

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Valencia

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 08:31 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** It's time for the money that you tax the hell out of our paychecks go to people who really need it. Not Beverly Hills, not Pasadena but neighbors hoods that really need after school programs for kids, proper lunch food for students, mental health services, arts studies and activities and programs that help people grow their wealth. if one should prosper all should prosper. Get with the program

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sora Harris-Vincent  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 02:31 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a Los Angeles resident, I am ashamed of the council members we have elected to represent us. I am ashamed of Mayor Garcetti. I am ashamed of Jackie Lacey. I am ashamed of LAPD Chief Moore. I am DEEPLY ashamed of LAPD officers. This is YOUR city and YOUR people. SHOW UP FOR US. I am asking that you reconsider and reevaluate the city budget and take into consideration the People's Budget for Los Angeles. LAPD does not need, nor do they deserve, 51% of the budget. Los Angeles needs better educational support and resources, mental health resources, more jobs, food and housing security, arts programs, restorative justice programs, support and funding for communities of color. Los Angeles needs CARE NOT COPS. I am asking that you defund the police and invest in the communities that need support, funding, resources, and a chance to thrive. I am asking that you defund the police and help break down the racist, problematic, systematic hurt that comes from the use of and presence of police in Los Angeles neighborhoods. I am asking that you demand accountability for Chief Moore for his lack of leadership and his abuse of power. I am asking that demand accountability for every LAPD officer that engaged in brutality, violence, harassment, antagonistic behaviors, and crime towards protesters in the past week. I am asking that you demand accountability for Jackie Lacey who has failed to do her job and has failed the families of those who have been killed by LAPD and never charged. I am asking that you hold accountable Mayor Garcetti who is failing his city, failing his people, and letting LAPD brutalize the people of his city. PLEASE open your eyes, open your ears, and open your minds to the demand for change to happen NOW. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Claudia Otten

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 11:51 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** To whom it may concern: Critical services that supports seniors, domestic violence victims, un-housed neighbors and disabled minorities are indeed necessary; as are healthcare, the safety of children, and public education. The funding that is going towards equipping the police department like special forces and continued training on tactics of force and violence IS NOT. I am not paying taxes so that I can attend peaceful protests and have weapons directed at me when I am exercising my rights to assemble and free speech; I do not support elected officials who enable systemic, legalized, institutionalized methods of enacting violence upon members of my community. These are my friends, friends-of-friends, and human beings who are getting unfair treatment, who are forced into traps of subjugation, who are getting killed. I am standing with them. It is the duty of those in power to protect those who need it. This means siding with the people NOT corporations or racist government frameworks. We are doing ourselves a disservice by relying on the police to solve problems that are fundamentally not police problems. Police have been trained to use tactics of force and when those tactics are employed in situations that would be better resolved using other methods, it is no wonder that we are in the position that we are in today. Thank you for your time. I look forward to seeing your proactive response.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ryan Factora

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 02:07 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Because I am concerned about the fact that 54% of the unrestricted general fund is currently allocated to the LAPD, I am urging the city council to take measures to defund the police and work towards the eventual dismantlement of the LAPD in a manner similar to the actions being taken in Minneapolis currently. As a student of color, I believe this issue is especially relevant to me since 8% of students in the LAUSD are black, yet they make up 25% of arrests by school police. I believe that a redistribution of these funds to community based safety measures would serve to decrease crime in general and the school to prison pipeline.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chana Plotke

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 02:14 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** To the City Clerk, I am a girl, who feels afraid in Los Angeles. You can not defund the police because it will wreak havoc on society. The seventh law given by G-d to Noah states: Make courts of justice. Society needs police and courts of justice, so that two men will not swallow each other alive. During the riots of 1968 in New York, NY, the Lubavitcher Rebbe spoke to Mayor John Lindsay, saying, "You can always find in the Bible some indication of what to do and how to behave. In the book of Solomon, Proverbs, it repeats many times that it is always easier and more beneficial to stop something undesirable in the beginning, than to let it go and afterwards, you have a lot on your shoulders, your head and your agenda...it is not only beneficial for the person who must be defended, it is also beneficial for the one who must be a fighter, because if he gets used to easy benefits and easy gains, then it is very difficult to change his ways. Even for the potential robber, the criminal, it is better for him to be halted in the beginning, of his so called "career." Then he has nothing to do with jail, punishment, he becomes a good citizen, and in the course of time he will thank you for not letting him do something undesirable." If you defund the police, Los Angeles will become unsafe and very insecure for the citizens. Please listen to my plea and keep Los Angeles safe. Thank you, Chana Plotke

