

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephanie Ward  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 12:04 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:** Olivia Jaffe

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 09:58 PM

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**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 people are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, there were around 60k unhoused people; after evictions and economic insecurity due to COVID-19 and its fallout, we can expect thousands more. In this context, the Mayor is proposing an increase to LAPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. LAPD has seen a rise in overtime, which, more often than not, is paid out to officers harassing unhoused people, as well as Black + Indigenous people of color. After declining to vote on this 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 and the other Committee members to 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.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** J Baker

**Date Submitted:** 06/02/2020 10:44 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I live in Ventura County, to sit on the outside (and hear from people living within), I abhor the violence against PEACEFUL protestors, to generalize and broad strike them as criminals is a violation of the first amendment. I do not like seeing the looting and violence (from BOTH sides), but matching fear with oppressive violence does not assist with reassuring the populations reason for the protestors. I have never been more terrified of this type of vulgar display of power then i have seen currently in cities across this nation. In addition, witnessing Garcetti punish Los Angeles with REMOVING tests for covid (especially during a time where there is mass gatherings) seems like cruel and unusual punishment (that seems gravitated towards a section of the population that by this point have been most affected by the pandemic). The comments the Chief made yesterday, in combination with the lazy response by the Mayor were a true image of the cities gut punch response to ignore responsibility of their actions (a pattern of behavior for decades, id not a century). Mayor Garcettis' behavior is a clear violation of the publics interest (I will have to assume that the immediate response to Beverly Hills was a statement on its own). During the pandemic, Garcetti could not fathom shutting down the city to make sure they citizens remained healthy (profit/financial interests>constituents). This is a plea to punish the department by demilitarizing the dept, and taking those funds or items to prove that the city looks out for those that need it most. People will always look to their officials for guidance in times of need, but it seems as if in this political climate, they are expendable. this needs to change. Dont fall into the trap of using fear to control, historically, history never looks fondly upon those actions. Let Los Angeles be an example of change and showing that people matter most. Laws are in place for a reason (looting/destruction of property is clearly a crime), but peaceful protest will always remain a cornerstone of America democracy. Thank you for reading this, and may you tread the path of nonviolence and community.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shawn DePasquale

**Date Submitted:** 06/02/2020 10:47 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am appalled by LAPD violence! I saw peaceful protestors, ON TV, getting beaten and gassed by police. I saw them beat a young woman with their sticks because they didn't like that she was PEACEFULLY PROTESTING their abuse. The LAPD is OVER FUNDED. Their level of funding must be reduced.

<https://www.lamag.com/citythinkblog/peoples-budget-la-city-budget-lapd/>

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Allie Jean

**Date Submitted:** 06/02/2020 03:46 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** 3 billion dollars to the LAPD? Why, so they can restock those rubber bullets and tear gas canisters after using them all on peaceful protestors? Absolutely not. Reallocate money for community CARE, not COPS, or you are only seeing the BEGINNING of these protests. People who have never seen nor wrote into these meetings are just now WAKING UP. ADOPT A PEOPLE'S BUDGET. DEFUND THE POLICE.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/02/2020 04:01 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** PLEASE consider defunding the LAPD. The city needs a mental health task force and to make sure that all officers are educated in signs of a mental illness. We also need housing for the homeless. How is it really necessary to give the police department 70.3% of the budget with everything going on around the city right now? It's a joke. Please defund the Los Angeles Police Department.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christina McGoldrick

**Date Submitted:** 06/02/2020 08:23 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of district 11 which was hard hit by looting with a failed police response, I am urging the city council to reconsider the Mayors budget and move over-spending on the LAPD to other areas to provide the vital support we will need to move out of this pandemic and human rights crisis. Provide grants for small businesses hit by the pandemic and looting. Provide support for renters who are struggling to make rent due to lost jobs caused by curfews and stay at home orders (this benefits landlords too as they need to pay their mortgages). Create a community human rights committee with citizens from all races, economic levels and neighborhoods who can hear each other and shape policies that will benefit our community safety, mental health and emotional wellbeing. These times are scary and uncertain. We need leadership that is responsive to our needs - not a bloated police force budget that does not serve us in times of crisis. The portion of the police budget should be decreased and make room for civil unrest training and crisis mitigation so officers can learn to de-escalate situations rather than firing rubber bullets point blank at peaceful protestors.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Laurie Goldfarb  
**Date Submitted:** 06/02/2020 09:31 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers, The proposed LA City Budget that is up for review is a joke. We do not need the majority of the budget going to funding our police forces, unless you are focusing on retraining these officers, who have for the last three days been offensively attacking non-violent protestors around the city. We need to demilitarize our police force and teach them deescalation practices, rather than give them more tactical equipment and weapons. I have friends who were shot by rubber bullets indiscriminately while peacefully walking AWAY from police during the Fairfax protests this past weekend. This is not how our police force should behave and we should not give them the funds to continue to terrorize citizens. Instead, that budget should be focused on training, rebuilding and addressing the issues in our city, such as homelessness, assisting small local businesses, medical services and public transportation, and helping us recover from the pandemic. Thank you for your time. Best, Laurie Goldfarb



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ryan Malik  
**Date Submitted:** 06/02/2020 09:40 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** It is the duty of the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Eric Garcetti to defund the millions of dollars that is to go to the police department. In doing so these funds need to be redistributed to our communities, healthcare, education, homeless and small businesses to better support and help the citizens of this city.

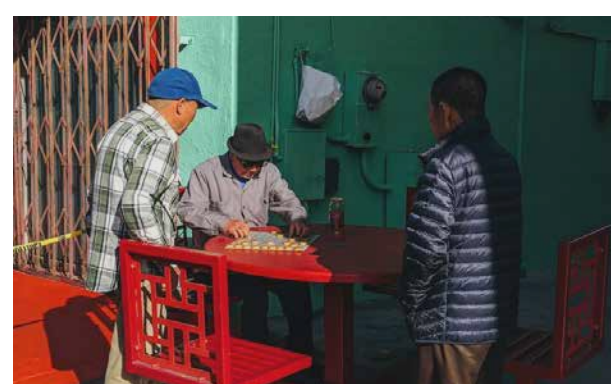
## Communication from Public

**Name:** Giancarlo Surla

**Date Submitted:** 06/02/2020 11:12 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Can we please revise our current budget to look more similar to the proposed People's Budget where we start making larger investments in universal needs versus policing? The details for The People's Budget can be found in this website: <https://t.co/3gn0Oi1nac> I've also attached the proposal to this public comment as a pdf. It's time for you as elected officials to have political courage and enact meaningful change to stem police violence beyond platitudes.



# The People's Budget

## Los Angeles 2020-2021

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[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:

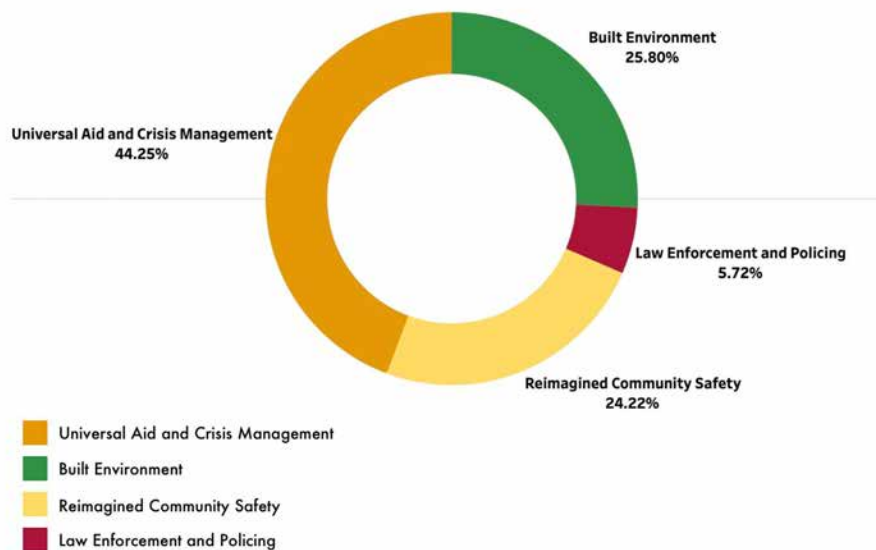
- More than 10,000 people were engaged in the drafting of the People's Budget. This includes 1,470 Angelenos who took our survey, 3,300 participants who engaged in our participatory budgeting process in real time on May 24, 2020 (via Zoom and Facebook Live), and 10,000 viewers who have watched the session 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.

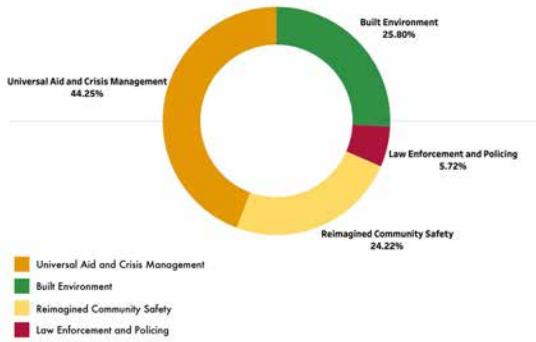
Specific initiatives that could be included in this category are family counseling, restorative justice programs, reparations to victims and their families, community-led crisis response programs, gang prevention/intervention/recovery without police involvement, and domestic violence prevention/intervention/recovery 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.

