

Communication from Public

Name: Erin Jane Douglass

Date Submitted: 06/13/2020 04:48 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Erin Douglass. I am a resident of Los Angeles and a constituent of Councilmember Ryu, living in District 4. While \$150M feels like a lot of money and is a great start to defunding the police, it is not enough. Even with that cut the LAPD still receives over half of the city's unrestricted revenues. I support the People's Budget that prioritizes care and communities over policing. Los Angeles is a leader in this country and that means we need to be better than we are, we need to push harder, and truly lead with our hearts. We must invest in universal needs (e.g., housing security, public health/health care, mental health and wellness, etc.) and divesting from traditional forms of policing. The People's Budget allocates just 5.72% of general funds to the police, compared to 51% from the Mayor's budget. I am encouraged at the start we have made, but I know that we can go further. Thank you for your time.

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Name: Ethan

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Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in District 1. 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.

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Name: Eva

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I'm a resident of West Hollywood, CA and I am writing to urge you to reconsider the Budget Proposal for the fiscal year of 2020-21. Our city needs more financial resources when it comes to housing and mental health resources. The homeless population is in serious need of help and has been for so long now. The funds that are currently being allocated for the Los Angeles Police Department could make a huge impact in these areas instead. As someone who was born in Los Angeles, I've seen the systemic racism and police brutality in this city for years and it's absolutely heartbreaking. It seems the city cares more about policing than it does about supporting communities who need it most. You can change this by allocating the funds to causes that really need it, instead of to the LAPD. I'm writing as a concerned Angeleno and someone who wants to see change happen in this city. Thank you for your time.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: It is good that Mayor Garcetti moved \$150 million out of the police budget - but it is not enough. The LAPD will still be getting 51% of the city's unrestricted revenues. This is plundering crucial resources, taking them away from where they belong supporting health, housing, social services, and education, and turning all that potential good toward violence and structural white supremacy. These funds MUST go towards the health of those who need it - the black and brown communities who have been terrorized and stripped of safety and resources by our current system. Choosing not to shift the budget aligns this city with the priorities of our current overtly racist federal administration. If we are to realize a better future that dismantles the sickness of white supremacy that deeply infects our nation, choices about where money is put MATTER. The moment is NOW, severely overdue as it may be. Defund the police and enact the people's budget.

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Name: Jennique

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am a Los Angeles resident. I am commenting to insist the budget of LAPD to be cut and redistributed. We need more money put into mental health facilities, housing and community, school resources, universal aid & crisis management Etc. Please make the right decision on where the city's money is going. Let's make the Los Angeles community stronger! Thank you.

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Name: Elizabeth

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Comments for Public Posting: As a musician living in the 13th CD I am wondering how our budget might be creatively reimagined for FY 2020-2021 to include more support for the arts, as so many artists and musicians residing in Los Angeles have lost work due to large events being cancelled due to COVID-19. Right now there is \$750,000 appropriated to the police budget from the Arts and Cultural Facilities and Services Fund. I contacted the Mayor's office regarding the use of this money by LAPD and I was told that LAPD contracts security for events like the summer evening wine events at Barnsdale Park. I'm having trouble getting a clear answer as to whether these funds will be needed for the LAPD this FY since all large gatherings in Los Angeles are on hold. It is my current belief that this \$750,000 appropriation to the LAPD from the Arts and Cultural Facilities and Services Fund would be put to better use this FY by redistributing it to the artists in our communities who have lost work, potentially in the form of sponsoring small outdoor performances and works city-wide. I would like to raise this issue because I am concerned about the police taking up over 50% of the city budget and this appropriation appears to need reexamination for FY 2020-2021.