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amanda

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 02:30 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge LA City Council and Mayor Garcetti to not only not accept the Mayor's proposed budget plan, but to defund the LAPD and adopt a People's Budget. By investing in affordable housing, schools, and infrastructure in our community, we can create a safer community. Communities with less income inequality and robust social safety nets are statistically less likely to see crime. Rather than investing our tax dollars in tools to enforce and punish crime, invest in the human beings who are most at risk before they are put into a position to need to break our city's laws. We can also build a safer, better system of law enforcement. As it stands, the LAPD is serving our community as security, social workers, medical experts, detectives, traffic control, and community outreach. They are simply not equipped with the kind of training and expertise to fill those roles (police in California are required to have 1000 fewer hours of training than cosmetologists). What they are equipped with, however, are helicopters, drones, SUVs, cars, horses, bikes, bloated salaries and startling amounts of artillery, all on the taxpayer's dime. In a time where Los Angeles residents have been forced to accept austerity measures like the cutting of funding to our schools, fire departments (!!!), and welfare programs, I find this investment in the militarization of the LAPD outrageous. It has highlighted that our city leaders do not actually care at all about the safety and security of the citizens they represent.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Noelle Stehman  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 01:01 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council, I am writing to ask that you reallocate a majority of our city's funding to the various care programs that our city desperately needs, and has needed for many years now. Particularly in the housing, homeless, social work, and public transportation sectors. I'll refer you to Healthy LA and the People's Budget for specifics, as I hope you're very familiar with the budget requests in both. Regarding new practical directions for the police department functionality, dismantling the broken parts of the system, and what should replace those parts, I'd like to suggest you take a look at the STAR program in Denver and the program and the similar system in Eugene, Oregon. They are adding trained social workers and mental health workers to 911 calls - also embedding them in the physical outreach - this way, when people call 911 for resources, the correct trained individuals are there to answer the calls, both on the phone and in person - and to direct people to the ACTUAL correct and helpful resources. Rather than sending police officers, thoroughly untrained in these areas, to simply make arrests and exacerbate the problem. I encourage you to read the attached article for more information and to reach out to these programs directly for insight: <https://denverite.com/2020/06/08/a-long-planned-program-to-remove-police-from-some-911-calls-launched-as-denvers-streets-erupted-in-police-brutality-protests/> In closing, I'd just like to say that the housing problem for all Angelenos, the lack of housing and easy to navigate resources for homeless individuals, and the rampant police brutality against black people, all people of color, and the homeless population are unconscionable and this mayor and city council have sat by allowing these things to go on for far too long. These things should have been fixed a long time ago. Please do the right thing and fix them now. Sincerely, Noelle Stehman

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:26 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I do not agree with the decision to de-fund the police force. We should instead put emphasis on continued training and enforce stricter processes for claims of unnecessary force. Cutting off money to a police force that is already understaffed is not the solve that the city of Los Angeles needs.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Yvonne Martinez Watson, Environmental Justice Committee  
Chair, Sierra Club Angeles Chapter