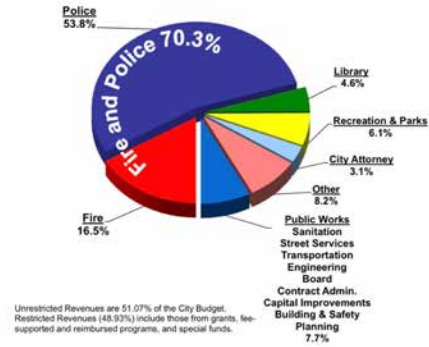
# COMPARISON WITH THE MAYOR'S BUDGET

## The People's Budget



## The Mayor's Budget

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



### The People's Budget Allocations

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### The Mayor's Budget Allocations

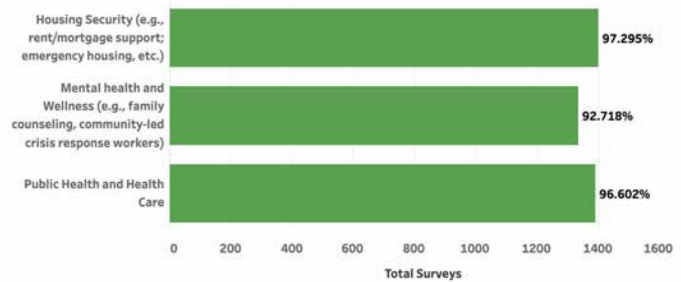
Police	53.8%
Fire	16.5%
Other	8.2%
Public Works	7.7%
Recreation & Parks	6.1%
Library	4.6%
City Attorney	3.1%

## 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

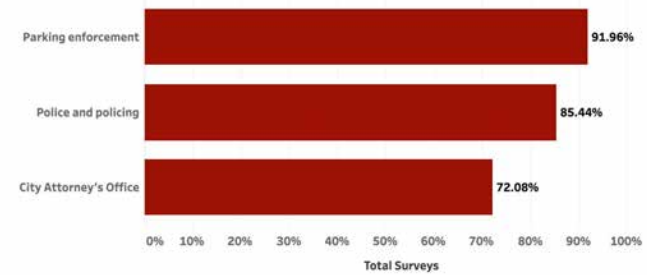


## TOP PRIORITIES FOR DIVESTMENT

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:** eun8  
**Date Submitted:** 06/02/2020 11:31 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** LAPD funding must be reduced, there are so many Angelenos suffering to give the most openly racist police staff \$3b is a betrayal to the city. Public opinion opposing this budget seems overwhelming why would you move forward with it? The police have been destructive to the communities on so many levels to give them such a large portion especially during a pandemic and we are being told there arent enough resources to keep everyone safe and finanically stable and with one of the largest homeless populations in the US and its growing, this seems senseless and cruel.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** April Evensen

**Date Submitted:** 06/02/2020 11:55 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Like the many Angelenos who have called in, tweeted, and marched in opposition, I am demanding the Mayor completely revise his 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. I demand Mayor Garcetti draft 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:** Suzie  
**Date Submitted:** 06/02/2020 11:58 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Reform bias based policing and eliminate unnecessary police funds

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stars  
**Date Submitted:** 06/02/2020 11:59 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** As the city of LA determines city budgeting in the month of June, they MUST reduce funding to the LAPD and prioritize other essential functions to the care of their citizens. 54% of city budgeting should not go to equip the police to antagonize and incite violence.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Adalena  
**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 12:13 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am appalled that, given the LAPD's track record with unnecessary force, brutality and barely-disguised racism, the council appears to intend to continue dispensing 54% of the annual budget to the LAPD. Even if you do not care about police terrorism and surveillance of black, Latinx, Asian, indigenous and/or impoverished communities (which you should), at least take note that police are ineffective at crime prevention and solving the violent crimes that they so often herald as their *raison d'être*. Community building is a tried-and-true preventer of most crimes. Defund the LAPD until they can do their job without killing unarmed people. Or planting evidence. Or attacking unarmed protesters and escalating already tense situations. Maybe just phase them out as the Baby Boomers retire via a hiring freeze.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elianne  
**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 12:13 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Elianne, I want you to know I fully REJECT the mayor's budget and instead support a redirection of funds back into the community. We don't need more police or their continued militarization. Call an emergency council meeting and rescind this budget plan you dared to pass sneakily after rescheduling the meeting you were originally supposed to have. I see you. LOS ANGELES SEES YOU. All of you voted yes. Shame on you. Knowing what is happening all over the country, and in our city and this is how you vote. How dare you say Black Lives Matter with your mouths passing this budget. I want 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 local businesses and the arts- especially in this time of the pandemic. Mayor you WILL and CAN veto according to charters 314 and 315: "The budget as adopted by the Council shall not be held for reconsideration but shall be promptly transmitted by the City Clerk to the Mayor upon whose approval and signature it shall become effective. If [he] fails to act upon the budget within five days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, after its adoption by the Council, it shall be signed by the City Clerk and shall thereupon become effective." We are watching. We are here and we are present and we are ANGRY. Black Lives Matter.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 09:08 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I have many questions, but there is one question on my mind for the longest time. Do you agree with Garcetti's proposed budget, specifically the allocation of funds to the police department. If so, why is there a need to fund the police department so much? Why is the city wide priority outcome not predominantly having a livable or well run city? I think we need to direct our priorities to those that focus on the people's needs, before we even consider thinking otherwise.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sonny

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 09:15 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Allocate the funds from the LAPD budget to go to our communities for healthcare, education, small businesses, parks and rec, and emergency funds.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Erin Mooney

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 09:41 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The LAPD must be defunded. That they are receiving \$3 billion to maim protesters and spray them with tear gas during a pandemic that debilitates the respiratory system is unconscionable. It is time to listen to the outcry of the Black community and end police brutality. They do not need military-grade weaponry and equipment. All the money unnecessarily spent on toys for these thugs is much better spent on supporting the 50% of unemployed Angelenos by canceling rent and purchasing PPE for medical workers. This is an obvious choice that serves the people of Los Angeles. Do your jobs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** William J. Simmons  
**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 09:57 AM  
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**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 10:01 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** This comment is a call to demilitarize and reduce the abusive powers of the LAPD. In no way should they be receiving the majority of the budget when Los Angeles is rife with racial inequality, homelessness, job inequality, a housing crisis and countless other problems that can be solved with those much needed funds. If we invest our tax dollars into programs that fund these important issues, there will be far less of a need to have a police force capable of committing heinous acts of violence against our communities. Instead of funding fear we need to give the community the love and caring that we all claim to have for each other in Los Angeles. For once lets walk the walk and follow through on the social changes that have been so emptily promised for generations. The future of this city is in your hands and I hope these recent events don't go without real change & impact for the people of this beautiful community I call home.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Soledad

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 10:03 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** When will we reform our police department? I strongly believe that it is long overdue. We do not need more funding for LAPD in our new budget, we need to address issues within it. The only way to repair the damage between the city and its constituents is by shining light on the flaws within our police department and its blatant impunity. We demand due process for officers that commit crimes such as manslaughter, assault and planting false evidence. Harsher vetting processes for employment within the department are needed and legal ramification for all those involved in corruption.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brett Andriesen  
**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 10:05 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is unacceptable to enact a budget which demands furloughs from city workers, slashes programs that help us combat crises, while providing increased funding only to the LAPD. If our city budget represents our priorities, goals and visions, it's unfathomable to me that more than half of our funds will be going toward policing, particularly within the context of a global pandemic and increased visibility into the lack of accountability the LAPD has shown in recent days. The LAPD has shown a repeated lack of restraint, a lack of public trust, and has inflicted brutality after brutality on innocent, unarmed, peaceful protesters across the nation, and all across the city. I am shocked and disgusted by what I see. The LAPD must be curtailed immediately, and giving them 54% of our city budget while reducing funding for nearly everything else across our city is plain wrong. I'm urging you to enact a budget that is more closely aligned with The People's Budget (<https://peoplesbudgetla.com/peoplesbudget/>) - which was developed through an inclusive process, engaging more than 10,000 Angelenos to prioritize critical areas to focus spending - housing, mental health and wellness, public health, and healthcare. Areas proposed for less funding include parking enforcement, police and policing, and the City Attorney's Office. Further, I am asking you to firmly call for Chief Moore to be removed from his position as police chief. I watched the LA Police commission meeting yesterday while hundreds of Angelenos called for his resignation. He has apologized for his words used during the mayor's press conference Monday, saying he mis-spoke, but his words could not be more clear: "His death is on their hands, as much as it those officers. And that is a strong statement, but I must say that this civil unrest that we're in the midst of, we must turn a corner from people who are involved in violence - people who are involved in praying upon others." Chief Moore knew the statement was a strong one - he said so as he spoke. Chief Moore is not just some staffer who misspoke to the press, but a highly paid police chief for the third largest municipal police department in the nation, and was speaking to the city during a time of crisis. In the midst of an ongoing global pandemic and extremely heightened tensions between LAPD and Angelenos, strong leadership is necessary. Chief Moore showed

