especially in light of COVID-19 and the expected financial strain from the community. This budget needs to go to building the community and fostering equal opportunities for all, not towards the increased militarization and force of the LAPD. Police brutality is rampant against the black community and it's clear that the police need to be defunded since they are not allocating their resources to protect those who they have sworn to serve. Please call an emergency city council meeting to deny the mayor's budget and reallocate the funds to where it would be better used to uplift the community, such as affordable housing, rent stipends and healthcare.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kirsten

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 09:42 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Victoria

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 09:44 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please continue to fund the police. I want our city to remain safe

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Victoria Whitney

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 09:50 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The current proposal to allocate over half of the city of LA's budget to police is absolutely unacceptable. In the wake of the murder of George Floyd, the LAPD has proven themselves yet again to be an evil force that seeks to abuse their power. As the constituents of this council, we demand that the LAPD be defunded, and that those resources be instead allocated to fortifying and enriching the black and brown communities in Los Angeles that need it now more than ever. I would like to remind you that you work for us, the citizens, and your decisions will be remembered in history. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Edmund Xu

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:34 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I believe that debating and passing a budget that devotes half of unrestricted funding to the police department, in light of recent events, is irresponsible and dangerous. I believe that it is critical and in the public interest that the budget discussions be postponed for further deliberation.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cecily Anaraki

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:35 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Pushing half of the discretionary spending budget to police is outrageous. With so many out of work and so many homeless this is a poor use of funds and my tax dollars. Do not support this budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shain Peitzmeier  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:38 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the police, stop killing unarmed black people. hold killer cops accountable and use outside investigators. do not allow systemic racism to continue to pollute our institutions!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alexis Nguyen

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:40 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please redirect the majority of, if not all, funding that is allocated for the LAPD. Instead of funding the police department, please fund areas that directly benefit the citizens of Los Angeles. These areas include: health care, public transportation, education, homelessness. Please understand that there needs to be trust between the government and its citizens. In the current social climate, many do not feel safe in the presence of LAPD, and further investment into their department will only cause more strain. So again, please redirect the funding for the LAPD and direct it to healthcare, education, community resources, and other areas that directly benefit the citizens of Los Angeles. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Samuel O'Keefe  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:41 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** To Council-member John Lee, I am a concerned citizen calling today to urge you to stand up to and block Mayor Garcetti's horrific and white supremacist budget. Black, Brown, poor, institutionalized and unhoused people are at the greatest risk of being exposed to and dying from COVID-19 and are disproportionately impacted by LAPD violence. We are demanding that you, Council-member Lee, stand up to Mayor Garcetti, and stand up for Black folks by committing to the following: -Divesting from traditional policing and defunding the police -Rejecting the proposal to give LAPD an additional \$100,000 for the "Through Our Eyes" Program -Investing in universal needs like quality housing for all, universal access to healthy food, financial and economic support, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health, and mental health support. For Council-member Lee who I hope is reading this, I thank you for time you have taken to consider my message I have provided here, and would appreciate hearing from you about your thoughts and plans for responding the Mayor's budget proposal, which will be voted on by council members this week. My email is sokeefe@vassar.edu, and phone number is 781-820-8380. Thank you and all the best, Samuel O'Keefe Vassar College '20

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elliot Siegel

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:41 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a constituent of Los Angeles, I am writing both of you today to implore you to take radical action. I am asking you to hold an emergency council meeting to deny the mayors budget in favor of policing services over the support of the people. Instead, please redistribute 100% of the wealth to better fund other areas of need, such as housing, social programs, homelessness, education, public health reform, and our emergency preparedness! It's clear that our support in all of those areas is wildly inadequate and better funding to these types of areas will help Los Angeles and the community as a whole for the long term! It's hard being a citizen of this county as I watch the LAPD take advantage of the power they are given. Please take these thoughts into consideration as you make your decisions. Thank you for your time, Elliot Siegel

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Madeline Routon  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:43 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to ask you to please call an emergency budget meeting TODAY to reconsider the mayor's budget before it is approved. The current budget allocates \$3 billion to police, while leaving little else for vital public services. If there is anything that the coronavirus pandemic and the past few days have highlighted, it is that this city does not need a more bloated police force and that vulnerable citizens need our help now more than ever. As a constituent and taxpayer, I urge you to reallocate that money to vital public services that are severely underfunded, such as: housing the homeless, building tenant protections, protecting small businesses, providing educational resources, expanding mental and physical healthcare infrastructure, and providing free/affordable transit. Please listen to your constituents. Act before it is too late.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ally Power

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:45 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** This public comment is in regards to Mayor Eric Garcetti's proposed budget for the fiscal year that starts July 1. This public comment is directed toward LA city council and in particular my council-member, Mike Bonin. I was outraged when I saw a budget that cut virtually every other city department, including the ones most needed right now in the midst of the pandemic, while increasing funding to LAPD. As a public health epidemiologist, it is CLEAR to me we need more services to support our community, not more funding for the police. The pandemic is a public health issue and so is racism. We must treat both. It is clear LAPD and police departments across the US have a systemic racism problem. It is CLEAR. I am advising Mike and the city council to call for an emergency meeting to redirect these funds to benefit the people of the community, not the police. We don't need the national guard, we don't need to send more funds to LAPD. We need to redirect funds to benefit the community and truly keep them safe with programs that work: access to housing, food, healthcare including mental health services, and education.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:47 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The ongoing tragedies of 2020 require better responses than what Los Angeles has done in the past. I urge you to align our budget with The People's Budget in an effort to redistribute resources towards systemic change. Desperate circumstances call for us all to rise up and be the change we wish to see for our future communities. Please consider and approve amendments that align with the People's Budget: 44.25% to Universal Aid and Crisis Management, 25.8% to Built Environment, 24.44% to Re-imagined Community Safety, 5.72% to Law Enforcement & Police



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kristen Chung

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:48 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**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. Best regards,

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrew Burnett  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:53 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please reconsider the budget for the police. We have real needs with education, the environment, homelessness. Far too much of our tax dollars go to purchasing toys and weapons to oppress and with less return from our tax money as well. We need to focus on fixing our problems and the need for massive police budgets will dwindle as well.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** DAVID HOANG  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:53 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** DECREASE OR DEFUND FUNDING FOR POLICE.  
REALLOCATE FUNDS TO BETTERING EDUCATION AND  
TOWARDS HOUSING FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES AND  
THE HOMELESS.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Savannah

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:53 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't allow this new budget to go through, we need new roads, libraries, science and art programs not to militarize the police even more than we already have. We need to redo this.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mackenzie Ferguson

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:55 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to allocate more money for community services, not policing. Police harm the communities they are supposed to protect and do not need more gear, they need appropriate training, independent oversight and accountability, and to STOP KILLING BLACK PEOPLE. Let's spend our money on things that help the people.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer Morales

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:56 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please postpone the vote for the budget decision. I am concerned that if 54% of the budget is confirmed for LAPD, as is planned, it will fan the flames of the riots currently happening in our city. Please re-think where that money could and should be going- to education, infrastructure, healthcare...