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 02:14 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** To the Los Angeles City Council: The Sierra Club supports the fight to end systemic racism and violence. We also support the need for equitable housing programs. To achieve these goals we strongly urge the Los Angeles Council to redirect funding towards the following: Acquisition and Rehabilitation. Create 1,500 multi-family and 500 single family homes for affordable housing and fund community land trusts. Eviction Defense. Create and fully fund a Right to Counsel and Eviction Defense Program immediately. Social Housing. Creation of a city social housing program. Affordable Housing. Construction of 1,000 affordable housing units. Supportive Housing. Provide services for 10,000 units of supportive housing. Tenant Protections. Fully fund HCID to ensure the enforcement of existing tenant protections. Please listen to the voices of your constituents by funding policies and programs which center equity and justice for all Angelenos. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Phyllis Grifman  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 02:24 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Clearly, what you have heard from a huge swath of LA's diverse population is that the LAPD needs reform, in terms of budget, training and especially recruitment from communities of color. It isn't enough to decrease the budget; savings need to go to community health, mental health, social services and education. True reform for LAPD depends upon a new focus on community based policing, and training new and existing LAPD officers. A fish rots from its head; new leadership is called for that will help renew people's trust in authorities and will truly provoke a change in mindset for officers at all levels. Where I work, at USC, community bike police, teamed with USC public safety, helps to make the off campus environment more trusting (though not perfect by any means). Do that all over the city and you will find more community support.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 02:25 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a Downtown employee for more than 3 years, I feel the LAPD has failed in keeping the streets of Downtown safe. There are far too many incidents that occur in Downtown that are mental health and or drug related and the only people who have helped in time of need in Downtown are the DCBID Safety Team, also known as the Purple Shirts. They deserve A LOT more recognition for their work, for they are the ones who try and help keep the streets safe from all these crazy incidents that happen every single day on the streets of Downtown Los Angeles. Use this money for the purple shirts, not the LAPD!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Daniel Bral  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 09:32 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I write to urge City Council to adopt a more equitable - a more humane - budget. As it's currently constructed, the Mayor's budget does not meet the gravity of the moment, nor does it address the City's longstanding issues. More money needs to be appropriated to aid our communities that are hanging by a thread. We've dedicated too much money for beautification projects (rec and parks) and LAPD, and as a result, too little to genuinely support people experiencing homelessness and other communities in need. The City's budget is a list of priorities, and the budget as it stands conveys to your constituents that you do not intend to truly solve the problems that we face. Each and every year - and especially during an election cycle - every council member feigns concern about homelessness and that they're going to do everything in their power to end it. Well, allocating more money is a first step. Allocating money to go toward a Right to Counsel program is another urgently needed solution. You all know what has to be done. Please act with the courage and the urgency that this moment demands, and rework the budget to reflect that. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Pilar

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:34 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to adopt a peoples budget. We need to invest in education and community resources. We need to abolish ICE and LAPD in Los Angeles. Councils response has been weak - reflecting an inhumane greed of a broken system. We deserve better.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jacinto Astiazarán  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 01:08 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of District 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well-documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of "reform." This includes Mayor Garcetti's paltry 5% proposed cut with no clarity as to where these funds will be redirected, if at all. We are demanding that our voices be heard now and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. We are in the midst of a pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed, and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of those in this city are renters. When people are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, 60k people were unhoused; the evictions and economic insecurity caused by COVID-19 will bring that number even higher. We demand that the City Council meaningfully defund the LAPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Garcetti's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the LA budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jacinto Astiazarán 849 Gramercy Dr. Apt 404 Los Angeles, CA 90005 213-399-8977

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amir Harouni

**Date Submitted:** 06/12/2020 10:14 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I do not support defunding the police department. We need more police to keep our neighborhoods safe and to respond to emergencies faster not less. Please do not give in under the pressure of blame for some bad apples in the police.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kathryn La Bouff

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 02:40 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to urge you to consider reassessing the budget that has been allotted for LAPD. There is a consensus among Angelenos that the PD is over funded and our community programs are lacking. There are countless areas this money can be better used. Consider addressing the homelessness in our city or providing psychologists for schools. Consider investing the wealth in the people over investing in Police. It's time to examine our priorities as a city!



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Monique Salgado

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Care not cops! We need to defund the police, invest in our communities, schools, after school programs, end homelessness and offer counseling for all communities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alyssa Loera

**Date Submitted:** 06/12/2020 02:19 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Mayor, Please consider furthering your efforts to dismantle a system that actively engages brutal tactics, in turn acting as a support beam in the larger white supremacist ecosystem. Decreasing the LAPD funding by 5% is not enough. LA citizens have shown that they need more support services, far more, and therefore the police budget needs to be routed towards these proven, grass roots, community-driven efforts. Adopt the People's Budget: <https://peoplesbudgetla.com/peoplesbudget/> Show that you have the LA Community as your first priority. Alyssa V. Loera, M.L.I.S.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Monica Wooters

**Date Submitted:** 06/12/2020 01:04 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident born and raised here, I call on the City of Los Angeles to defund the police. Cutting it by \$150M is not nearly enough. City Council should adopt the People's Budget (<https://peoplesbudgetla.com/peoplesbudget/>).