during his speech today that he is not capable of doing his job effectively on behalf of our city, instead choosing unacceptable words that are inflammatory and hurtful to those already experiencing significant pain. He must resign or be terminated immediately. On top of his despicable words, he has been largely silent and ineffective at reigning in the LAPD force in their use of violence and unnecessary arrests of peaceful protesters. And finally, I'd ask that you all do everything in your power to see Jackie Lacey is removed from her role as District Attorney. While Jackie Lacey has been in office, she has firmly refused to prosecute a single LAPD officer for a shooting, despite 601 people being killed by law enforcement or dying in custody during DA Lacey's tenure. She has also stood in direct opposition to voter-led initiatives seeking to reverse the harms of mass incarceration, such as Proposition 47, Proposition 57, and Proposition 64. Furthermore, she has exacerbated the racial disparities in our capital punishment system by securing death sentences for 22 people, all of whom are people of color. Most recently, amid this global pandemic, a leaked memo from DA Lacey's office revealed her efforts to subvert the statewide zero-dollar bail order that was implemented to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in jails and in our community. Her focus on loopholes at the expense of decarceration puts our public health at risk. We cannot continue to have unfettered spending for and violence by police, and the killing of countless black and brown people on our hands. BLACK LIVES MATTER and our spending and staffing throughout the city need to reflect that.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amy

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 12:56 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please fight for the community. This year's budget must increase funds for education and housing, not the LAPD. I have friends who teach for the LAUSD. They need wifi hotspots for low-income students forced to learn from home. They've been told the money will come from \*their\* salaries. Rich schools whose students already have wifi at home keep their money. Poor schools who are already struggling are now struggling more. This budget must help them raise the next generation of city residents. It must help the homeless and broke renters on the verge of losing their housing and financial stability. Please re-prioritize the budget to pay for what we really need. Defund the LAPD who spent this weekend proving that if you give them more shiny toys and rubber bullets, they're going to use them against the people of this city. We're paying attention to your choices.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nicole Valdes Wallace

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 01:23 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I have read through many of the comments from the public (most of which are urging you to reduce funding for the LAPD and prioritize the People's Budget) and I find it disgraceful that the Mayor and the city council would blatantly disregard the people and follow through with the Mayor's proposed budget. As a lifelong LA resident, I find it deplorable that the Mayor has proposed to increase funding to LAPD (over 50% of the entire budget!) rather than prioritizing education, housing, health care, and the overall social welfare of LA citizens. We do not want a police state and I fear that these decisions will have long lasting ramifications on our communities, our youth, and the well being of our citizens. However, we are not going anywhere and we will not stop speaking up and fighting for what we know is right. My only hope is that you, the City Council, the ones elected to represent the people and help create a better city and better community for all our citizens will oppose the Mayor's proposed budget and do the right thing by supporting the People's Budget. These actions are not forgotten.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Holden Link  
**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 01:45 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The safest communities in Los Angeles aren't the ones with the most policing - they're the ones with the most money, the best air quality, the fewest evictions, and the best healthcare. I'm a small business owner in Westchester and I urge the council to reprioritize the city budget to address our housing crisis, invest in emergency preparedness and public health, protect jobs, and promote public transit and telecommuting to combat the climate crisis. I also ask the council to make LAPD funding conditional on the adoption of more restrictive use-of-force policies wherever possible. To be specific: Los Angeles should not be one of the few major cities that doesn't require officers to exhaust all other means and give warnings before shooting. I understand this budget is particularly difficult to plan for, but I hope the council will make bold changes on the path to recovery instead of rebuilding a system that was failing many Angelenos before the pandemic began.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Heidi Neunhoffer  
**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 01:55 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am not alone in saying that I oppose the Mayor's proposed budget, which includes the ridiculous allocation of 54% of funds to the police, and I am writing to DEMAND the Mayor completely revise it. I am appalled at the level of violence the Los Angeles Police Department has unleashed against peaceful, non-violent protesters these past few days through the use of tear gas, rubber bullets, and physical assault. I am appalled at the footage I have seen of these atrocities, as well as the footage of police officers arresting people who are peacefully walking or even driving home, doing absolutely NOTHING wrong. You say the police are meant to serve and protect. But WHO is this serving? WHO is this protecting? NOT the people! The police instead, are going out of their way to HARM the very people they are supposedly sworn to protect, and this cannot stand. There is something fundamentally WRONG with a police force which answers protests to police brutality with MORE police brutality. 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 without housing, 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 people who are disproportionately impacted by LAPD violence. The People do not WANT nor NEED more police. 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. Because of this, I DEMAND Mayor Garcetti draft a People's Budget that emphasizes Care not Cops, and DEFUNDS THE POLICE. Make no mistake, your failure to listen to your constituents does not mean 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:** Genevieve Willis

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 01:57 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a citizen born and raised in Los Angeles I am appalled by the recent actions and words from the LAPD. Not only that, but I am disgusted that, when almost all other groups are having their funding reduced, the LAPD's budget is being increased, as if they deserve a reward for their incompetence and disregard for Californian citizens' livelihoods and lives in general. I propose that the LAPD's budget be appropriately reduced and reallocated to schools and other such community services that serve to enrich the lives of Californians throughout the state, rather than the continued monitoring and brutalizing of it's citizens.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 02:25 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, Born and raised in Los Angeles, I am writing to respectfully request that our city's budget lean more towards the people's budget in an effort to balance and heal one of the most powerful cities in the world from racism and LAPD violence/mass incarceration. Moreover, LAPD has not shown up for our Black Community, and they need to be removed from their position of power as a unit. Please rightfully charge those responsible for murdering innocent citizens and abusing their position of power. Please, please help heal our city. We are watching intently (as you know), and we are hoping to see you personally do everything you can to help balance our budget towards the people that need it, not the LAPD. Thank you for your consideration, stay safe. Best, Gracie Gray

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sonia Kharkar

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 02:35 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Councilmembers, I'm contacting you today to urge you to completely revise the Mayor's budget and adopt a final budget that effectively meets Angelenos' needs and empowers our community instead of empowering the forces that are tearing us apart, i.e. the LAPD. Especially in the midst of a global health crisis, we need to support our black, brown, LGBTQIA, low-income, institutionalized, unhoused communities by shifting resources towards healthcare and mental health support, education, housing, access to healthy food, financial support, free and accessible public transit, and climate justice. These vulnerable communities are at the greatest risk of being exposed to and dying from COVID-19 and are also disproportionately impacted by police violence. We need a budget that prioritizes the true needs of Angelenos: care, not cops. I urge you to listen to your constituents and defund the police. The world is watching, and we're looking to you for leadership within our community. We will continue to make our voices known. Thank you for your time.  
Sonia Kharkar

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Marissa Ritchen

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 07:28 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We all are cuts coming based on the current economic downtown and I urge the city council to consider, in light of the violent and oppressive tactics of the LAPD, that they come directly from the police department and are redirected to keep real services including housing and education, funded to their full levels. This correct budget does NOT reflect the needs of the city and is a declaration of deeply backwards priorities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Leora M.

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 07:32 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am demanding that LA defund police and implement the budget proposed by People's Budget LA (<https://peoplesbudgetla.com/>). The police do not keep communities safe. Police tear communities apart. The police do not have our trust. Divesting from the police and redirecting funds to different services will allow community needs to be addressed without the violence that policing brings. We want increased affordable and permanent housing, more medical and mental health services - including funds for these social workers with these skills to respond to emergency calls, rent suspension and cancellation for all those who are currently unemployed, increased funding for public schools and trauma-informed services in these schools, and so much more. The police are no longer, and never have been, the answer.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Milla Bell-Hart  
**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 07:42 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please defund the LAPD and instead invest in our communities: healthcare over batons, education over SWAT, support for our unhoused communities over riot gear. Consider the People's Budget. Thank you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Leo Levy

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 07:55 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Put lapd violence and lack of accountability on the agenda! Instead of increasing police funding by roughly \$100 million each year, use that money to set up a task force to investigate police brutality and come up with a lasting solution. We can't keep blaming each incident on one bad apple or an internal "police culture" issue. We have to accept that the problems are systematic and that those at the top are directly responsible for not acting. They need to be held accountable as well as those police who act criminally. We need a systematic response to a systematic problem. The judicial system for example is tacitly responsible for allowing the LAPD to protect its officers from the law. How can we investigate these issues and create systems to make sure that no more police get a slap on the wrist when they should be in jail, or are allowed to keep working despite multiple complaints of violence. Use the increase in spending to do community outreach. If the role of the police is to keep us safe and to address problems in our communities, find productive ways to ask our communities what their problems are and how police can help. I genuinely believe that our police officers would appreciate having the chance to help Los Angeles, not hurt it. Law and order is not something that can just be "enforced". That just means disadvantaged communities will continue to get hit hard with more violence. Law and order must be built. Create a structure that can support lasting peace.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Evonne