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Via Savage

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:06 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a Los Angeles resident of 5 years. The murder of George Floyd last week has elicited outcries of pain and rage from our city and nation alike, pushing historically ignored issues of systemic racism and police brutality to the forefront of our nation's consciousness. These issues have been ignored for too long, and we have reached a breaking point. NOW is the time for action. I am urging you to deny Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget and support the people's budget in favor of services over policing. YOU HAVE THE POWER TO INCITE IMMEDIATE AND NECESSARY CHANGE. DO NOT WAIT, DO NOT IGNORE THIS OPPORTUNITY. We need to reallocate the funds that Garcetti proposed to go towards law enforcement and instead direct them towards housing, education, mental and physical healthcare, and small business support - NOT LAW ENFORCEMENT. The past few days have been an embarrassment and a disgrace for the LAPD, exposing through numerous filmed and documented interactions the police-incited violence that took place at what were, until police intervention, peaceful protests. This is not a one-off situation. This is not because there were large crowds. This does not happened during protests that are majority white. THIS HOSTILE TREATMENT, VIOLENCE, AND BRUTALITY FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT IS SOMETHING BLACK AND BROWN RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES AND AMERICA EXPERIENCE REGULARLY. Police brutality must end, and adding more funding to our city's law enforcement will not fix that problem. Los Angeles is one of America's largest cities, with a longstanding reputation of being cosmopolitan and progressive. Other states and cities throughout our nation look to us to set an example. We, as a city, are capable of inciting widespread change. I implore you to set the right example for the rest of our state and country, to listen to your city's people, and to represent us accordingly. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Roberta Riddell  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:09 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Priorities for the 2020-2021 should be: - House the homeless -  
Protect small businesses - Provide school resources - Build tenant  
protections - Expand mental healthcare - Provide free transit



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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Parag Shah

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:11 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I don't support nearly half of the unrestricted budget being allocated to the police. They need to have less funds that go into purchasing military grade gear for protest/riot control. They need to agree to an independent civilian review board that can adjudicate use of force cases. There needs to be a serious cultural change within the police unions that have a code of silence. Until these reforms are in place, let the police operate on smaller budgets and repurpose it back for the community.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Spencer Jacobs  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:12 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** De-fund the police and divert those funds to civic infrastructure: public schools, housing, libraries, etc.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael W.

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:15 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a homeowner in Los Angeles and I appeal to the City Council to reject the proposed budget--which has too little 'carrot' and far too much 'stick'--and instead allocate more resources to community development.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cameron Goldbeck

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:15 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly appose the forthcoming budget for fiscal year starting July 2020 due to the disproportionate allocation to the LAPD. 1) We are still experiencing the Covid-19 pandemic and we need to be more prepared for likely continued waves of the outbreak. This means PPE for medical workers and test administrators. It means making sure there are enough tests, both viral and antibody, so that public health and city officials have the information they need to safely assist in re-opening Los Angeles. Seeing the resources the police have, coming out in full riot gear, is a stark juxtaposition to medical staff having to re-use PPE or not even have enough. 2) While some may argue the protests and looting show we need more funding for the LAPD, it ACTUALLY shows how the department has misused their resources and failed the city. While police offices confronted mostly peaceful protestors, at times throwing tear gas and rubber bullets, looters went unchecked around the corner in Santa Monica and on Fairfax. Instead of preventing and subduing looters, the LAPD antagonized protesters. At times officers did little to apprehend looters right in front of them. This should be disgraceful to the LAPD that in these tense times they chose to assault protestors and did not prevent real crimes. Additionally, the footage that I have seen over the past few days has been atrocious in regards to behavior of the LAPD. Reporters have been attacked and there is footage of LAPD cars ramming protests and driving off. These are truly criminal acts perpetrated by those in charge of enforcing the law. The LAPD has shown they have lost the trust of the people of this city and that should have consequences. Money the department is allocated should never dwarf that of other agencies; that is down right authoritarian. We should not be funding a department that has shown contempt for its citizens and who's actions have shown they prioritize confronting protestors over stopping crime. They are unacceptable and this budget is unacceptable. We have seen countless troubles in the first 6 months; the new budget should address those troubles, not perpetuate them.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:16 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I do NOT support the mayor's proposed budget. I absolutely do NOT want to see over half of the city's budget allocated to LAPD. That is unacceptable.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Greg Gilreath

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:18 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Pass the People's Budget. It is time for Los Angeles to LEAD the way forward. Not to REACT to the continued problems that we, and all major cities in this country, have. LEAD. Do something for once. Take a bold stand. Trust that if you lead, the people will follow. Now is the time for bold action. Now is the time to try and shift the course of this city, this state, and this country. Now is the time for the city of Los Angeles to step forward into the future. Live up to the rhetoric for once. Live up to the PROMISE of this city, this state. Someone has to take the plunge. Someone has to be the official entity that begins to unjam the mess. Let that be us. Let that be the people of Los Angeles. Let us begin to show the way on the path towards a more righteous and just future. Don't be worried about political retribution or backlash. Act of out conscience. Act boldly and purposefully. Americans respond to boldness. To guts. To chutzpah. Have some.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alyssa Kyle

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:18 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I request that the funding designated for the LAPD be redirected to areas that directly benefit the Los Angeles community (i.e. healthcare, education, homelessness, and public transportation). These are essential resources the community needs, and the LAPD police budget should be reduced for the greater good of the LA community.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Will Canning

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:20 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** You need to adopt a People's Budget and defund the police. 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 folx 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 folx, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. After declining to vote on this draconian proposal last week, City Council referred it back to the Budget and Finance Committee. Now, the Committee has decided not to meet, thereby shrinking its duty and upholding the racist and white-supremacist structures that underlie both the proposal and City Council as a governing body.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:25 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I want the LA city budget to redirect its millions of dollars of funding of the police to other sectors such as public education, health care, libraries, and parks.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brenda Yancor

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:25 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not spend our money on oppressing the people of this city. There are so many more initiatives, groups and organizations that promote quality of life and empowerment. If you want people to stop taking their frustrations out on the businesses and institutions that DO NOT serve them, give us opportunities to thrive. During these times of economic hardship and financial uncertainty, spending so much money on cops is a foolish and short-sighted choice. We all deserve better.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dayna Riesgo

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:26 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The mayor's proposed budget dedicates over half of all funding to police. This is an irresponsible way to allocate funds, it is undeniable that passing that budget today is dangerous, and will fan the flames of the current unrest.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Camila

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:27 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I reject the Mayor's budget and instead support a redirection of funds back into the community. We do not need more police! I demand a call for an emergency city council meeting and deny the Mayor's proposed budget in favor of services over policing and support the People's Budget as a blueprint. I would like to see more funds go towards the people and children of this city that need it most. Support health, education, housing, and necessary resources for small businesses and the arts - especially given the pandemic. Putting more funds behind the LAPD at a time like this is a slap in the face to all the people currently protesting for a right to live and to be safe. The time to act is now. We will be watching.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:30 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Regarding the police outlays - \$45M for contractual services requires additional insight. What services? What are the expenses? Does this include a civilian oversight board of police investigations? Why are cops the only department getting raises and overtime? They need the furloughs and paycuts just like every other department.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:33 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The city should be spending less money on military style policing, and more on community programming and support that seeks to lift LA's people up, not hold them down.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cole Schwab

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:38 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a Los Angeles resident of 5 years. The murder of George Floyd last week has elicited outcries of pain and rage from our city and nation alike, pushing historically ignored issues of systemic racism and police brutality to the forefront of our nation's consciousness. These issues have been ignored for too long, and we have reached a breaking point. NOW is the time for action. I am urging you to deny Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget and support the people's budget in favor of services over policing. YOU HAVE THE POWER TO INCITE IMMEDIATE AND NECESSARY CHANGE. DO NOT WAIT, DO NOT IGNORE THIS OPPORTUNITY. We need to reallocate the funds that Garcetti proposed to go towards law enforcement and instead direct them towards housing, education, mental and physical healthcare, and small business support - NOT LAW ENFORCEMENT. The past few days have been an embarrassment and a disgrace for the LAPD, exposing through numerous filmed and documented interactions the police-incited violence that took place at what were, until police intervention, peaceful protests. This is not a one-off situation. This is not because there were large crowds. This does not happened during protests that are majority white. THIS HOSTILE TREATMENT, VIOLENCE, AND BRUTALITY FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT IS SOMETHING BLACK AND BROWN RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES AND AMERICA EXPERIENCE REGULARLY. Police brutality must end, and adding more funding to our city's law enforcement will not fix that problem. Los Angeles is one of America's largest cities, with a longstanding reputation of being cosmopolitan and progressive. Other states and cities throughout our nation look to us to set an example. We, as a city, are capable of inciting widespread change. I implore you to set the right example for the rest of our state and country, to listen to your city's people, and to represent us accordingly. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matthew Laskey

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:38 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** i reject the mayors budget and instead support a redirection of funds back into the community. we dont need more police! call an emergency city council meeting and deny the mayors budget in favor of services over policing and support the People's Budget as a blueprint. I would like to see more funds go towards helping the people, children, and families of Los Angeles, in areas like health, education. housing, and resources for small businesses and the arts - especially given the pandemic. the time to act is now. we will be watching.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Adina Korn