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mike

**Date Submitted:** 06/12/2020 04:10 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am an Angeleno and I live in District 13. I am writing to urge you to revise the current budget accordingly. Even with Mayor Garcetti's proposed \$150M in cuts and reappropriations — more than half of unrestricted funds (my tax dollars) are still going to the LAPD. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. I ask that you please engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the LAPD. Let me make myself clear. I have never been an abolitionist, nor have I ever held the belief that the actions of a few bad police officers, are representative of the police as a whole. However, throughout this time of mass protest, I have seen time-and-time again where the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed fellow Angelenos — my neighbors, and your constituents. People who the LAPD have sworn to protect & serve. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now — and re-allocated to community services/resources. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/12/2020 04:57 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please reallocate a large portion of the huge police budget to programs that will benefit Los Angeles in more constructive ways. Communities across Los Angeles have made it quite clear that this is a priority that must be addressed. One example would be to help the homeless community. This is a complicated and deep issue that deserves more attention. It seems obvious that the current approaches have not been sufficient.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/12/2020 09:32 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to stop with all the political lip service. Angelenos are being bold and frankly risking our lives during the pandemic so that you hear our demands, and we need you to be bold and help make changes that the people want. Police reform like increased training is NOT the solution. We need to divest from the traditional methods of policing and reinvest that money into social services and universal needs that help our community grow and develop. We need experts in the roles that serve the community -- mental health workers to deal with mental health issues, de-escalators to deal with escalating situations, pet detectives to deal with lost pets, etc. The police, the media, and politicians have all contributed to creating this immense state of fear where any naysayers to obvious improvements to our current system are simply worried that crime will increase after budget reductions. You are responsible for letting it continue to get out of hand in our city. Be bold, and pave the way to a better future. The world is watching.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/12/2020 09:16 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am an Angeleno and I live in District 34. I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. We must defund the police. Cutting it by \$150M is not nearly enough. (LAPD budget this year is \$3.1B) Unlike the Mayor's budget, which — even with cuts and proposed reapportionments — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the Peoples Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air, and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused, and maimed. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Patrick A

**Date Submitted:** 06/12/2020 08:07 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Dr. Patrick Atis. I am a resident of Los Angeles County, residing in the 13th District, and I am emailing to demand the restructuring of the Los Angeles county budget, so as to prioritize more social services for communities, and to drastically minimize spending on the sheriff's department. I demand of the county supervisors to prove their love and dedication to the people of their county and reallocate funds to directly benefit those in need. It is absolutely absurd that the Sheriff's budget exceeds \$3,500,000,000. That is money that could be used to improve our communities, rather than funding an organization with an extremely racist past and present. 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 CITY alone. There are healthcare workers without proper equipment. More than 30% of Los Angeles County residents have filed for unemployment. Our transportation infrastructure continues to be one of the most prominent examples of INSUFFICIENT PUBLIC SPENDING, and we all know that with even a fraction of the money given to the Sheriff's Office we could completely transform our transportation system and social programs. However, we are not asking for a fractional cut. We demand large spending cuts to the Sheriff's Office. In recent years, the most prominent news about the LA County Sheriff's Office has been word of The Banditos, a gang of police officers who find themselves above the law and have a DECADES-LONG well-documented history of both police brutality and silencing any "good police officers" who try to challenge them. THIS is not what our county represents. It is time to recognize the change occurring nationwide, and to DEFUND THE LA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. It is so shameful to know that the children I take care of as a pediatrician in East Hollywood get few and poorly funded resources via LAUSD. You will be investing in a brighter future for LA County by redirecting substantial funds towards our children. Funding the police so heavily will NOT yield any substantial returns. Do the right thing and partner with Pediatricians and Teachers in creating a generation that surpasses the last. While The Sheriff's Department 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. I implore you to take steps to defund a militarized force of organized state violence with a WELL-DOCUMENTED HISTORY of brutality and state-sanctioned extrajudicial murder. I DEMAND that you defund the LA County Sheriff's Office. It is imperative to note that the sheriff's department and LA county police do not keep ALL of us safe. They have historically targeted Black people, people of color, and queer people within our own communities. This is both systemic on a nationwide scale and VERY SPECIFIC TO THE LA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. Again, I demand that you defund this department.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lorraine James, MD