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 08:45 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I hope you will rewrite the city's budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 to better serve the people of LA and be less tone deaf to the current state of matters. There should be no reason why LAPD is receiving additional funding while cuts are being made to essential services such as the Public Works and Transportation departments. Rather than more policing, your biggest priority should be to ensure the health and safety of LA residents and have your allocation of funds reflect that. How is it that the city is so quick to equip all police officers with riot gear, while healthcare workers were short on necessary PPE at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nadia

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 08:55 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am shocked by the use of violent tactics the LAPD against the peaceful protestors. Defund the police and put the money back towards the community. I've been listening to Eric Garcetti preach constantly about LA love, but recently, the dissonance has been deafening.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** REINA

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 10:52 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I reject the mayor's proposed budget and instead support a redirection of funds back into the community. We don't need more police. 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 such as HEALTH, EDUCATION, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, and RESOURCES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES and the ARTS. Time to act is now. You're the one's that can make the right change.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Abigail Bokun  
**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 10:54 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We are in the midst of a health pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed — and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of this city is renters — and if 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. We need to defund the LAPD. We need to #DefundThePolice. We need a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time; and we need a budget that supports communities and supports their wellbeing, not which empowers the force(s) that tear them apart. Revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 and fund #CareNotCops.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sara Ray

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 10:54 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Call an emergency meeting to rescind the mayor's budget and adopt the Peoples City Council budget to redistribute money from the murderous racist corrupt gang that is the LAPD and give people health care and education instead. Put resources into the community to make it safer instead of giving the police more money every time they murder and steal from the homeless and citizens of color. THANKS

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Marta Evry

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 10:34 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Out of a \$5B budget, you're proposing to spend \$1.8 billion on police. That's more than fire protection, street and lighting services, building and safety, economic and workforce development, emergency management, housing and community investment, transportation and sanitation COMBINED. The city spends a measly \$417 thousand on a Civil and Human Rights Commission meant to hold police accountable. This budget reflects a 10% across the board cuts for all city and employee services EXCEPT policing. That's cuts to youth services, job creation initiatives, homeless services, drug prevention services, foster care - all the things that are proven to bring crime down. It's like refusing to spend money on a COVID19 vaccine because you'd rather spend more on a state-of-the art bulldozer to bury the dead. Defund the Police.



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 10:38 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** SHAME ON ALL OF YOU FOR VOTING YES ON THE MAYOR'S BUDGET. DEFUND POLICE NOW!!!!!! I write to you as angry, disgusted, and concerned health professional. I vocally object to the proposed budget by Mayor Eric Garcetti that increases spending on the Los Angeles Police Department while making cuts to nearly every other department. As one of the health professionals that care for this city and who are constituents, I know what our communities need to stay safe and healthy. We need investments in healthcare, housing, education, transit, and jobs. We do not need more money for the police. It is unfathomable that in the midst of this COVID-19 crisis and renewed protest against police brutality, our elected officials would consider this budget as an option for the city of Los Angeles. The proposed budget cuts essential social services that Angelenos need, while implementing tens of thousands of furloughs on city workers. More than 50% of Angelenos are unemployed with the onset of COVID-19. The proposed budget will further exacerbate the economic instability the people of Los Angeles face. Instead of investing in taking care of our population, Mayor Garcetti wants to put more dollars behind policing. Our city is currently mourning the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery as part of a long history of racist violence, often perpetrated by the police, against Black people. We decry the violence of the LAPD. Over 600 people have been killed by or died in the custody of law enforcement in Los Angeles County since 2012. Black people are disproportionately stopped and frisked by the LAPD. Black and Latinx people have been falsely added to LAPD gang databases. Unhoused people are subjected to use of force and criminalized for poverty and mental health struggles. As health providers, we bear witness to the accumulated mental and physical harm of this violence and racism and refuse to accept additional investment in the police. Studies from all over the nation show that more police does not reduce crime or improve public safety. Why then is the city proposing tens of millions of dollars of additional overtime pay for LAPD officers? You are ignoring the needs of our communities and instead funding a militarized police force that is known in Los Angeles for its abuse and disregard for Black life, safety, and wellness. We need a budget that prioritizes our most

vulnerable communities. Namely, we are in dire need of larger safety-net programs to meet the current healthcare, food, and housing insecurities in LA that we see our patients struggling with everyday. While homelessness continues to grow in this city, this pandemic further highlights the urgency for our unhoused residents to have safe spaces and for low-income families to be able to afford to stay in their homes. Thus, we are appalled that the proposed budget increases investment in tackling homelessness by less than 1% and decreases spending on housing by 9.4%. The COVID-19 crisis offers an opportunity to rebuild a healthier Los Angeles community that invests in social services and public health. However, the current budget puts power and resources into the hands of the already highly funded and militarized LAPD, while leaving residents of Los Angeles without community resources, housing, or jobs. The current budget undermines the work and sacrifice of healthcare workers across this city who have been working throughout this pandemic, while simultaneously ignoring the call to action by Los Angeles residents to defund the police. For all of these reasons, we urge you to reject the current budget proposal that allocates 54% of general funds to the LAPD and advance the People's Budget instead.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Angela and Joe

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 10:30 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We rejects the mayor's proposed budget for FY 20-21 specifically for LAPD. We support a redirection of funds back in to the community for programs that will provide better aid for those facing homelessness for veterans and others, mental health issues, public healthcare programs. Overall, we would like to see funds helping people of Los Angeles County including small businesses resources, educational programs, housing, and healthcare especially during this "pandemic."

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Laura Adery

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 10:20 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** To the LA City Council: It is abundantly clear that the Mayor's budget does not serve the people of the community, and the voices of your constituents have been loud and explicit: we want the People's budget, we want the police defunded and the majority of resources from our tax dollars to go towards community programs designed to uplift marginalized folks. This makes plain sense. If you ignore this call from your community, we are watching and will vote accordingly. Respectfully, Dr. Laura Adery

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 10:21 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund LAPD

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Thompson

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 10:21 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** This comment is in regard to the City Council meeting on 6/3/2020 Adopt the People's Budget. Direct funding away from police and towards the organizations that are actually working to address the root of the problem of racism. While we cannot undo centuries of white supremacy, we can begin the work now of untangling its legacy. Fund social workers, community organizations, schools, libraries. Understand that racism is a public health issue and take it as seriously as you take the protests against it. I originally wanted to write to "take it [racism] as seriously as you take the pandemic," but realized even that does not seem as important as putting down protests. If you don't like the destruction of property, maybe do something meaningful to prevent it. Like prosecuting murderers, even when they are police officers.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 10:21 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The level of funding appropriated in the LA budget for the LAPD is egregious and could and should be better served by allocating a significant amount of those resources to supporting other organizations in the community that are more beneficial to the public good. The LAPD over relies on violence and intimidation in their policing and have been disproportionately targeting people of color for decades. Especially in light of the events of the past week, it is urgent to take into account how effective the police force is in actually serving the community. There is little public trust, officers are instigating violence at peaceful protests, and are part of an institution that is more concerned with the protection of public property and the propping up of the existing power structure than in serving the people. We should allocate more funds to services that support the community, e.g. mental health services, housing protection, investing in public works, instead of cutting virtually every other department in order to increase the budget for a police department that has systematically and disproportionately relied on violence in order to maintain the status quo.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Charlie Phoenix  
**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 10:25 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The current budget proposal for the fiscal year 2020-2021 is grossly misallocated. The current monies proposed for the LAPD are outrageous in comparison to public works and community works programs. Please redistribute the budget. We are already in a police state with overtly militarized police officers who actively profile, pursue, attack and kill people of color in our city. Black lives matter. Communities of color matter. The Los Angeles Police Department is long overdue for defunding. Please rethink your priorities and take into consideration the needs of the PEOPLE in Los Angeles, not the WANTS of your paychecks, political affiliations or agreements made behind closed doors that are not in OUR best interest. Again, BLACK LIVES MATTER and more funding to an obviously corrupt, racist, violent police force is not the answer. Redistribute the budget and give money to the community, not those who actively rip the community apart.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alex Fumero

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 10:07 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of LA, home owner and small business owner, I do not want 54% of the budget going to LAPD. In order to accommodate response times, LAPD should refocus its policing efforts, not expand them.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Leanne Royo

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 10:14 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Due to the recent events regarding the unlawful death of George Floyd at the hands of police officers, I strongly urge the council to consider reducing the budget of the LAPD.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jordan Pollak

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hey Mr. Mayor!! Just happened to notice you added around \$120M to LAPD funds! Please, for the love of this country, reconsider that action. I believe those funds (x10 actually, but we can start with \$120M) should be put into housing complexes, SCHOOLS, hospitals, roads, etc of BLACK COMMUNITIES. Systemic racism has been rampant since the founding of this country and its time for our leaders to recognize, listen, and take action. #defundthepolice #blacklivesmatter