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:39 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, I am requesting that all of the funds that are meant to be transferred to the LAPD actually be transferred to support healthcare systems and education for inner-city communities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kraig Amador  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:43 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose increases in funding for the LAPD until reforms are made and officers are held accountable for their actions by a third party.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rebecca

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:45 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** To the office of City Council President Nury Martinez: I am writing to demand that Council President Martinez immediately call for a vote on an amendment to Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget for 2020-2021. The proposed budget, which would allocate far too large a portion of spending to policing, cannot be allowed to pass on June 1st. Instead, the city must enact a budget that dedicates greater resources to healthcare, housing, and public transit - and many fewer resources to policing. City Council President Martinez must call for a vote and challenge Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget. Failure to do so would mean failing to address the needs of the people of Los Angeles. Thank you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cher Carlton  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:46 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund LAPD in light on their current actions during protest and instead use that money to directly benefit the community.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Pamela  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:48 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I request that all of the funds that were planned for the LAPD be funneled back into health care, communities, education, and small business

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:52 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The funds currently proposed to go toward the LAPD should be reallocated to where it is needed most within our communities - education, healthcare, and supporting our people. There is no need for more than half of the budget to be allocated to militarizing the police force which already has too much power and the ability to terrorize the citizens it is supposed to protect

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anthony Iglesias

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:53 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As someone who was grossly and falsely arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department, I urge the city council to reject the mayor's proposed budget to allocate more funding to the police department. To fund the police department further is irresponsible. The police violence against civilians make it clear that they are overpowered. I understand that the police department has political sway but we the people have a much larger influence. Please allocate the funding toward public transportation and infrastructure to improve the mobility of the working class people who make this city run!



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Leon Zaigirdar

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:55 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I request that all the funds that are being funneled towards the LAPD, be funneled back into communities that need it, to help with small businesses, education, healthcare and homelessness.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brandra Ringo

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 02:57 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Brandra Ringo and I reject the major's budget of \$3B for policing. Instead, support a redirection of funds back into our communities of Los Angeles. We have more than enough police and enough crooked cops that have led unfathomable crimes. I DEMAND that you all call an emergency city council meeting and DENY the mayor's budget in favor of services over policing and the People's Budget as a blueprint. We need to see funds going to something towards the people and especially people of color, children and families of Los Angeles in areas such as EDUCATION, HEALTH, HOUSING and resources for SMALL BUSINESSES, especially considering we're in a pandemic. THE TIME IS NOW! WE ARE SICK OF THE ABUSE IN POWER and you all WILL be held ACCOUNTABLE!!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 03:06 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I do not agree with the current proposed budget for LAPD. The city budget funds should go towards housing the homeless, providing resources for schools, expanding mental healthcare, and other ways to help the citizens of our community. Especially during this pandemic. I am asking you to call an emergency meeting and please reevaluate the proposed budget. LAPD does not need 54% of the city's budget. Please take a stand and help all of the members of our community. Thank you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rachel Marder

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 03:16 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** At this time, I am opposed to passing a budget that dedicates over half of all funding to police. This does not feel like an appropriate time to do so.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anh Nguyen

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 03:20 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I don't want increased funding for LAPD. Please allocate those funds towards the community to help with healthcare, education, and small businesses.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Becky Michelle Perez

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 03:21 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I reject the mayors budget and instead support a redirection of funds back into the community. We don't need more police! Call an emergency council meeting and deny the mayors budget in favor of services over policing and support the people's budget as a blueprint. I would like to see more funds go toward helping the people, children and families of Los Angeles, in areas like health care, education, housing, and resources for small businesses and arts — especially given the global pandemic. The time to act is NOW. We will be watching.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 03:32 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to as a city divert funds from the police force and into our communities. In times like these, our communities needs are more important in regards to healthcare, education and small businesses.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** david wyler

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 03:36 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council Member: As representative for our district, I urge you to vote in favor of the People's Budget. As the distinguished guest on KCRW this afternoon pointed out, if police resources are strained by doing jobs that aren't in their job description like being social workers, then hire social workers instead of more police. Thanks for your time. I look forward to your to you making a decision that favors the residents of this fine city and not just placating the police commission. For more information, go to [peoplesbudgetla.com](http://peoplesbudgetla.com). Here's to a more equitable world for everybody. David Wyler



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cinthia Camacho

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 03:50 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Cinthia Camacho. I reject the mayor's budget and instead support redirection of funds back into the community. We don't need more police! Call an emergency city council meeting and deny the mayor's budget in favor of services over policing and support the People's Budget as a blueprint. I would like to see more funds go towards helping the people, children, and families of Los Angeles, in areas like health, education, housing, and resources for small businesses and the arts--especially given the pandemic. The time to act is now. We will be watching.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sean Neilan  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 04:01 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** This is way too much money for the police.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Frances Whitford

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 04:05 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Frances Whitford and I reject the mayors budget and instead support a redirection of funds back into the community. We don't need more police! Call an emergency city council meeting and deny the mayors budget in favor of services over policing and support the People's budget as a blue print. I would like to see more funds go towards helping the people, children and families of Los Angeles in areas like health, education, housing and resources for small businesses and the arts- especially given the pandemic. The time to act is now.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Raj Patel

**Date Submitted:** 05/20/2020 04:54 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Although we recognize that the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have had an unforeseen effect on the City's budget planning, we oppose cuts to climate change programs. The City of Los Angeles can provide leadership in the near-term health crisis as well as the longer-term climate crisis. We should restore funding for the Office of Climate Emergency Mobilization (\$500k), including the Climate Emergency Commission (\$200k), and the Community Assemblies and pilot projects (\$300k) for a total of \$1 million to the proposed budget. The Climate Emergency Department is critical to engaging our City's frontline communities to shape a just and sustainable recovery that builds a healthier and more resilient future for Angelenos. In addition, please reinstate the four staffers working on the Planning Department's Wildlife Connectivity project. These portions of the overall budget can bring enormous short and long-term benefits to the people of Los Angeles, particularly to low income communities of color that are being disproportionately impacted by climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/29/2020 12:24 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We want a change in the police system. There need to be psychological test for evaluation before hiring someone to the police. The police is supposed to protect the people not take advantage of their power that's not even given to them. What they're doing is not their job.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christina Chou

**Date Submitted:** 05/29/2020 05:07 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I demand and support a People's Budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tiffanie Tran

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 09:16 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am urging the City Council to block the Mayor's current budget. I want the city to invest in universal needs like housing, healthcare, access to food, education, small businesses, jobs, transit, environmental justice, and lastly, reimagined community safety. I demand you adopt a People's Budget that defunds the police and invests in people. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Taylor

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 09:22 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please reduce LAPD share of budget. Investing in affordable housing, crisis aid, small business aid, emergency preparedness, public safety, and core city services such as sanitation, education, public transportation, and recreation and parks is more important to the people!