**Date Submitted:** 06/12/2020 06:20 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** To Whom It May Concern, My name is Lorraine James, and I am a concerned resident and pediatrician of Los Angeles. I write to implore you to allocate less to the police department and vastly more to the other incredibly more vital departments including the Housing Authority, 311 Call Center, and the Library. As doctors, it could be easy to delude ourselves into thinking that individual actors can protect patients from the effects of systemic racism. Time and time again, when my patients screen positive for food insecurity, when parents call me to prescribe diapers as they cannot afford them, or when a Black patient is misdiagnosed as an obese patient with asthma instead of a child in heart failure, we are proven wrong. I ask for your help to change this system that has racism woven into its fabric. Black patients, Black people, have higher rates of asthma, are dying from COVID at higher rates, and are thus literally gasping for air from the moment they are born into this system. Please help us do our part to limit the state-sanctioned violence that is preventing them from living and breathing freely on a daily basis. Thank you for your time and service, Lorraine James, MD Data on asthma and COVID from: <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2021072>

## Communication from Public

**Name:** cindi kusuda

**Date Submitted:** 06/12/2020 10:04 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I support Los Angeles adopting a People's Budget and defunding the police. I appreciate the police department but I don't think the police can do everything. Allocating more money to services that can directly help sections of our community that don't need police involvement would be more effective. To live in a peaceful and civil community we don't need to increase the police, we need to increase services that help people in need. Please help to make Los Angeles the city that other cities in our country look up to for guidance. In this time of uncertainty we need to set an example of how a successful, peaceful, and forward-thinking city can operate.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/12/2020 10:05 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is past time for LA City to respond to systematic racism. The Mayor's reduction to the LAPD's budget is a beginning. I urge you to adopt the People's Budget. <https://peoplesbudgetla.com/> Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ian Cawley

**Date Submitted:** 06/12/2020 08:41 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please allocate our funding towards outreach, education, public health, and homelessness before adding more funding to the policing budget, for the sake of everyone. This is a non-tractable way of spending.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Daniela

**Date Submitted:** 06/12/2020 07:47 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Currently the LAPD is not serving ANY purpose but to squeeze money out of the people for the city by the rampant issuing of traffic citations and parking tickets. The “patrolling” has become so egregious - it’s disgusting. It serves no efficient, crime fighting, or useful purpose to the community except to extract more money from innocent, tax-paying civilians by picking through straws at traffic stops that leave us feeling defeated and abused. The system as we know it isn’t even working for the ones inside. The leading cause of death of police officers is suicide. The system is making us all sick. I urge you to rethink policing. Invest in community. In local policing. In new institutions that provide the necessary, targeted help. Fire at least half the force now, and focus on a RESPONSE BASED approach. Currently, police agitate situations and create worse outcomes, or arrive after the crime is committed. All police I've encountered in the last 5 years, have not possessed the emotional intelligence to communicate efficiently with the array of civilians we have here in LA. Which brings me to my last point: The people enforcing the law should be from where they are enforcing the law. And the demographic make-up of police should match the demographic make-up of the vibrant city in which we live.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephanie