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Manheim  
**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 12:08 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly urge Mayor Garcetti and the City Council to re-assess the cuts to the budget and include comparable cuts to the police department. While I appreciate cutting funds in any budget is a challenging process, but to not put some of the onus on the Police Department to help contribute to budget shortfalls. Especially given the challenges the PD has had in community policing and relations. Public safety is important, but we all need to do more with less and the PD should share equally in that burden, no different than the Fire Department, Parks and Recs and others being asked to take cuts.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of Los Angeles County and I am emailing to demand the restructuring of the Los Angeles city budget, so as to prioritize more social services for communities, and to drastically minimize spending on Police. I demand of the mayor, controller, and all city council members to prove their love and dedication to the people of their city and reallocate funds to directly benefit those in need. It is absolutely absurd that at \$1,857,330,549, the police budget is larger than the allocations to the fire department, Office of Emergency Management, Department of Transportation, Bureau of Street Services, and the Housing and Community Investment Agency combined. Defunding the police and restructuring the budget is an absolute necessity now more than ever. There are 58,936 DOCUMENTED houseless people in Los Angeles. There are healthcare workers without proper equipment. More than 30% of Los Angeles County residents have filed for unemployment. While LAPD has more funding than it knows what to do with, there are communities who desperately need funding and every day they don't receive it their quality of life worsens. Thousands have died who did not need to. You have the ability to change this, so do it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Luna Lectez

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 01:12 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I hope you will rewrite the city's budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021 to better serve the people of Los Angeles in light of these current state of matters. Please take into consideration the people's budget and refer to this link: <https://peoplesbudgetla.com/peoplesbudget/> . There should be no reason why LAPD is receiving additional funding when other departments in place for the greater good of the people are suffering from the lack of funding. Your priority should be the health and safety of your citizens, and the current budget approved doesn't reflect that. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Clara Yang

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 01:12 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am demanding that LA defund police and implement the budget proposed by People's Budget LA (<https://peoplesbudgetla.com/>). We have seen again and again that policing is not the solution to our city's problems. The police force cannot be trusted to keep people safe. They do not protect all members of our community. In fact they target and brutalize black and brown people instead of providing protection. Attempts to reform have not been successful and the answer now is to defund and divest. Divesting from the police and redirecting funds to different services such as housing, education, and restorative justice initiatives is what we need. The police are no longer, and never have been, the answer. Defund now.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dianna Tate

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 01:41 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not cut vital services to increase the LAPD's budget. Do NOT cut to youth services, job creation initiatives, homeless services, drug prevention services, foster care - all the things that are proven to bring crime down. 41% OF THE BUDGET GOES TO PAY A POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT IS DOING A SUBPAR JOB OF PROTECTING AND WORKING FOR US.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** cherry

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 01:41 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I hope you will rewrite the city's budget for LAPD for fiscal year 2020-2021 to better serve the people of LA. There is no reason why LAPD needs additional funding while cuts are being made to essential services such as public works and transportation departments.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gina

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 01:34 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing as a constituent of the 10th district, represented by Herb Wesson. Please, support the People's Budget for Los Angeles at the next budget meeting on June 8. In particular, please take steps to defund our aggressive and militarized police force. What they are 'protecting and serving' right now is fear and institutional racism.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 02:11 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The Los Angeles City Council declined to vote to approve Mayor Eric Garcetti's draconian budget at its meeting on Thursday, May 21. This budget featured furloughs and cuts to nearly all city departments with one notable exception: the LAPD. The Mayor's budget included a market increase to police overtime, and the department was set to receive \$3.15 billion, or 54% of general funds. THE PEOPLE AGREE THE LAPD DOES NOT NEED THIS MONEY. We need housing. We need healthcare. We need healthy food. We need good jobs. We need educational enrichment. We need small business resources. We need mental healthcare. We need free public transit. We do not need more police. DEFUND THE POLICE CARE NOT COPS

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Steve Stoker

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing as a constituent of the 5th District. While I am disappointed in the recent comments of Councilmember Paul Koretz, I implore him to adopt the People's Budget. The LAPD has shown its irresponsibility with the funds the people give them, and it's time to repair the damages. The People's Budget would go a long way to repair our city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** K. Williams

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 10:42 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Adopt a People's Budget As a member of the public you claim to serve I am writing to you to request that you to support the People's Budget and greatly defund the police as soon as possible. We don't need more police, and more violence, what we need are medical supplies to get us through this pandemic and preparations for another if it should ever happen again. Instead of wasting the tax payer's money on rubber bullets, riot gear, and tear gas to terrorize the citizenry, put that money to good use and support our medical personal and those who have been negatively impacted by this plague. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** C Schott

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 11:53 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I hope you consider altering the LAPD proposed budget for 2020-2021 to better fit the needs of the people of Los Angeles. Transportation is a huge issue in our city and giving it more funds is crucial! Considering we are still in a pandemic and keeping our public transportation clean is so important to me and countless others who take trains and buses to work everyday.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Benjamin Farrington  
**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 11:53 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is unacceptable to enact a budget which demands furloughs from city workers, slashes programs that help us combat crises, while providing increased funding only to the LAPD. If our city budget represents our priorities, goals and visions, it's unfathomable to me that more than half of our funds will be going toward policing, particularly within the context of a global pandemic and increased visibility into the lack of accountability the LAPD has shown in recent days. The LAPD has shown a repeated lack of restraint, a lack of public trust, and has inflicted brutality after brutality on innocent, unarmed, peaceful protesters across the nation, and all across the city. I am shocked and disgusted by what I see. The LAPD must be curtailed immediately, and giving them 54% of our city budget while reducing funding for nearly everything else across our city is plain wrong. I'm urging you to enact a budget that is more closely aligned with The People's Budget (<https://peoplesbudgetla.com/peoplesbudget/>) - which was developed through an inclusive process, engaging more than 10,000 Angelenos to prioritize critical areas to focus spending - housing, mental health and wellness, public health, and healthcare. Areas proposed for less funding include parking enforcement, police and policing, and the City Attorney's Office. Further, I am asking you to firmly call for Chief Moore to be removed from his position as police chief. I watched the LA Police commission meeting yesterday while hundreds of Angelenos called for his resignation. He has apologized for his words used during the mayor's press conference Monday, saying he mis-spoke, but his words could not be more clear: "His death is on their hands, as much as it those officers. And that is a strong statement, but I must say that this civil unrest that we're in the midst of, we must turn a corner from people who are involved in violence - people who are involved in praying upon others." Chief Moore knew the statement was a strong one - he said so as he spoke. Chief Moore is not just some staffer who misspoke to the press, but a highly paid police chief for the third largest municipal police department in the nation, and was speaking to the city during a time of crisis. In the midst of an ongoing global pandemic and extremely heightened tensions between LAPD and Angelenos, strong leadership is necessary. Chief Moore showed

during his speech today that he is not capable of doing his job effectively on behalf of our city, instead choosing unacceptable words that are inflammatory and hurtful to those already experiencing significant pain. He must resign or be terminated immediately. On top of his despicable words, he has been largely silent and ineffective at reigning in the LAPD force in their use of violence and unnecessary arrests of peaceful protesters. And finally, I'd ask that you all do everything in your power to see Jackie Lacey is removed from her role as District Attorney. While Jackie Lacey has been in office, she has firmly refused to prosecute a single LAPD officer for a shooting, despite 601 people being killed by law enforcement or dying in custody during DA Lacey's tenure. She has also stood in direct opposition to voter-led initiatives seeking to reverse the harms of mass incarceration, such as Proposition 47, Proposition 57, and Proposition 64. Furthermore, she has exacerbated the racial disparities in our capital punishment system by securing death sentences for 22 people, all of whom are people of color. Most recently, amid this global pandemic, a leaked memo from DA Lacey's office revealed her efforts to subvert the statewide zero-dollar bail order that was implemented to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in jails and in our community. Her focus on loopholes at the expense of decarceration puts our public health at risk. We cannot continue to have unfettered spending for and violence by police, and the killing of countless black and brown people on our hands. BLACK LIVES MATTER and our spending and staffing throughout the city need to reflect that.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mary-Kate Glenn  
**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 12:46 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Is it not so that LA has the highest homeless population in the country? These are human people. Your citizens. That you have FAILED. A city that allows it's citizens to suffer and die on the streets while the LAPD is getting \$3billion is an unarguable FAILURE and a DISGUST. We MUST reallocate the BULK of funding from LAPD into Housing & Community Investment, Transportation, and Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, and Parks&Recreational. INVEST IN YOUR PEOPLE. YOUR CONSTITUENTS. YOUR COMMUNITY. YOUR NEIGHBORS. INVEST IN THEIR SUCCESS. You cannot slack funding to major human resources ESPECIALLY in exchange for bulking their case for arrest. You're setting this city up for FAILURE and it SHOWS. I do not know how to explain to you that you should care about other people. Chief Moore you need to resign immediately. Garcetti I'd like to see you resign as well. We need #CareNotCops I don't know how to spell it out any plainer than that for you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Courtney Wolff  
**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 12:46 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** As a lifetime citizen of Los Angeles, i demand that all leaders in Los Angeles do their jobs to deeply audit the budget of the police department and not expand it. Perhaps expansion of appropriation to our LAPD be granted when the department meets measurable goals and standards in line with conduct and human rights.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jessica Mirmak