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Laura Stinger

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 09:39 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is a comment regarding the upcoming vote on passing the Los Angeles budget for the 2020-2021 year. I am a resident and voter in LA county and I demand that the budget for the police is not only not higher than last year but in fact cut. Police should not receive the largest chunk of the budget of a city in a democracy, that is the behavior of a dictatorship. The budget needs to fund public services, especially housing, healthcare, education, and public space, especially in the midst of a pandemic. Police should not be called on when someone is having a mental health crisis in the street, FUND MENTAL HEALTH SOCIAL SERVICES. The police should not be called on to police schools, FUND TEACHERS AND SUPPLIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. The police should not be called on when someone is living in the streets, FUND HOUSING. This budget is a reflection of our morals. It is possible to have a peaceful society with only a small, unarmed peace keeping force. In fact, the police and rampant incarceration are what are making our cities more violent and divided. I demand compliance with the suggestions of the people's budget that only 5% of the budget is directed towards peace keeping and security. Invest in community led and health and safety.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nicole Romanak

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 09:41 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** In times of crisis we can be tempted to opt for more law enforcement to relieve the symptoms but to really address the underlying causes of social unrest we need more social support services, not an increase in law enforcement's budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** K.T. Wiegman

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 10:02 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The Mayor's budget allocating 54% of the general tax fund to law enforcement amounts to bankrolling an ongoing humanitarian crisis. This weekend's police riots demonstrated over and over that the police are a cause of violence in the streets, not a solution to it. Look to the videos: police striking protestors without cause, deliberately running vehicles into pedestrians, inciting and escalating incidents rather than protecting the people they're meant to serve. Please consider the people's priorities: services over police. Caring for one another -- especially our most oppressed, especially our most vulnerable -- is the way to true public safety.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mark W. McKnight

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 10:06 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is my understanding that the city is reviewing it's 20-21 budget. While cuts to the budget are inevitable as a result of the current health crisis, this is NOT A TIME to cut funding from Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Parks, Transportation, and so on. These department's are CRITICAL to the population of this city. Moreover, the recent murders of Ahmaud Arbery and George Floyd by the police in other cities have exemplified how necessary it is to critically review the budget of the LAPD as well as strengthen it's oversight. Why does the cost of the LAPD overshadow the rest of the city's budget so profoundly? IT'S EXPONENTIAL! More than half of the general fund! This money could be used to financially support a number of other programs. Why is the department not facing the same level of critical attention as every other department? There has never been a more important time to reflect on the fiscal mismanagement of the city, particularly in relation to the LAPD's oversight and the relationship between the police and the very taxpayers who are inadvertently funding a police force that continues to perpetuate violence against them! - Mark W. McKnight Los Angeles born and raised

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Destinee Handly

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 10:33 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** You do not know me but I have been a grateful Angeleno for the past 10 years. I love this city. I'm writing this to you to ask you to call an emergency council meeting and deny the mayors proposed budget because I love this city. I'm asking you to help dedicate it to services that desperately need funding besides policing like educational and mental health reform. If there is any way that I as a citizen, a student, and an able bodied volunteer can contribute my energy to this effort I will. Thank you for your time and consideration, I look forward to a better tomorrow.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matt Giltaji

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 10:34 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** LAPD does NOT need such a substantial share of Los Angeles budget. They spend far too much on so-called "less lethal" weapons to hurt citizens demanding accountability. Their funding needs to be reallocated to schools and social services that help communities instead of terrorizing them. Angelenos demand a change

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Asli Sonceley  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 10:41 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council Members and Los Angeles City Budget Team, I would like to inquire about how my taxpayer money is allocated in the city budget 2020-2021. I live and work in Los Angeles, District 4. I paid \$2,375.50 in business taxes this year. I understand that \$1,259.02 of this money will be absorbed by the LAPD. That is 53%. I can't wrap my head around how dedicating over half of the city budget to LAPD addresses homelessness, rebuilding jobs after covid-19, and how it will shield us from the impact of climate change. I request that the budget team hold an emergency meeting to reevaluate this budget and funnel it into social services instead of armed forces. We as citizens can be a part of solving our own problems. I would like 100% of my taxpayer dollars to go into: 1. Increasing the quality of education in public schools with low ratings and student bodies. 2. Free clinics and free women's health services in underprivileged neighborhoods. 3. Affordable housing, drug-free mental health care, and career education to address the homelessness crisis. 4. Even stronger initiatives to protect our environment and transform our city into a zero-waste city. a. Strong business ban and penalties to cut the use of single-use plastic cold. b. Launching a composting program to utilize growing organic waste into fertile soil. c. Create opportunities around sustainability 5. Maintaining the funds allocated to library services, recreation & parks, and wildlife protection which upkeep the core spirit of our city. I would like to keep this city a diverse, inspiring place where art and innovation can thrive despite all of the world's challenges. I will happily offer my knowledge and labor in implementing these efforts. My name is Asli Sonceley, I can be reached at 310.430.1615. Thank you for your hard work. Stay safe.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ian Byers-Gamber  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 10:50 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee, I understand the City of Los Angeles in the process reviewing it's 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. While cuts might be necessary due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is not a time for dire cuts from some of its most important departments including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Rec+Parks, Transportation and Housing & Community Investments. Each of these Departments provide critical resources to the people of Los Angeles. In light of recent events including the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery and George Floyd, and their impact globally, this is an important time to critically review the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department as well as strengthening oversight. The incredible cost of the LAPD overshadows the rest of the City's budget exponentially, more than half of the general fund. As we have seen, the increasing militarization of the police force has led to only more extreme police violence against the people they have so-called sworn to protect. While I am sure you all view policing as a necessary part of society, the LAPD absolutely does not need the military equipment or technology that this budget supports. Other Departments in the city help Angelenos with housing, food, jobs, and recreation. This is an important time for the City to reflect upon the fiscal management of the LAPD, its overall oversight and it's relationship to its citizens. Thank you for your time, Ian



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Voula Dasakis Becker

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 10:51 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of Los Angeles, District 4, 90027. I demand that you make all efforts to convene a vote today and reject Mayor Garcetti's budget. Along with a NO vote I demand you support a budget for the People of LA. I am outraged that Garcetti's proposed budget will cut virtually every other department - including the ones most needed right now in the midst of a pandemic and economic fallout - while increasing funding to LAPD. We need affordable housing, housing and services for the homeless, mental health services, support for our schools and teachers, safe and reliable transportation, not to mention aid for those who will not have jobs even after this pandemic is over. Our city's budget which is generated by the people of Los Angeles, should be designed to benefit Los Angeles, not tilt it further towards a violent police state. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ferzin R. Irani  
**Date Submitted:** 05/31/2020 11:46 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I want the city council to thoughtfully consider the People's Budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Athena Denos

**Date Submitted:** 05/31/2020 02:07 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Like the many Angelenos who have called in and tweeted their opposition, I am urging the City Council to block the Mayor's horrific and white supremacist budget. The LAPD is one of the most abusive and corrupt law enforcement departments in the country, and the city is repeatedly sued over the LAPD's abuse of power. We are in the midst of a global health pandemic — thousands remain unhoused and millions are at risk of joining those ranks. Black, Brown, poor, institutionalized and unhoused bodies are at the greatest risk of being exposed to and dying from COVID-19. These are the same folx who are disproportionately impacted by LAPD violence. The People have spoken. They want the city to invest in universal needs like quality housing for all, universal access to healthy food, financial and economic support, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health and mental health support. They want the city to divest from traditional policing. And they DO NOT want you to give LAPD an additional \$100,000 for the "Through Our Eyes" Program. I demand you adopt a People's Budget that emphasizes Care not Cops and which DEFUNDS THE POLICE. I want to make clear that your failure to listen to your constituents does not mean that we will give up. We will continue to make our voices known, both online and through in-person protests. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/31/2020 07:33 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** On behalf of those who are outraged by the mayor's budget proposal, I urge the Budget and Finance Committee to reject the proposal and support the peoples budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gabriela Carr

**Date Submitted:** 05/31/2020 07:53 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need a budget that looks like the People's Budget LA, prioritizing community-building, not Mayor Garcetti's current plan prioritizing the police! LAPD cannot fix the entrenched issues in our city, but by investing in housing, the built environment, healthcare, and preventative community safety measures we can build a better Los Angeles. Call an emergency Council meeting for June 1 so that the mayor's plan does not get passed!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/31/2020 09:18 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**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. Best regards, Reagan, east hollywood

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tara Cavanagh

**Date Submitted:** 05/31/2020 10:45 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a distressed and concerned citizen, I ask that the city redistribute funds away from law enforcement and towards programs that truly benefit and grow our community such as public health care and affordable and safe housing. 54% of the budget is extremely disproportionate to the needs of our community. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 12:41 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am requesting that the funds currently allocated to the LAPD be reallocated to support programs and policies that empower the community - mental health services, housing for the homeless, restorative justice services.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** lauren

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 12:47 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** You need to adopt a People’s Budget and defund the police. 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 folx 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 folx, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. After declining to vote on this draconian proposal last week, 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. Public opinion is with me. please protect and help the people of los angeles