**Date Submitted:** 06/11/2020 06:16 PM

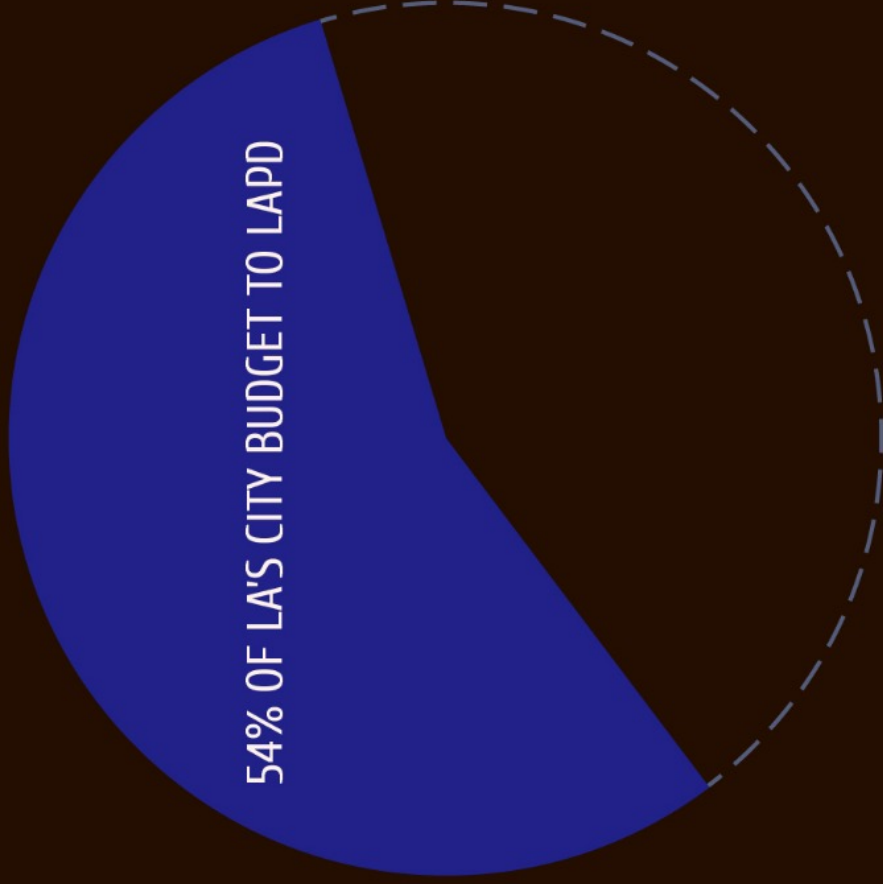
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Stephanie and I am writing today as a public health professional, future physician, and most importantly as an Angeleno who is disappointed at the lack of leadership from both Mayor Garcetti and the council members. I am calling on the Mayor and council members to DEFUND LAPD and adopt the People's Budget. First things first, police violence and racism are both public health crises and these two are NOT mutually exclusive. Data from Mapping Police Violence tells us that there were only 27 days in 2019 where police did not kill someone. Additionally, Black people are 3x more likely to be killed by police than white people and 1.3x more likely to be unarmed than white people. How can we possibly give LAPD over 50% of the budget when those who claim to "serve and protect" are the same forces who are disproportionately murdering Black Americans. How can we give approximately 3 billion dollars to LAPD who have killed over 600 Angelenos? By not defunding LAPD, the mayor and council members are supporting continued police violence and the continued murder of Black and Brown lives. As a future medical provider I know the disproportionate trauma that communities face as a result of police violence has a negative impact on their health. Preliminary findings from the Justice Study shows that participants who have witnessed or experienced police violence had higher post-traumatic stress scores when compared to those who did not witness or experience police violence, regardless of race. These findings are concerning given that trauma leads to chronic stress, and as a result, chronic inflammation that leads to diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer, depression, and anxiety. The police are both directly and indirectly are negatively impacting the health of communities of color and our budget should instead focus on supporting our communities through housing, education, and healthcare. The recent violent behavior of LAPD against protestors further demonstrates the recklessness of the police and the need to defund LAPD immediately. LAPD has used tear gas, a chemical warfare agent BANNED by the Geneva Protocol, against protestors which causes irritation in the lungs which triggers coughing. This is especially alarming given the fact the country is experiencing a global respiratory pandemic and Los Angeles specifically has had a total of 68,875 cases to date of