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 12:48 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a constituent of Gil Cedillo, residing in CD1. The current budget proposal is a failure to the people of Los Angeles. Adopt the People's Budget of LA, DEFUND POLICE and invest money in universal needs like quality housing for all, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health and mental health support. All these items should be a priority over funding the police department as they impact the quality of life for all residents of Los Angeles.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Keely

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 12:21 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm an LA resident living in Palms, LA and I'd like the City Council to reconsider Mayor Garcetti's proposal that would allocate more money to the Los Angeles Police Department. Our city is in mourning and there are a number of pressing topics that need our attention and our tax dollars, like homelessness, public education, and funds that will help residents and small businesses directly being impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic recover from the crisis. We should be de-funding the LAPD and creating a budget that more evenly distributes tax dollars to the community. In addition, the money that does go to the LAPD shouldn't be used for riot gear equipment, like batons and tear gas, that ends up being used against peaceful protesters. Instead we should be funding de-escalation training and other programs that will help stop police brutality and make the community a safer place for all. Our city is hurting so please use your authority to create meaningful change and do your part to be on the right side of history.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cameron Rath

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 12:26 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am commenting to express my deep concern with the current city budget that give 58% to police while essential services have been slashed. I encourage Mayor Garcetti and city council to adopt the People's Budget and look towards a future Los Angeles that uplifts and empowers communities that have been historically marginalized. <https://peoplesbudgetla.com/>

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 12:40 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I demand the firing of LAPD chief Michael Moore - no pension or bonuses - for his gross comments AND the defunding of the police department for their general disregard of human life, particularly those who are black. This behavior does not deserve OVER HALF of our city's funding.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Byrne

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 12:40 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I hope it's not too late, but I urge you to consider alternatives to the police force. Other cities are considering this, and it very well could lead to a more peaceful, prosperous city. If not, it is vital that the police are defunded to a significant degree or there will never be peace in LA.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ashley

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 11:34 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of Los Angeles and am writing to ask council members to commit to what they said about making adjustments to Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget. Listen to your constituents! Reallocate the budget to community services - we need funding to go to many things including mental health services, social services, housing, environment, education and more. We have spent millions and billions of dollars on the LAPD and have had the same issues for decades. Spend the money on actually improving Los Angeles rather than policing your residents especially Black and Brown people. I also support LA's street vendors being able to operate!



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christopher Thomas  
**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 11:35 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Like the many Angelenos who have called in, tweeted, and marched in opposition, I am demanding the Mayor completely revise his 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 people who are disproportionately impacted by LAPD violence. The People have spoken. And they have marched. And the police have proven just how problematic and supremacist they are. On Tuesday, Commander Cory Palka flashed a white power signal after a TV interview. White supremacists are in positions of leadership on the police force because policing is white supremacist. Citizens of Los Angeles have demonstrated that 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. I demand Mayor Garcetti draft 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:** Amparo

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 11:20 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am deeply disturbed at how much of the budget is going toward the police. The LAPD have shown us that they are not interested in protecting the public. We cannot give them the funds to continue to terrorize the community. I ask that you defund the police. We need housing, healthcare (including mental health services), healthy food, community service departments to replace LAPD, quality transportation. I am disappointed that you passed this budget meanwhile at the Police Commission Meeting more than 180 people called to express their distrust, disgust, disappointment with the LAPD. They were asking for Moore to resign without accepting payment and asking for the police to be defunded and meanwhile you were passing the budget and giving them more money. I am so disappointed with all of you and how this was handled. You have the power to make this right. Please, look at the People's Budget LA, listen to your constituents, we are asking that you defund the police and invest in our communities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alexandra Mitchell

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 11:28 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The city's budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021 needs to be rewritten to better serve the people of LA and decrease funds to the Los Angeles Police Department. With the way the LAPD is responding to the Black Lives Matter protests is outlandish, dangerous, and violent. Instead of giving the LAPD additional funding, please redistribute that budgeted money to help support universal aid, crisis management, a built environment, and reimagined community safety. Rather than more violence, weaponry, and policing, we need more financial support that ensures the health and safety of LA residents.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eric Santiestevan

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 10:57 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing as a constituent of the 7th District, represented by Monica Rodriguez, whom I have had the pleasure to meet on several occasions. Monica is doing an amazing job. Monica, I implore you to get behind the People's Budget for Los Angeles at the next budget meeting, 6/8. Advocate often and loudly. We see what you are doing to improve infrastructure in the Northeast San Fernando Valley, and it is wonderful. We need fundamental structural change in our social services, however, and defunding of an aggressive and militarized police force, with a racist history that spans decades. The People's Budget addresses this in a comprehensive fashion. Until we take steps to control our police, they will continue to be the most dangerous arm of institutional racism. Thank You, Eric Santiestevan Tujunga, CA

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amanda Schulz

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 11:13 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Revise the Mayor's budget for LA NOW. 54% allocation for LAPD is UNACCEPTABLE. We the people demand amendments to the Mayor's budget DEFUNDING THE LAPD and reallocating the funds to do good in our community including: more services for unhoused Angelenos, including housing in the thousands of empty hotel rooms throughout the city; more mental health services; rent suspension and cancellation 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. We further demand that you as a council make an oath now against increase in law enforcement budgets going forward.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ellie

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 05:57 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The ratio of funding that LAPD will be receiving compared to the funding that Public Works and Transportation will be receiving is unacceptable. There should not be cuts being made to essential services when LAPD is already clearly more than adequately funded. The city should make the health and safety of its citizens its top priority. The allocated funds should reflect the priorities of the city, especially given the hostile situations being instigated by the LAPD at this time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mary Lou Guzman

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 06:04 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to call for you to decrease the budget for the LAPD significantly and to reallocate those funds elsewhere. You can make better use of those funds especially in a pandemic. We need to look into having more resources available for the homeless population. First and foremost, I hope you act on this immediately. - Mary Lou Guzman

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Justin Mitchell

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 05:31 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We do not need our local police to be funded, and then act, like they are a military outfit heading into war (which they did a bang-up job of demonstrating this past week on their own citizens.) Let's work towards a world where proper funding goes to schools, homelessness, transportation, and job creation to help eliminate crime; consequently creating less of a need for such a robust police force. Los Angeles is better than this. We demand that our leaders take heed or we WILL vote you out.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Diego Garcia

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 05:18 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Like the many Angelenos who have called in, tweeted, and marched in opposition, I am demanding the Mayor completely revise his 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 folk who are disproportionately impacted by LAPD violence. The people have spoken. And they have marched. And the police have proven just how problematic and supremacist they are. On Tuesday, Commander Cory Palka flashed a white power signal after a TV interview. White supremacists are in positions of leadership on the police force because policing is white supremacist. Folx have demonstrated that 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. I demand Mayor Garcetti draft 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:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 03:24 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The 1.8 billion dollar price tag for the LAPD is insane. Why does the fucking police department have to be so over-funded when we have so many other issues to take care of in this city? The police have all the resources they need based on the aggression and force displayed against protesters the past 5 days People are fed up with business as usual and if the mayor's bullshit budget passes and 1.8 billion is given to the LAPD I hope the protests and demonstrations continue until every city council member resigns

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Katherine Gafney

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 03:31 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I hope you will rewrite the city's budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 to better serve the people of LA and be less tone deaf to current state of matters. There should be no reason why LAPD is receiving additional funding while cuts are being made to essential services such as the Public Works and Transportation departments. Rather than more policing, your biggest priority should be to ensure the health and safety of LA residents and have your allocation of funds reflect that.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Celina Bernstein

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello there, I am a resident of Los Angeles, in the 28th Congressional District. I understand that approximately 53.8% of my taxpayer funds are to be directed towards police this coming year. As an LA resident, constituent, and voter, I'd like to express my discontent with the current budget and its over-spending on police. I do not understand how allocating over half of the city budget to LAPD addresses rebuilding jobs after covid-19, homelessness, health care access and benefits, and climate change. I request that the budget team hold an emergency meeting to reevaluate this budget and allocate more funds into social services instead of armed forces. I would like 100% of my taxpayer dollars to go into: 1. Increasing the quality of education in public schools with low ratings 2. Free clinics and free women's health services in underprivileged neighborhoods 3. Affordable housing, mental health care and career education to address the homelessness crisis 4. Stronger initiatives to protect our environment and transform our city into a zero-waste city 5. Expanded initiatives providing aid and crisis management and response (with consideration of the covid-19 impact on our Los Angeles community) We need a budget that adequately and effectively serves public interest during this uncertain time; we need a budget that supports communities and supports their wellbeing, not which empowers the forces that tear them apart. Thank you for your hard work and your greatly anticipated response.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** RANA KAY

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 03:19 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Law enforcement is a service, the police work for us. But they need to be held accountable to do better and using the money that we as citizens pay them is an excellent start. Mayor Garcetti must figure out how to make budget cuts equitably and, most importantly, not cut vital services in the process. It can be done and it MUST be done. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Oliver