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rose Curry

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 07:36 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** 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.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Josh Snyder  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 07:41 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The LAPD's response to the protest & march from Pan Pacific Park this Saturday was embarrassing. Shooting rubber bullets at citizens? Blockading the march in between Fairfax Ave & Edinburgh, creating an unnecessary standoff between protestors and police with batons? Look at the coverage of the protest in Newark, NJ this weekend. There was peace there, much due to the PARTICIPATION of police in the march and rally:  
<https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/coronavirus/2020/05/31/why-newark-nj-protest-remained-peaceful-while-others-turned-violent/5300613002/>  
LAPD has an axe to grind. We've hoped this would change for years, but it hasn't. That's why I'm writing you to suggest the following: You need to adopt a People's Budget and defund the police. The LAPD is one of the most abusive and corrupt law enforcement departments in the country, and the city is repeatedly sued over the LAPD's abuse of power. We are in the midst of a global health pandemic — thousands remain unhoused and millions are at risk of joining those ranks. Black, Brown, poor, institutionalized and unhoused bodies are at the greatest risk of being exposed to and dying from COVID-19. These are the same folk who are disproportionately impacted by LAPD violence. The People have spoken. They want the city to invest in universal needs like quality housing for all, universal access to healthy food, financial and economic support, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health and mental health support. They want the city to divest from traditional policing. And they DO NOT want you to give LAPD an additional \$100,000 for the "Through Our Eyes" Program. I demand you adopt a People's Budget that emphasizes Care not Cops. People are hurting. We can do so much better for our neighbors. No one can afford to look away anymore. We will be remembered for who we choose to ignore.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** AS

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 07:44 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Councilmembers, your constituents are counting on you to vote no on this budget. Giving outside funding to the police department while starving the social safety net is creating problems, not solving them. It's 2020. Let's start using evidence instead of brute force to establish public safety.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 08:25 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** You must have an emergency meeting to reject the currently proposed budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jack Lambert

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 08:35 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am opposed to seeing LAPD's budget increase this year while other departments see budget decreases as a result of COVID-19. This budget does not reflect the needs of the city. More money should be given to those departments dealing with social services for the short and long term repercussions of COVID. Please allocate to LAPD the same amount of money they had last year, and give the extra \$120,000,000 to other departments who need this money.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 08:35 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am asking that the council prioritize the health and safety of its constituents by rejecting the proposed 2020-2021 budget that allocates billions to the LAPD. I am asking that the council to redirect funds towards housing for the unhoused, public transportation, mental healthcare, school resources, access to healthy food, small businesses, and tenant protections. More policing has never been and will never be the solution to the problems facing our community. Please prioritize the health and safety of the marginalized and vulnerable and vote no on the proposed budget. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Veronica Hunsinger-Loe

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 08:48 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** You need to hold the finance and budget meeting today, June 1st, before the mayor's budget which allocates more than half the city's resources to the police and slashes community spending is passed. We are in a state of crisis and more money to the police is not the answer. If we want to heal we need to invest in our communities not more cops. Cops have accelerated the violence here in LA rather than using any tactics to de-escalate the situation. I am calling on you, to call an emergency city council meeting and deny the mayor's budget and Adopt a People's Budget which defunds the police. The people of LA want change in how LA invests our money. Be our representatives, DO YOUR JOB to protect LA CITIZENS!



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mallory Fuccella

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 08:51 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Mallory and I live in Los Feliz. 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. 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. Thank you. Mallory Fuccella

## Communication from Public

**Name:** ALAN H NAKAGAWA

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 08:54 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please decrease the proposed budget law enforcement and reallocate it to social services as well as Cultural Affairs or impose the same percentage budget decrease proposed for other departments such as cultural affairs and social services. The proposed increase in law enforcement and decrease in other departments is evidence of a disconnect between the people of los angeles and the current administration. Let's be fair, proactive and anti fascist.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lisa Haviland

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 10:55 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please revisit and revise the current budget plan allocating 44% of the total budget to the LAPD, given their violence against the taxpaying citizens they are tasked with serving and protecting, particularly Black citizens, in general and in particular this past weekend. I recommend allocating at least half of that 44% to healthcare and education instead. Thank you for your time and consideration.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sandy Honig

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 10:57 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to reject the Mayor's proposed budget and support the People's Budget. We do not need over 50% of our budget allocated to law enforcement. We need healthcare, we need infrastructure, we need support for our homeless population. Work for your citizens, not your police.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christopher Flacke

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 11:12 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Regarding Mayor Garcetti's FY 2020-21 proposed budget: The emphasis on dramatically increased LAPD/police funding is fundamentally misconceived and out of tune with what this City cries out for at this moment. Those needs do NOT include more support - budgetary or political - for a militarized force that uses its power to oppress those who speak out against abuse and to sustain the positions of those who enjoy privilege. They DO include unprecedented social-political-economic support in the face of the COVID pandemic and the homelessness crisis. I along with countless other citizens simply demand that the Council reject the Mayor's budget priorities, and make history by passing its own budget to align the Members with the public they serve, not with the corrupt police unions. We will watch your actions, we will remember your votes, we will work tirelessly to ensure that ALL elected officials understand the political consequences of their choices, and feel them at election time. Thank you with respect.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** M Nanji

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 11:13 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I just had a look at the Proposed budget for 2020-2021. The police is getting an outside share of this budget! Why???? Please stop investing in militarizing the police and instead put more funds into low-cost housing, public education, public health, homeless solutions. The share of the budget that the police receive is outside and unacceptable!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 11:20 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, I am one of your constituents. Please call an emergency city council meeting to block the Mayor's budget and redistribute the egregious amount of money dedicated to the LAPD and policing to community services like mental health, parks and rec, etc. Please pass the PEOPLE'S BUDGET instead of the Mayor's. I beg of you. Thank you for your time. Best, 90015

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sandeep Mukherjee

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 11:25 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not pass the budget for 2020-21. We need to reallocate resources to other essential city needs from the massive and disproportionate allocation to the LAPD. Thank you. Sandeep Mukherjee



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**CARE NOT COPS**

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Marisel Flores

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 11:35 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I implore Nury Martinez, Paul Krekorian and Mitch O'Farrell to call an emergency meeting to oppose Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget. The LAPD plans to receive an amount that grossly outweighs the amount going to schools and health services which is an embarrassment to its constituents and shameful for a city with such wealth and such desperate poor. Many of whom are working without hazard pay or adequate PPE- which should be provided by the city for the protection of every last citizen. Please consult the People's Budget for LA for guidance in your alternate proposal for fund allocation. Please take the protests this weekend into consideration, thousands of people risking their lives. Many of whom may not feel safe calling or sending an email to you as I am able. Please bring the budget for a vote and redistribute LAPD funds to public health. Thank you, Marisela Flores district 13  
<https://peoplesbudgetla.com/peoplesbudget/>

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lily Alan

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 11:35 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Like the many Angelenos who have called in and tweeted their opposition, I am urging the City Council to block the Mayor's horrific and white supremacist budget. The LAPD is one of the most abusive and corrupt law enforcement departments in the country, and the city is repeatedly sued over the LAPD's abuse of power. We are in the midst of a global health pandemic — thousands remain unhoused and millions are at risk of joining those ranks. Black, Brown, poor, institutionalized and unhoused bodies are at the greatest risk of being exposed to and dying from COVID-19. These are the same folx who are disproportionately impacted by LAPD violence. The People have spoken. They want the city to invest in universal needs like quality housing for all, universal access to healthy food, financial and economic support, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health and mental health support. They want the city to divest from traditional policing. And they DO NOT want you to give LAPD an additional \$100,000 for the "Through Our Eyes" Program. I demand you adopt a People's Budget that emphasizes Care not Cops and which DEFUNDS THE POLICE. I want to make clear that your failure to listen to your constituents does not mean that we will give up. We will continue to make our voices known, both online and through in-person protests. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Evelyn Serrano  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 11:43 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** As you consider our city's budget, make sure that our budget demonstrates our city's commitment to the the wellbeing of our citizens, including those most affected by systemic racism. Prioritize care and education and NOT the ramping up of a police state. NOT in LA. NOT in LA.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christine M. Slaughter  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 11:48 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** REDUCE THE BUDGET FOR LAPD.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kalean Breen

