

Communication from Public

Name: Monique

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We need to defund the LAPD by more than the proposed \$150 million. This money could go into better resources that our city desperately needs, like mental health assistance for low income or homeless people. We have a terrible problem with drug abuse, homelessness, and mental illness in our city which needs to be addressed now, especially for those who are undocumented immigrants and have no way to access resources without the fear of being detained or deported. We are humans and it's about time we are treated as such. It is time we undo the systems set in place centuries ago by those who felt they needed to "control" people of color and therefore including a loophole to allow legal slavery under the circumstance that this person is a "felon," then hiring police officers to racially profile and discriminate people of color, giving them harsher sentencing simply because of the color of their skin.

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Name: Julia Trakhtenberg

Date Submitted: 06/11/2020 04:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City representatives, We are already strapped for police resources. Slashing LAPD budget will further minimize the PD's ability to protect innocent citizens. We've all seen the loss - burned police cars and stations, injured officers - how do they rebuild this with slashed funds? To cut the budget further is to hand the city over to criminals, mobs, and looters. Innocent people in our community have already been held up at gun point in broad daylight by criminals with no help in sight. Who will answer the women who will need help to prevent a rape? Who will help come and help us during a break-in? If nobody could stop the looting taking place this past horrendous week, how can we stop further chaos with a weakened police force? Please do not defund the LAPD!

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Name: Sholom

Date Submitted: 06/11/2020 04:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I do not agree with removing at part of the budget from the LAPD. They might need more training, but we need more officers to serve the millions of law-abiding of citizens of Los Angeles.
Thank you.

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Name: Hana Ward

Date Submitted: 06/11/2020 03:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I, a fifth generation Los Angeles resident, am submitting this comment because I believe our city government can do more for it's community. While the \$150 million cut to the LAPD budget is a starting point, we can do far more to redistribute these resources to restorative justice initiatives, employment programs, public health resources, and education. It has already been proven that more policing doesn't make an area safer, better resources do. To heal from the effects of this pandemic we are going to need a large investment (both financially and mentally) in our systems of care. To heal from the trauma of generations of police brutality we are going to need large investments (both financially and mentally) in our systems of care. That is why I ask that you adopt The People's Budget for the city's 2020-2021 fiscal year.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2020 03:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Defunding the police (yes, in preparation of abolishing them) and divesting that money on necessities, preventative measures and a diverse and suitable law enforcement team trained in specific acts of social services is something everyone should be supporting regardless of political affiliation or anything else. Cops are violence workers and are ineffective, as has been proven time and time again. During a time like this with a global pandemic - the fact we are so far behind in so many health services and social services as a country (the richest country in the world) is highlighted and acting NOW is relevant to capitalize on this momentum. Those that don't support this will be known and will have a legacy that's marred, and upon reelection, will be remembered. We're not going away, this isn't a trend, and it's not a joke either.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2020 12:33 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I think money should be invested into the community instead of the police. If more money were put into education, providing jobs, and providing housing less people would be committing crime just to survive. People also should not have to fear the people who have sworn to protect them. That is a broken system. Jail and prisons are also not made to reform anyone. It just makes them worse criminals and when they get out that have a record that prevents them from getting a job and leads them back to crime. Invest in communities, not police!

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Name: Andrew J Jupina
Date Submitted: 06/11/2020 01:01 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I stand with the grievances of the communities and their impact statements. This "de-funding" is simply not enough and these City budgets are still out of control. Please consider more progressive reforms. Minneapolis and Camden, New Jersey are looking into changing the culture, in addition to re-evaluating the budget. There is concrete proof that disbanding and rebuilding can work. This does not even mean diminishing the police presence but changing the culture and de-militarizing. Given all of the atrocities that happen all over the world due to our bloated military budget, the least we can do is not turn this onto our own people. Even now the President's threats to send the military to Seattle for the simple act of peaceful protest are a disgusting act that should ALARM EVERYONE. This will irreversibly damage the American public's trust in the military and government. If the oppressed are eradicated, I think we can all agree that the oppressors themselves will not fill the gap of essential services that leaves with them. I question if anyone even cares about those grave consequences at this point. Thank you for your time.