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 04:44 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the People's Budget. As someone who grew up in Los Angeles and has been a member of the community from Pico District, to the SF Valley, I demand more support for the residents of Los Angeles. Education, housing, and opportunity should be the focus; not police assertion and weaponization against the vulnerable and innocent. Your vision is so short term it disgusts millions of us! Can you not see the tie between proper education, housing, supportive funding and a safer/more opportunistic Los Angeles? Perhaps then your cops wouldn't feel so threatened by all the innocent and peaceful residents of Los Angeles. It is time to think in the long term, rather than short term and focus on real change rather than on stunts that cater to the folks paying your campaign bills/your political agenda of reelection. PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR COMMUNITY! YOUR LEGACY IS DETERMINED NOW! DEFUND THE POLICE IN FAVOR OF THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Draven Ventura  
**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 03:55 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Rewriting the city's budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 is essential to ensure the success for all residents! There is no reason the police should receive additional funding whilst ripping away from resources that get our Angelinos to and from work as well as trying to restore the lives of our struggling citizens on Skid Row. Want to keep our city safe and healthy? Then let's put that funding to better use with programs that benefit it's citizens. Not those that benefit police officers.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tammy Infusino

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 03:58 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** This budget is unacceptable. The police continue to display widespread abuse of their power and our streets are full of homeless, mentally ill, and now coronavirus. That money would be better spent on combatting homelessness, public health, arts programs, community centers, and REFORMING the police with training in de-escalation. We do not need more police. We need more community and more love! Please refer to the People's Budget as an example of how the money could be spent instead of funding an already failing system. Change is now. Thank you!!!



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tiger Schenkman  
**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 03:59 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Like the many Angelenos who have called in, tweeted, and marched in opposition, I am demanding the Mayor completely revise his 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 people who are disproportionately impacted by LAPD violence. The People have spoken. And they have marched. And they have rioted. And the police have proven just how problematic and supremacist they are. On Tuesday, Commander Cory Palka flashed a white power signal after a TV interview. On Monday, Chief Michael Moore blamed protestors for the death of George Floyd. White supremacists are in positions of leadership on the police force because policing is white supremacist. Angelenos have demonstrated that we want the our 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. We want our city to divest from traditional policing. I demand Mayor Garcetti draft 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:** Jay Flores

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 03:00 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Based on the heinous acts committed historically by the LAPD, not limited to: torture and outright cold-blooded assassination of 600 people that have gone grossly unchecked and at worst, received acclimation in the form of pay raises and bonuses, there is absolutely no good reason that the LAPD should be receiving 54% of the Los Angeles budget and even less of a reason for them to be receiving any sort of increase in their budget. The LAPD as it exists currently is a gang of thugs that exist only to protect and serve their own wallets. They do not help the city of Los Angeles by harassing impoverished and underfunded communities while allowing their white superiors in others to commit crimes at large. The LAPD serve as one-way funnels to the for-profit prison system for Los Angeles' youth. The city council needs to defund the LAPD and redirect the much needed funds toward social programs that will result in the decrease in crime that the greedy officials at the LAPD think more police will bring. These programs in question are not limited to: schools, mental health, aiding the homeless, and, oh, say, I don't know, hospitals in the middle of a global pandemic. It is an embarrassment that LAPD has riot gear at the ready whenever, but our doctors had to be taping plastic grocery store bags to their heads. In conclusion: the LAPD is an embarrassment and should be defunded.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 02:54 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I hope you will rewrite the city's budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 to better serve the people of LA and be less tone deaf to current state of matters. There should be no reason why LAPD is receiving additional funding while cuts are being made to essential services such as the Public Works and Transportation departments. Rather than more policing, your biggest priority should be to ensure the health and safety of LA residents and have your allocation of funds reflect that.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kerry Olinger

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 03:12 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge Mayor Garcetti to revise the budget proposal to reflect the need for programs proven to lower crime and to increase positive outcomes in our city over policing. The massive discrepancy between caring for citizens and criminalizing them has got to stop. LAPD can look to schools and social service programs to learn how to do more with less- those entities are consistently asked to do more with less funding.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christina

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 02:00 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Christina and I am a constituent living in Council District 11. 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. After declining to vote on the draconian proposal budget last week, City Council referred it back to the Budget and Finance Committee. I am calling on the Budget and Finance committee to revisit the mayor's budget, which continues to center policing, and support the People's Budget, which centers Care. You need to Adopt a People's Budget which defunds the police. The people of LA want change in how LA invests our money. Our council members have a serious conflict of interest in continually accepting money from the Los Angeles Police Protective League, which you have allowed from 2017-2020. You need to invest your LAPPL money in bailout funds, mutual aid, and organizations that benefit the black community members and refuse donations and endorsements from the police union. We urge you to commit to a future in which senseless acts of police violence no longer go unheard, and we hope you honor George Floyd's legacy to seek justice alongside us. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lisa

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 02:41 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I just learned the City Council declined to review Mayor Garcetti's proposed LAPD funding before the June 1st deadline, which made it pass by default. Evidently, the city budget will increase LAPD funding by \$123 million. I urge you to reconsider this decision before it goes into effect July 1st. Los Angeles would be better served putting the money towards improving the lives of Los Angeles citizens. Studies show that incarceration increases a person's likelihood of becoming homeless, which means increasing policing and arrests amplifies LA's homelessness rather than diminishing it. Homelessness is an issue Los Angeles is united in wanting to solve, not exacerbate. Please, consider the rationality of decreasing the LAPD's budget and channeling those funds into infrastructure, education, and rehabilitation. Please, listen to the voices of the LA citizens, who are making their stance clear throughout the protests this past week. Thank you, Lisa

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Justine

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 06:24 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I hope you will rewrite the city's budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021 to better serve the people of LA and be less tone deaf to current state matters. There should be no reason why LAPD is receiving additional funding while cuts are being made to essential services such as Public Works and Transportation departments. Rather than more policing, your biggest priority should be to ensure the health and safety of LA residents and have your allocation of funds reflect that.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Aleis Work

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 08:22 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a constituent of the City of Los Angeles, I am heartbroken that anyone in charge of this budget would be so outright tone-deaf to the state of our nation. In a time where all 50 states are protesting against police brutality and to defund our police forces, and I am shocked and appalled that not only is the Los Angeles budget keeping police as the largest receiving party, but INCREASING their funding and removing funding from public works and transportation as well! I hope that you will revise and change this budget to give back to the people in ways that don't harm them. Public works, emergency management, transportation, all these things are going to improve our community's way of life, not providing police officer's with higher pay. The allocation of LA's funds should reflect the people's best wishes for their health and safety and it is unacceptable to ignore their voice, which has been crystal clear the past week, and reward an institution that is bringing physical harm to the people.



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 08:02 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Giving 54%, OVER HALF, of the city's entire budget to the police department is wrong. Most cops serving los angeles do not reside here. These cops have murdered black and brown citizens for no reason. Of late they have escalated violence at peaceful protests and caused further harm to citizens. I urge the council to instead adopt the peoples budget for Los Angeles. Defund the police and fund education, mental health services, community outreach and so forth.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Patricia Barlow

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 07:37 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Make cuts equitably and, most importantly, DO NOT cut vital services to preserve or increase LAPD's budget. Chief Michael Moore needs to figure out how to do more with less.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jessee Fish

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 08:45 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We are in the midst of a health pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed, and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of this city is composed of renters and if folks are unemployed, they cannot pay rent AND they're uninsured. Prior to the pandemic, there were around 60k unhoused individuals; after evictions and economic insecurity due to COVID-19 and its fall out, we can expect thousands more. In this context, a budget is still being proposed to increase LAPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months and LAPD funds already comprise 40% of the total budget. LAPD has seen a rise in overtime which, more often than not, is paid out to officers harassing unhoused individuals, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We are also in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence, embodied by the LAPD, that has been brutalizing the Black community for decades. To say the LAPD is responsible for the generational trauma of hundreds of thousands of Angelenos would be an understatement. For those reasons and countless others, we will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions for reform. We MUST defund the LAPD. We NEED a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time; and we need a budget that SUPPORTS our communities and prioritizes their wellbeing — NOT one that empowers the forces that tear them apart. I am urging Mayor Eric Garcetti & the LA City Council to completely revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 and adopt a budget that focuses on uplifting 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. You already have blood on your hands. Make the right decision.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 08:57 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Mayor Eric Garcetti & City Council, My name is Alli Nakamura, residing at 13131 Mindanao Way, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292. 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 composed of renters and if folks are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, there were around 60k unhoused individuals; after evictions and economic insecurity due to COVID-19 and its' fall out, we can expect thousands more. In this context, a budget is still being proposed to increase 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 individuals, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We are also in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence, embodied by the LAPD, which murders African Americas. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform. We need to defund the LAPD. We need to #DefundThePolice. We need a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time; and we need a budget that supports communities and supports their wellbeing, not one which empowers the forces that tear them apart. I am urging you both, Mayor Eric Garcetti & the LA City Council, to completely revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 and fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a budget that focuses on 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. Thank you for your time, Alli Nakamura