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 11:49 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need an Emergency Council Meeting. Please deny the Major's budget in favor of services over policing and please support THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET. I believe that we need more funding to go to what our community wants: Universal Aid and Crisis Management (44.25%), followed by Built Environment (25.80%), then Reimagined Community Safety (24.22%), and finally Law Enforcement and Police (5.72%). Thank you for taking this seriously and listening to us.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Curtis Skinner

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 11:50 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council President Martinez and City Councilmembers Krekorian and Bonin, My name is Curtis Skinner. I'm a native Angeleno and a recent graduate from UCLA School of Law in the Public Interest program. I am writing to urge you as strongly as I can to reallocate funding in the city budget away from the Los Angeles Police Department and toward sustainable social services. In the midst of a global pandemic and protests surrounding police brutality, the funds are desperately needed elsewhere. To continue to fund the LAPD does not improve public safety, but rather further militarizes the police. Even before the killing of George Floyd sparked national outrage, the Los Angeles Police Department was regularly at the center of scandals and protest due to their high rates of brutalizing and killing citizens. Your gut reaction may be to beef up police resources given that some of these protests have resulted in property destruction. But first, doing so would be to value property over the lives of black and brown people; and second, would only lead to further militarization, violence, and distrust of law enforcement in the long run. We must use this crucial political moment - where people are standing up from Los Angeles to New York and even around the world - to fundamentally rethink how we want our society to function. Do we want to move further in the direction of a militarized police force that kills and brutalizes Angelenos in a quantifiably discriminatory and excessive manner? Or do we want to move toward a Los Angeles where communities are prosperous, well-supported, and free? These are our two options. Safety neither begins nor ends with the police. Safety begins with police accountability and the dismantling of a racist criminal justice system, and it ends with basic economic security, healthcare, and compassion for the people. There is no compassion in continuing to fund the police at these levels and it is actually counterproductive if we intend to create safe, healthy, and prosperous communities. So please, I am urging you to reconsider the city budget to divest as much as is possible from the Los Angeles Police Department and other law enforcement programs and reprioritize funding of social services like education, health care, job training and placement, and other projects that will ensure sustainable communities. As a guide to moving in this direction, here is a link to the People's Budget LA,

which helps outline spending priorities that Angelenos want:  
<https://peoplesbudgetla.com/peoplesbudget/> Thank you very much  
for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Curtis Skinner



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Robert Ellis  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 11:52 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a concerned citizen, I am very wary of the proposed city budget. It has become clear that our police force needs are significantly less than the pressing needs for an increase in community and public safety programs, such as gang reduction, youth development, and mental health services. I am disappointed that city officials are focusing on risk management, rather than risk prevention. I would like to see more of our budget going to education and youth development rather than policing. We must continue to ramp up fixing the root of our inequalities instead of putting a band-aid on them.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer Doyle

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 11:55 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to express support for The People's Budget. I join my neighbors and fellow Angelenos in begging the City Council to shape its budget around care and support for the people in our city, rather than on policing. Our survival is at stake: the City Council can lead the way towards de-escalation and repair, towards rebuilding and care. Sincerely, Jennifer Doyle

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matthew Goodhue

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 12:02 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** 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. I appreciate your time and hope all of these emails and phone calls flooding in spark some much-needed change. Matthew

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrew Cameron  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 12:05 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee, I'm aware that the city of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. While I understand that there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, I do not think this is a time for dire cuts to some of our most important departments including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Transportation and Housing & Community Investments. Each of these departments provide critical resources to the citizens of Los Angeles. In light of recent events including the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery and George Floyd, as well as the ongoing problem of inappropriate, excessive, and unrestrained use of police force against the citizens whom the police are supposedly to protect, this is an important time to critically review the budget of the LAPD along with strengthening democratic control and citizen oversight of those to whom we have entrusted the use of the State monopoly on violence. Please consider fiscal review of the police department and ensure that its budget faces the same level of scrutiny as other departments in any discussion of budgetary cutbacks. This, meaning now, this very moment, is the time for the city council to reflect upon who holds the power in a democracy, and what the relationship of a police force should be to the citizens from whom the force is selected and to whom the force should be accountable. Voters are paying attention. Thank you for your time and your thoughtful consideration. Andrew Cameron

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matthew Salazar

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 12:28 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee, I'm aware that the city of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. While I understand that there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, I do not think this is a time for dire cuts to some of our most important departments including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Transportation and Housing & Community Investments. Each of these departments provide critical resources to the citizens of Los Angeles. In light of recent events including the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery and George Floyd, as well as the ongoing problem of inappropriate, excessive, and unrestrained use of police force against the citizens whom the police are supposedly to protect, this is an important time to critically review the budget of the LAPD along with strengthening democratic control and citizen oversight of those to whom we have entrusted the use of the State monopoly on violence. Please consider fiscal review of the police department and ensure that its budget faces the same level of scrutiny as other departments in any discussion of budgetary cutbacks. This, meaning now, this very moment, is the time for the city council to reflect upon who holds the power in a democracy, and what the relationship of a police force should be to the citizens from whom the force is selected and to whom the force should be accountable. Voters are paying attention. Thank you for your time and your thoughtful consideration.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lauren Skibiski  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 12:29 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee, I'm aware that the city of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. While I understand that there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, I do not think this is a time for dire cuts to some of our most important departments including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Transportation and Housing & Community Investments. Each of these departments provide critical resources to the citizens of Los Angeles. In light of recent events including the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery and George Floyd, as well as the ongoing problem of inappropriate, excessive, and unrestrained use of police force against the citizens whom the police are supposedly to protect, this is an important time to critically review the budget of the LAPD along with strengthening democratic control and citizen oversight of those to whom we have entrusted the use of the State monopoly on violence. The LAPD has continually demonstrated that they are squandering financial resources on militarizing the force rather than fixing the system that continues to engender prejudice and inexcusable violence towards people of color. Their current budget is more than enough to reassess and reeducate. It is evident, however, that they've prioritized "fighting" over "protecting," much to the disservice of the community. Please consider fiscal review of the police department and ensure that its budget faces the same level of scrutiny as other departments in any discussion of budgetary cutbacks. This, meaning now, this very moment, is the time for the city council to reflect upon who holds the power in a democracy, and what the relationship of a police force should be to the citizens from whom the force is selected and to whom the force should be accountable. Voters are paying attention. Please consider the attached People's Budget for Los Angeles 2020-2021. This more accurately portrays the wants and needs of the people of this city. We urge you to listen. Thank you for your time and your thoughtful consideration.



# The People's Budget

## Los Angeles 2020-2021

PEOPLES  BUDGET  LA  
[peoplesbudgetla.com](http://peoplesbudgetla.com)



## INTRODUCTION

The People's Budget LA Coalition has undertaken an urgent public process of participatory budgeting to solicit input of Angelenos on their priorities for the city and how they would like public resources to be spent. This project emerged rapidly and in direct response to the secretive, undemocratic process and draconian spending plan introduced by Mayor Eric Garcetti, and left unchallenged by City Council.

This report details our findings and presents a People's Budget alternative to the Mayor's proposed 2020-21 budget. **Our document and data both reveal a clear referendum: invest in universal needs (e.g., housing security, public health/health care, mental health and wellness, etc.) and divest from traditional forms of policing.**

Here's a summary of our methodology and results:

- More than 10,000 people were engaged in the drafting of the People's Budget. This includes 1,470 Angelenos who took our survey, 3,300 participants who engaged in our participatory budgeting process in real time on May 24, 2020 (via Zoom and Facebook Live), and 10,000 viewers who have watched the session after-the-fact.
- The top priorities for investment include housing, mental health and wellness, and public health and healthcare.
- The top priorities for divestment include parking enforcement, police and policing, and the City Attorney's Office.
- The People's Budget allocates just 5.7% of general funds to law enforcement and policing - just about one-tenth of the 54% given to the LAPD in the Mayor's proposed budget.
- The People's Budget allocates the largest amount of money to Universal Aid and Crisis Management (44.25%), followed by Built Environment (25.80%), then Reimagined Community Safety (24.22%), and finally Law Enforcement and Police (5.72%).