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Name: Daniel Braum

Date Submitted: 06/11/2020 10:32 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please don't slash LAPD Budget! We need Public Safety to be ensured. In a time that violent crime is on the rise, it is especially important for government to fulfill its most basic function. To ensure the people of this city are safe. Please don't listen to the radical voices who I believe are most probably the minority. They totally discredited themselves at the budget meeting with their vulgar language and lack of manners. The majority of citizens I want the police to protect them.

Communication from Public

Name: galya

Date Submitted: 06/11/2020 09:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear council! I agree one hundred percent that if there is an opportunity to help an underserved communities and invest resources to make their life better we should take it. But not on the safety expense. Hoe about Not taking the money from LAPD, but finding another source of financing the good initiatives. If they work then lets reduce police budget, bc it wont be needed.

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Name: Olivia
Date Submitted: 06/11/2020 06:41 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Do not defund police

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2020 04:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Cut the police departments budget and redirect it towards keeping the arts in schools.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2020 03:38 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am against the Mayor's and the City Council's proposed budget cut for the LAPD. Leave the LAPD Budget as is. Do not DEFUND the LAPD. The LAPD is one of the top police departments in the country. LAPD'S community policing is very effective and they need their budget intact to continue their fine work. They have exemplary officers and leadership in the department. The current climate to defund, disband and effectively destroy Police Departments around the country is dangerous. This is not what the majority of good, upright citizens of this country, this state or this city want. There is a very loud, very volatile minority of people who are pushing this agenda to destabilize The United States of America and create chaos. Police brutality in Minneapolis and elsewhere by a few bad cops has nothing to do with the LAPD! Re: LAPD and use of force. • The Department has instituted a moratorium on the use of Carotid Restraint Control Holds (CRCH). The Department already reserves the use of CRCHs for deadly force situations. They are used very infrequently in the three years since this was implemented. (1 in 2019, 1 in 2018, 2 in 2017). • Requirement for de-escalation. The Department already has a requirement for de-escalation in tactical situations. The Department teaches the PATROL (Planning, Assessment, Time, Redeployment, Other Resources, and Lines of Communication) acronym for officers to use as a tool to de-escalate situations. If officers fail to de-escalate where it was reasonable to expect them to do so, they receive administrative findings of Administrative Disapproval for their Tactics. In extreme cases, an officer's lack of de-escalation and poor tactics can be utilized to make the use of force itself "Out of Policy." Additionally, the analysis of de-escalation is part of the review and adjudication of every use of force. • Requirement to exhaust all alternatives before shooting. This is in line with LAPD's De-Escalation policy. By its nature, if they did everything they could reasonably do to de-escalate than they would have exhausted all alternatives prior to shooting. One thing to consider is that officers may be faced with circumstances that preclude them from providing warnings or De-escalating. • Ban on shooting at moving vehicles. The Department already prohibits shooting at or from moving vehicles. Built into every policy is the caveat that under exigent circumstances the officers may be able

to articulate violating specific policies. • Requirement for comprehensive reporting. The Department reports more in depth use of force information than any large department in the country. Please review the 2019 and 2018 LAPD Use of Force Year End Review which is available at LAPDONLINE.org. • Additionally, LAPD has several entities within the Department that work in conjunction with civilian social workers: Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) where an officer and a civilian social worker respond to calls where there are victims of domestic violence. Mental Evaluation Unit (MEU) and Case Assessment Management Program (CAMP) are programs where officers and civilian mental health clinicians respond to calls for service involving the mentally ill or persons experiencing a mental health crisis. Homeless Outreach Partnership Endeavor (HOPE) detail officers work in conjunction with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), People Assisting The Homeless (PATH), Sanitation Department, LA County Mental Health Department and the Mayor's Unified Homelessness Resource Center (UHRC) The LAPD budget, the entire budget is needed to give more resources to these programs that already exist within the LAPD. It's working. WLAPD has 64 square miles in this division. There are only 7 basic cars for this area. We need more resources not less. Part 1 Crime, prior to the recent civil unrest and looting, is lower than last year. Our LAPD is doing a great job! The People's Budget LA is full of inaccurate information. It's a slander piece to advance their agenda. The City Council and the Mayor need to listen to the truth not just the loudest voices. The majority of Angelinos supports the LAPD.