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nithya Kubendran

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jascha Bellaiche  
**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 09:35 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** City Council officials, I am among many to beg of you to drastically reduce the LAPD's budget. The city budget could be use for so much more than giving the force military-grade gear, transport and weapons. They are in no way shape or form trained and sensible enough to use those responsibly. While our hospitals could still make great use of this money, because as awful as it sounds: we got lucky with Covid, the next pandemic could be far far worse, taking children by the thousands. Only a truly well equipped medical field could save our, your children and grandchildren not if but when that time comes. It sounds like a doomsday talk certainly but now more than ever, you know it to be true. Only few policemen need the kind of equipment that they currently have. In a well to do society many of them shouldn't even pass the psychological test for even the most basic firearm to be honest. So at the very least, cut their budget and offer them the option of a bigger cut if they put up with mandatory "regularly scheduled" unarmed community service and mandatory de-escalation training that they must pass to keep being deployed in the streets. The rest of the budget that was cut should go to the medical field (and honestly transports are the absolute worst in LA, it is no great secret that a city's economy flourishes with a good public transport system). Thank You all Officials for taking the time to read this. I wish you peace above all in this trying year.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Daphne

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 09:10 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We are in the midst of a health pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed — and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of this city is renters — and if 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. We are also in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence — embodied by the LAPD — which murders Black folx. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of “reform.” We need to defund the LAPD. We need to #DefundThePolice. We need a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time; and we need a budget that supports communities and supports their wellbeing, not which empowers the force(s) that tear them apart. I am urging you to completely revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 and fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People’s Budget. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jenny

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 09:43 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, My name is Jenny Hoffman and I am a white 26 year old citizen residing in Encino. I am emailing today in regards to the proposed LA City budget that is due on 6/1. I ask that you call an emergency city council meeting to DENY Mayor Garcetti's budget. Our Black community needs to know that they are supported by our city, and the current budget does not reflect that. I am asking that Mayor Garcetti put more money into public services including our school systems, the housing crisis, social services for low income families, and to programs that send out social workers instead of police to answer 911 calls. These are just a FEW things that can make a HUGE difference. The overfunding of the corrupt police system that does not support or protect our Black community as a whole MUST END. Please take a long, hard look into what is most important right now. I trust that you will make the right decision. Best, Jenny Hoffman



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Helen McKeon

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 10:11 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am disgraced by the increased funding for police and removing funding from community. The LAPD does not warrant such an exorbitant portion of the city budget when so many other aspects of the city still need attention. Focus on supporting education, health care, arts, etc to be proactive. Increasing funding for police signals that LA needs reactivity to keep the peace. This could not be further from the truth. Give our communities support in supporting each other. Invest in ALL of your people.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Leslie Coleote  
**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 10:07 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I hope you will rewrite the proposed city's budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021 to better serve the people of LA instead of being tone-deaf to the matters that actually concern your community. There is no justification for the LAPD to receive so much funding when there are other departments like transportation, educational enrichment, small businesses, mental healthcare, housing, and resources that help low-income communities, in particular, thrive under the LA county. You can make the city so much better by allocating these funds where they truly deserve to be. How is it that despite being in the midst of a pandemic the LAPD is still receiving more funding than healthcare and or housing. With homelessness increasing by 16% this year wouldn't you want to house them? Wouldn't you want to provide free transportation for the millions of people who need it to get to their essential jobs? well there goes the economy, right? It's disheartening to see that this is how you handle funding. Thank you for the lip service that has often led others to believe that we are receiving money where it's somehow always lacking. I mean it all makes sense now because you'd rather fund the LAPD despite past history of corruption for multiple police brutality cases. There is no reasoning behind giving the system that has oppressed many through its unregulated power to only receive more funds. Millions of people are dying as you allocate these funds in unnecessary areas to a system full of white supremacists. We will not fall for your PR stunts, it was clear that after Mayor Garcetti took a kneel and screamed with protesters to DEFUND THE POLICE that it meant absolutely nothing one of the many reasons behind my public posting today. We want to assure you that this is not the end of a fight. Regardless of what your end action is, we will continue flooding your emails, voicemails, occupying digital space rightfully as well as protesting. This is not the end!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 10:40 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing this in regard to the Los Angeles city budget, particularly as it relates to the funding of the LAPD. For the past 6 days or so I have been holed up in my apartment living in the middle of what sounds like a war zone. Not a minute of my week has gone by without hearing sirens and chopper blades all around me. At night, if you sit and listen closely, you can imagine the sheer amount of police equipment being deployed onto the streets of neighborhoods I have spent my entire life living, working, and relaxing in. And once you come to grips with the utter, total insanity of the fact that our mayor has let an armed, militaristic police force loose on our streets to suppress peaceful demonstration, that the response to a few broken windows at The Grove was more rapid and effective than our response to the Coronavirus, and that the police are basically throwing a violent city wide tantrum over justifiable and overdue criticism of their long history of murdering black people in public you start think of the more mundane aspects of this nightmarish scenario. One of those full details I've thought about is how much this must cost and how big a waste of money this must be. It has long been my opinion that the LAPD and police forces across the country are over equipped and over funded, and that the amount of money and resources sucked up by law enforcement is money that could be spent better elsewhere. On a normal day in my neighborhood this is already fairly obvious: you can't drive by the Hollywood Bowl without seeing dozens of cops "directing" traffic, often doing a worse job than the perfectly functional traffic lights they're standing directly under. And I have on more than one occasion seen police officers on my block hassling the homeless from horseback. But in the wake of this embarrassing and totally overblown response to constitutionally protected and peaceful demonstrations, it becomes undeniable that too many resources are being expended on arming, training and providing equipment to the police. It is my sincerest belief that reducing the funding to police departments city wide and redirecting those funds to addressing the root causes of crime will create a safer and more peaceful city for the vast majority of Angelenos. Every dollar spent paying cops to sweep the homeless off the street is a dollar that could have gone toward affordable housing, public mental health services, homeless shelters and drug treatment programs.

Every dollar spent assigning cops to direct traffic poorly is a dollar that could go toward public transit and repaving our roads. And every dollar spent on arming local “law enforcement” with LRADs, pepper spray, riot shields, assault rifles and tactical body armor is a dollar that could be spent on debt relief, school lunches, public health services and about a million other things that would improve the very material conditions that have caused so many Angelenos to angrily take to the streets and demand systemic change. It is my hope that, in light of Mayor Garcetti’s limp, cowardly response to the sadistic white supremacist police force he’s allowed to dominate and control the city for the past 6 days you will drastically cut funding to the LAPD and make a concerted and earnest attempt to strip power from the officers, chiefs and sheriffs who have terrorized the communities you supposedly serve. If you’re coming up short on ideas for what to do with the sudden cash flow that’s fallen into your hands from laying off thousands of useless fascists, the Poor People’s Campaign ([www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/committee/california](http://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/committee/california)) and Black Lives Matter (<https://www.blmla.org>) can help you out. Sincerely, Someone who actually lives here and would like to leave his house in peace, as opposed to some suburbanite pig beating his wife in his two bedroom home on Burbank Blvd.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 10:48 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to consider NOT defunding the police LAPD. We already see such a beautiful city being torn apart by violence, DESTROYED by the filth of homelessness without any consequence as it is. What are you doing to combat that besides giving them more city streets and no incentives to be better or do better? I fear that defunding an agency that protects us all collectively, could be dangerous collectively. This isn't about race, this is about logic. If you are going to make reform, we need a budget to do it. You only create more incentives for police to STOP POLICING when the many good ones can't do their job and are at EVEN GREATER RISK because they lack resources... while also just allowing parts of LA to become like parts of Detroit more and more with its extreme crime rates, poverty and very little policing. LA is already seeing so much crime, we can't just defund the police department to combat it. How backwards is that? Defunding is NOT the answer. We NEED fund allocations to shift towards things like body cameras, training, mental health boot camps etc. FIRING BAD APPLES immediately and without question. No more slaps on the wrist or using the excuse "bad apple." Hold them accountable. If we want reform, it doesn't start with taking away the officers ability to police. That is absolutely asinine and naive. That will have an adverse effect and keep out neglected communities oppressed HANDS DOWN. DO NOT DEFUND THE POLICE.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 11:08 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I have lived in LA for 17 years, and have watched my neighborhood go from a nice, safe area where I enjoyed nighttime strolls to one that is overrun by an ever-growing homeless population, with many of these individuals openly drinking and doing drugs right in the street during broad daylight. Our community needs increased funding to go toward helping these people stay clean, safe, and off the streets. We need money for education so that private school, which most people cannot afford, isn't the only viable option for a good education in the city. The majority of funding needs to go into the community itself, it cannot go mostly into the police force. The budget as currently proposed is beyond disproportionate, and our city will suffer long term because of it. As we vote for our city leaders, we will vote for those who choose to represent the best interests of the people, and how you proceed will determine how we will vote moving forward.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sasha K  
**Date Submitted:** 06/03/2020 10:33 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** You guys know what we want. Peoplesbudgetela.com. Please remember that you work for us and we won't stop pressuring you until our tax money is redistributed away from LAPD and invested into giving communities that are predominantly people of color equitable resources