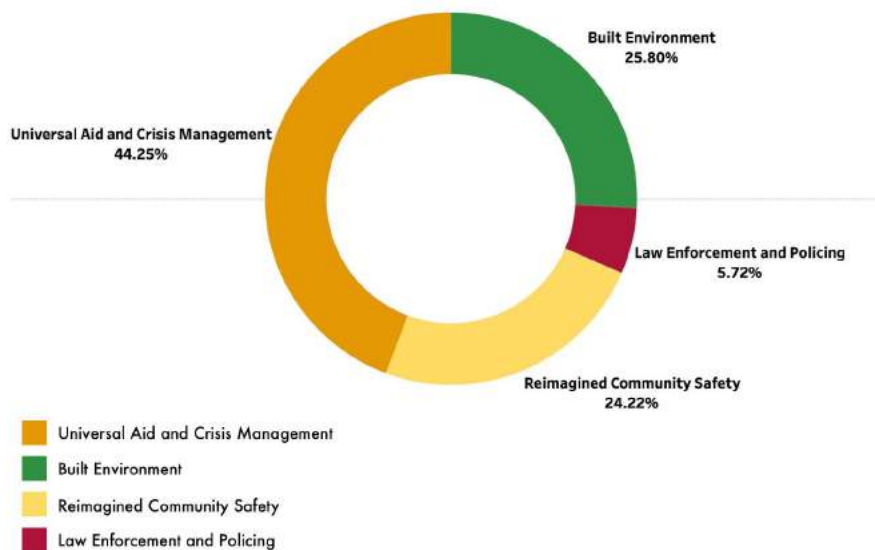
**We implore the Los Angeles City Council to take action and adopt a budget that aligns with the priorities of the people who they have been elected to represent.**



# THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET

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### The People's Budget Priorities



## SPENDING AREAS

### UNIVERSAL AID AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT

The Universal Aid and Crisis Management funding category supports the basic needs of Angelenos like housing, food, healthcare, economic assistance and emergency relief. Both survey participants and those participating in our participatory budgeting session emphasized universal aid and crisis management as their top priority, with a particular focus on housing.

This funding area includes funding for long-term housing, renter support and emergency housing, food assistance, support for those seeking work, support for small businesses, providing public health care, offering youth development programs and supporting youth centers, fighting the impacts of climate change and ensuring our city's environment is protected. This area also includes emergency preparedness for natural disasters like earthquakes and fire as well as the public health disasters.

## **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Built Environment funding category focuses on our city's physical infrastructure like public transportation, libraries, parks, public works and the fire department. Based on our survey results, these are essential public goods for Angelenos.

## **REIMAGINED COMMUNITY SAFETY**

Participants were also committed to reimagining community safety and building and resourcing restorative justice practices that enable strong communities without law enforcement presence or intervention. The Reimagined Community Safety funding category supports a community-led safety model including investing in mental health and harm reduction approaches. Rather than funding police that bring violence and harm into our communities, Reimagined Community Safety invests in communities themselves to determine what they need and to offer them support in executing those programs.

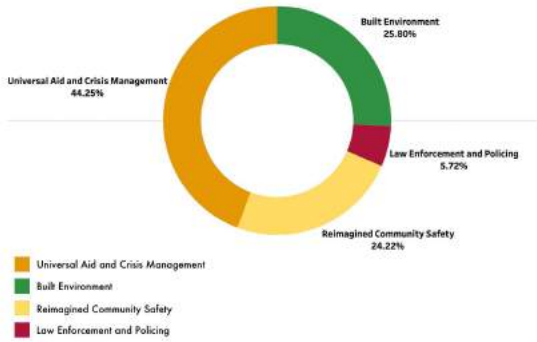
Specific initiatives that could be included in this category are family counseling, restorative justice programs, reparations to victims and their families, community-led crisis response programs, gang prevention/intervention/recovery without police involvement, and domestic violence prevention/intervention/recovery without police involvement. This category also includes building stronger connections among neighbors through investing in community-led events.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

The law enforcement category included all traditional approaches, including police, City Attorney, and traffic enforcement. Across all demographics of survey respondents, this was ranked as the lowest priority for spending.

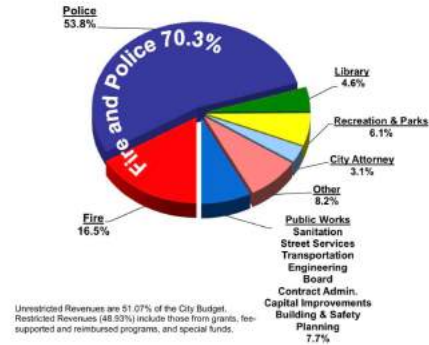
# COMPARISON WITH THE MAYOR'S BUDGET

## The People's Budget



## The Mayor's Budget

2020-21 PROPOSED BUDGET  
UNRESTRICTED REVENUES (\$5.4 Billion)



### The People's Budget Allocations

Universal Aid and Crisis Management	44.25%
Built Environment	25.80%
Reimagined Community Safety	24.22%
Law Enforcement and Policing	5.72%

### The Mayor's Budget Allocations

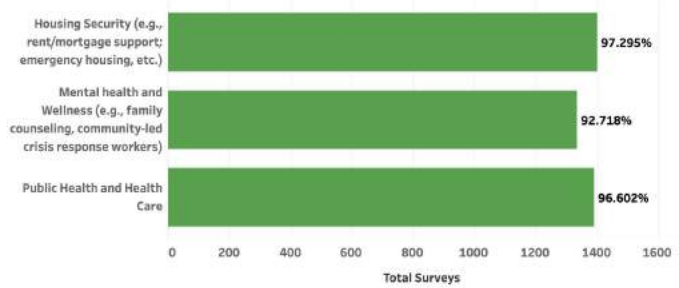
Police	53.8%
Fire	16.5%
Other	8.2%
Public Works	7.7%
Recreation & Parks	6.1%
Library	4.6%
City Attorney	3.1%

## TOP PRIORITIES FOR INVESTMENT

Top areas where People’s Budget survey respondents wanted to see **investment** are:

- **Housing Security**  
*Ensuring people have housing and can stay in housing*
- **Mental Health and Wellness**  
*Supporting mental health needs with counseling and community-led crisis response*
- **Public Health and Healthcare**  
*Offering public healthcare and ensuring everyone can stay healthy*

Top Priorities for Investment

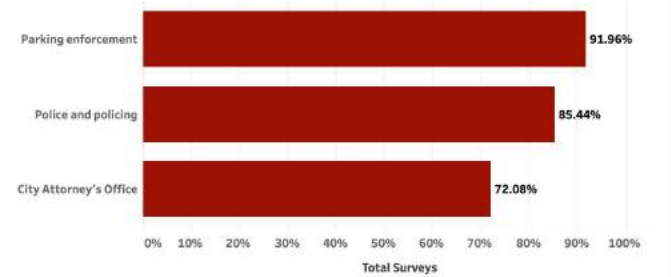


## TOP PRIORITIES FOR DIVESTMENT

Top areas where People’s Budget survey respondents wanted to see **divestment** are:

- **Parking Enforcement**
- **Police and Policing**
- **City Attorney’s Office**

Top Priorities for Divestment



## **PROCESS AND METHODOLOGY**

A survey was sent out by dozens of community organizations, with city-wide presence and representing neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles. The survey was also posted on more than 100 social media accounts and People’s Budget LA’s website. Responses were only accepted from residents of the City of Los Angeles who could identify their area of residence on an interactive map. Beyond the solicitation of survey responses, the coalition held a two-hour, online participatory budgeting session on Sunday, May 24, 2020 to share information about the city budgeting process and to gather public input. More than 10,000 people have viewed the session so far.