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Name: Gabrielle Belzer
Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 06:44 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Instead of giving more money to the police, please propose giving more money to the community. The people Of Los Angeles need Resources such as low income housing, community centers, and food to defeat hunger. Especially because of the covid crisis, it is necessary to support the people of LA to meet the various needs of people who have lost loved ones or work opportunities. You must work for the people who elect you. In your proposed plan, More money must be allocated away from Police and to the people.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/01/2020 07:31 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I implore you to reject the current LA city budget and adopt the CareNotCops policy. The police force in this city is a threat to black and brown citizens, and the aggression they have shown over the past few days needs to be seriously investigated. Until then, I hope you would cut the LAPD budget in favor of the People's Budget LA, giving the people of this city the resources they need to survive a global pandemic. The LAPD clearly cannot control themselves with the power they've already been given. Giving them over half of the city's budget is beyond ridiculous. Please #DefundPolice.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Eichman

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 08:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: In Restatement of Findings in the CAO's May 19, 2020, Report on the Impacts on City Services of Furloughs in the 2020-21 Budget (C.F. 20-0600) by Richard H. Llewellyn, Jr., City Administrative Office, on June 4 2020, it says, "the Office of Finance projects that the tax revenues that it processes will fall short of the Proposed Budget projections by \$45 million to \$400 million." This deficit could be addressed effectively by replacing the Mayor's proposed budget with one more closely aligned with the People's Budget, found here:
https://peoplesbudgetla.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/peoplesbudgetreport_may26.pdf
. Our city needs to properly address the ridiculous overspending on police at the expense of other services. Now is the time to start, especially considering the cuts necessary due to COVID-19.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Blokker-Dalquist

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 10:17 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Your "work to identify \$250M further investments into community programs" is simply not enough. We vehemently oppose your budget, which still pours the majority of our funds into LAPD. We are demanding you fire Chief Moore effective immediately. His behavior is abhorrent and your defense of him is absolutely shameful. LAPD is abusive, corrupt and has proven time and time again that they only exist to incite violence and terrorize Black and Brown communities. We demand that the Mayor completely restructure the 2020-2021 budget to reflect the goals of the Peoples Budget LA. We need our money going into quality housing for all, educational enrichment, good jobs, free and quality public transportation, universal access to fresh and healthy food, climate justice, mental healthcare, and small business resources, NOT police. We will continue to make our voices known. Listen to your community. We need CARE NOT COPS.

Communication from Public

Name: Lily Leung

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 10:33 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: In regards to Case File # 20-0600, a 5% cut (\$150MM) is not nearly enough to address how fundamentally broken the LAPD is. Please take a page from Minneapolis and disband and begin again.

Communication from Public

Name: Julie Pearson

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:03 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I implore the budget committee to adopt the People's Budget, significantly reducing traditional law enforcement funds in favor of adopting programs that strengthen communities and provide real support to residents. Many residents have known for years that calling the LAPD is not a viable option, even when we feel unsafe, because the outcome is too likely to be lethal to one or more of the people involved, especially if they are people of color. This is especially true in neighborhoods where there are a lot of unhoused residents - places where alternative types of intervention and aid would be significantly more effective and compassionate. If we are consistently (and credibly) afraid that involving the police will escalate a dangerous situation instead of de-escalating, it does not matter that SOME officers are doing their jobs well. The system is broken. Please consider adopting peaceful community policing strategies which offer aid to residents in need rather than punishing them. As a city, we can do better. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Hailey McCallie

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:06 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Re: People's Budget/LAPD Budget. I'm asking for a complete dismantling of the LAPD and a rebuild from the ground up, as Minneapolis city council is promising their constituents. There is no reason that more than half of our city's discretionary budget should go towards the LAPD and not healthcare, homelessness, public transit and other community initiatives. Defund LAPD now.

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Name: Lauren Frazier
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:10 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: My name is Lauren and I'm a resident of the city of Los Angeles, I'm in council District 14 "represented" by the absent Councilmember Huizar. Defund the LAPD. Adopt the People's Budget. Police reforms don't work, abolish the police. Black lives matter.