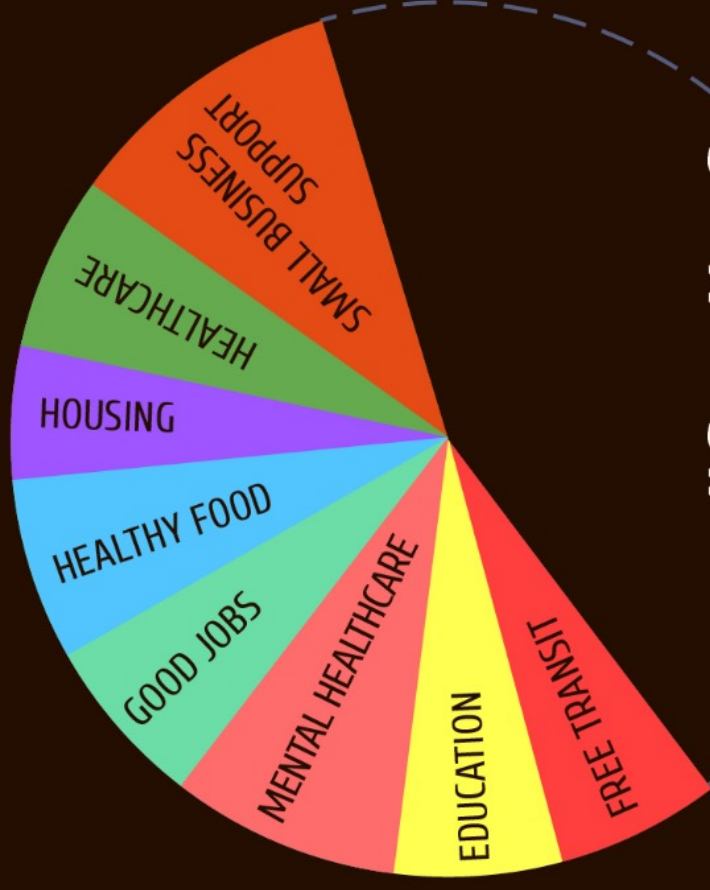
COVID-19. LAPD was fully aware that we were in the midst of a pandemic and yet still chose to use chemical warfare against its own citizens. Any institution that carelessly puts the city's health at risk and has already killed over 600 Angelenos does not deserve our funding. The People's Budget centers the voices of the people, who are prioritize housing, mental health/ wellness, public health and healthcare. As a healthcare professional, I know that the clinical presentation of disease is one small facet of the patient in front of me and environmental factors such as access to housing, food, and primary healthcare play a large role in the health of my patients and their communities. It is time we start investing in initiatives that support the health of Angelenos and divest from LAPD which has proven itself to be a threat to the public's health. We need CARE NOT COPS. As a resident of Los Angeles, I am disappointed by the lack of leadership and lack of urgency demonstrated by the Council to act on this issue. The priorities of your constituents are not being heard or prioritized. I urge all of you to take a stand against police violence and systemic racism. We will remember how you chose to allocate that budget when it comes time for elections. The people have made their demands clear and there are NO EXCUSES.



**We do not need more police.**



**We need:**



**#CareNotCops**  
**#PeoplesBudgetLA**

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nicholas A Foster  
**Date Submitted:** 06/10/2020 12:32 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Redirect funds to community programs that actually help people rather than reinforce the racist and self-perpetuating system of mass incarceration of minorities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alexander

**Date Submitted:** 06/10/2020 09:43 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The overbloated police spending budget needs to be slashed and divested into programs that ACTUALLY help make communities of color safer. Invest in schools, make the cops have a bake sale to buy riot gear so our children can have a chance at escaping the school to prison pipelines!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lisa V

**Date Submitted:** 06/10/2020 03:27 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I would like to take this opportunity to beg that you do not decrease funding for the Los Angeles police department. The police are very important to the community (and I'm sure you're not aware of many of the incredible things they do for the community as they often fail to toot their own horn). I can tell you as a citizen who has worked closely with many many Los Angeles police officers that they are amazing and are very much needed in our city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Allyson Nobles

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 03:20 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi there! My name is Allyson Nobles and I am calling to demand that City Council work to enact a People's Budget and prevent Mayor Eric Garcetti's budget from going into effect. The mayor's budget will go into effect by default if City Council does not vote on an amendment by June 1. City Council President Nury Martinez has refused to bring the budget to a vote. The community must be given a chance to make their case to redistribute the LA budget to prioritize care, not cops. We want services that help and strengthen our communities especially during a pandemic, not more police to tear them apart. That's why we need a People's Budget. We want a budget that reflects our priorities and needs. We want more services for unhoused Angelenos, more mental health services; rent suspension and forgiveness for the 55% of Angelenos who are currently unemployed; and more funding for public schools and resources to ensure all students can continue learning during these difficult times. Councilmember Herb J. Wesson has already publicly acknowledged the People's Budget LA Coalition and pledged to enact bold, structural change to dismantle racist systems that rely on the suffering of black and brown bodies to exist. We will keep calling until you do the same. Thank you very much.