**1470 Angelenos responded to the survey and we are continuing to collect results  
3300 participants engaged in the participatory budgeting session in real time and an additional 10,000 viewers watched the session after-the-fact.**

Survey responses included constituents from all 15 council districts. The survey data is available for exploration in a Tableau dashboard (linked at [PeoplesBudgetLA.com](http://PeoplesBudgetLA.com))

## **ADOPT A PEOPLE’S BUDGET**

We believe that the government should be responsive to the needs, priorities, and demands of the people. There is clearly a wide chasm between the budget proposed by the Mayor (and directly or indirectly endorsed by the City Council) and the one envisioned by Los Angeles residents. The City Charter enables Council to pass or revise the Mayor’s budget proposal or submit a new budget for implementation. In a democracy, the Council should listen to the will of the people and pass a People’s Budget that centers the priorities that Angelenos have listed as central to them by June 1, 2020.

## **ABOUT THE PEOPLE’S BUDGET LA COALITION**

The People’s Budget LA is a coalition convened by Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles. The coalition includes community organizations, faith leaders, parents, teachers, students, nonprofit leaders, and individuals from across Los Angeles.

Organizations who have signed onto the People’s Budget LA initiative include:

Africa Town Coalition  
Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles  
Community Coalition  
Crenshaw Subway Coalition  
Dignity and Power NOW  
Ground Game LA

The Justice Collaborative  
Ktown for All  
LA Defensa  
LA Voice  
Labor/Community Strategy Center  
Los Angeles Community Action Network

People’s City Council  
Stop LAPD Spying  
Street Watch LA/DSA  
Students Deserve  
Sunrise Movement LA  
White People 4 Black Lives

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Evan Karl

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 12:30 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not approve the budget proposed by the mayor. Dedicating more than half of all money spent by the city to police shows a horrible sense of priorities. This is an opportunity to provide tangible proof you are hearing the message protesters are trying to send. If you pass the budget as proposed, you will be actively fanning the flames of anger in addition to promoting inequality

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kimberly Kohatsu

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 12:35 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a citizen, homeowner, and business owner in Council District 10. I am extremely upset by the priorities put forth in the proposed budget. I do NOT feel it such a large allocation toward law enforcement is necessary, especially given the cuts to everything else amid coronavirus. I implore you to prioritize education and services over the policing of citizens. Your constituents are not some enemy force that needs to be controlled. Instead, the budget should reflect that the city works for US. Please adopt something closer to the People's Budget. Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Melissa Meloro

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 12:43 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is a budget that provides too much funding for the LAPD and does not take into account the myriad of factors that truly keep our citizens safe - clean water, access to housing and health care, schools that are serviced by a good transportation system. It is not ok. This is not what I voted for. Billions of dollars to the LAPD does not keep us safe and this needs an immediate redirect. Please do not pass this budget.



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 12:57 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Based on recent events in LA, I believe it's time to reconsider how we fund public services in LA. I understand that a radical overhaul cannot happen overnight but the ideas of the People's Budget ([https://peoplesbudgetla.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/peoplesbudgetreport\\_may26.pdf](https://peoplesbudgetla.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/peoplesbudgetreport_may26.pdf)) should be further explored and considered for implementation as soon as it is feasible. Less money for the police themselves, and more money for the types of services that will help decrease the need for police in the first place.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shoshana Zimmerman

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:03 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The mayor's proposed budget dedicates over half of all unrestricted funding to police. It's a generally irresponsible way to allocate funds and it is undeniable that passing that budget today is dangerous, and will fan the flames of the current unrest. That money would be much better used to address the systemic inequality, racism and under-investment and underdevelopment in our local communities that results from that inequality and the racism that is our nation's undeniable legacy. We can do better and we must do better.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brennan Lester

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:05 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The police budget is far to high in the proposed budget and will only continue to hurt Los Angeles. The money needs to blatantly be diverted to areas that help homeless, prevent rising rents, and public works such as Metro expansion. Please reconsider the proposed budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jerry Garcia  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:06 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund and demilitarize LAPD. The current budget will not help rebuild the social contract that has been broken between authority and the people.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tom Uchimura

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:09 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** This budget is not in line with what the people of Los Angeles need. I implore you to reject Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget and make the following amendments that align with the People's Budget: 1) 44.25% to Universal Aid and Crisis Management 2) 25.8% to Built Environment 3) 24.44% to Reimagined Community Safety 4) 5.72% to Law Enforcement & Police

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amanda

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:09 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not approve the current budget proposal! We should not be funding the police and defunding the systems that citizens rely upon. We need education, housing, health resources, food, mental health resources, etc. before we need more cops in the street. THE POLICE ARE A BANDAID FOR A WOUND THAT WILL ONLY HEAL THROUGH SUPPORTING THE BASIC NEEDS OF ALL LA RESIDENTS. Start at the root of the problem instead of funding the bandaid. I'm ashamed of this budget proposal and I hope that you can understand why.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Megan Jhu

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:10 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose the budget and the additional monetary resources going to the police department. We ask the council to reject the budget as is, make amendments, and use the money towards education or other organizations/departments that would better use it than the already overmilitarized police force. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gregory Ronquillo  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:10 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Don't pass the Eric garcetti 3 billion dollars for cops budget. Pass the people's budget!!



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brennen Bryant  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:13 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Good afternoon, My name is Brennen Bryant, I am a USC alumnus and member of the African American community, and I reject the mayor's budget and instead support redirection of funds back into the community. We don't need more police! Call an emergency city council meeting and deny the mayor's budget in favor of services over policing and support the people's budget as a blueprint. I would like to see more funds go towards helping the people, children, and families of Los Angeles, in areas like health, education, housing, and resources for small businesses and the arts - especially given the pandemic. The time to act is now, we will be watching. Sincerely,

## Communication from Public

**Name:** savannah coker

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:14 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please deny Mayor Garcetti's budget which allocates 54% of funding to the police force at a time when police brutality is at a high, and trust between the police force and the communities within our city is low. I fully reject Mayor Garcetti's budget. I propose a redistribution of the budget to issues that continually plague our city like a widespread homeless and housing crisis, the extremely limited amount of greenspace for a city of our size, our large number of transition aged foster youth, and our poor healthcare infrastructure. These are just a few areas that come to mind when I think of ways my tax dollars could be better spent than on our already overly militarized police force. As city council members whose job it is to stay abreast of the issues that plague our city, I am confident you can think of even more productive and beneficial ways to allocate our budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tugce  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:19 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I would like my taxpayer dollars to go into: - Increasing quality of education in public schools - Free clinics and free women's health  
- Affordable housing

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dana B.

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:22 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The allocation in this budget for the LA Police Dept is obscenely high and should be reduced. As a resident of Los Angeles, I don't feel this grotesque allocation of funds represents my interests or promises improvement to the quality of life in our city. Please direct more funds to the Fire Department, because we know more wildfires are coming. Alternatively, there is only \$7 million allocated to accessible housing when we have an unbelievable homelessness crisis on our hands. To allocate \$3bn to the LAPD is a slap in the face and sends a strong message that it's not the people of Los Angeles you care about. Please do not approve this budget with its gross allocation of funds to the LAPD.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stefani Lindenberg

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:25 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a constituent of Los Angeles, I am asking you to reconsider the standard practice of awarding so much of our city's budget to our police force. Instead, please redistribute the wealth to better fund other areas of need, such as housing, social programs, homelessness, education, public health reform, small businesses, and our emergency preparedness! It's clear that our support in all of those areas is wildly inadequate and better funding to these types of areas will help Los Angeles and the community as a whole for the long term! It's hard being a citizen of this county as I watch the LAPD take advantage of the power they are given. Please take these thoughts into consideration as you make your decisions.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** O. Steinberg

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:32 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please call an emergency council meeting and reject the proposed budget for FY 2020-21. The city of LA does not need 53% of its funding to be directed to a police department with a long history of brutality against its Black citizens. In a global health crisis, resources MUST be directed to hospitals, unemployment, and other social services to serve the people of LA. Call an emergency council meeting IMMEDIATELY.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anna M

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 01:32 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose Garcetti's budget, specifically with the amount of funding going to the LAPD, ESPECIALLY after recent events.