

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I hope that in the midst of the current social awakening, City Council and Mayor's office do not take reactive steps in the area of re-appropriation in the area of law enforcement. I also hope that you are aware that there are many of us who acknowledge, have seen, have lived the systemic issues created by those who have traditionally been in power, BUT who value the place law enforcement has in our City. We must remember that Los Angeles is NOT Minneapolis, Los Angeles is one of the largest cities in the world. We are an international hub, the events we host, the spectrum of businesses we attract, the multitude of sports teams recognized beyond our state all necessitate a different level of protection, security, order that other most other cities do not. Are we not scheduled to host the Olympics? The Oscars? Do we want to continue to draw conventions, businesses as well? All of these feed the coffers of our City, help it thrive. In comparison with the other major city of New York, we have a small department that has to make due with the number of officers we have. I know that in many divisions there are times when there is only one, maybe two patrol cars available for a large metropolitan area. This is not acceptable. The U.S. has many problems and the officers on the street have to come face to face with our Country's shortcomings-other countries do not have to deal with the amount of guns that permeate ours. This is also our reality. So, I ask that you look at data in context, look at who we are as a City, create dialogue between the Black community and the City's beat cops/beat sergeants (most of which are home grown Latinos), and continue to abide by the advances this City and police department have set forth all with thought, foresight. Resist the temptation to "throw the baby out with the bathwater".

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Hannah Claire Baker

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Hannah Baker, I am a Los Angeles resident. I am writing in support of the People's Budget and Councilmember Wesson's proposal to defund the LAPD and divert those funds to unarmed, non-law enforcement agencies. The mayor's proposed "cuts" to the LAPD are nowhere near enough to addressing the gross budgetary imbalance our city faces. Over 60,000 homeless on our streets. Underfunded schools. Rampant food insecurity. The billions afforded to the racist, abusive LAPD MUST be redistributed to agencies and programs that will actually protect and serve the people of Los Angeles. Shame on you for not doing something sooner. Shame on you for taking campaign funds from the LAPPL that have so clearly compromised your policy priorities. I IMPLORE YOU: rewrite the legacy of this City Council. Let Los Angeles be a beacon of hope and progress rather than a warning of what happens when city government bleeds itself dry to prop up a racist, militarized police force.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Charlotte Benbeniste  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, my name is Charlotte Benbeniste, I am a Los Angeles resident, I live in District 11, and own a property in District 13. I am writing to urge the Budget Committee to revise the current 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget, and to implore the City Council to support Councilperson Wesson's motion to replace LAPD officers with unarmed, non-law enforcement agencies. Even with the Mayor's proposed \$150M in cuts and reapportionments, more than half of unrestricted funds -- MY TAX DOLLARS-- are still going to the LAPD. Instead of funding LAPD, survey takers have determined that the city should prioritize housing, ending homelessness, healthy food, healthcare, and reimaged public safety over the an overly militarized, historically brutal police department. We are not safe until all Angelenos are safe. There is can be no peace in Los Angeles until there is peace for all Angelenos. There is no justice until there is justice for all. City council has the power to change the future of Los Angeles, and I implore you to do the right thing, at long last: stop taking money from the Police Protective League; Propose legislation that bans Police Union contributions to City Councilpeople; prioritize the interests of your constituents over those of crooked police unions, allocate Angeleno tax dollars in the way that your constituents are demanding-- in the health and well being of Black, Brown and Indigenous communities. Act Now. No Justice, No Peace.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Erica Olsen

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**Comments for Public Posting:** By the looks of the protests (some of which I've attended). It would very much seem that the people do not want 54% of the budget going to police. Now, I know the PD is going to make a case that all of the protests should warrant increasing their budget but we don't want them to have military hand me downs and new riot gear tech toys, more teargas and rubberized bullets to shoot us with. As is evident by the aggressing of the protestors along with Chief Moore's backwards comments. They just don't get accountability. They want to blame everyone else and there is no external regulating body for proper checks-and-balances of power. We prefer the majority of that 3billion to be invested in the LA Unified School District We want supervised spending in the Police department, focused on areas of reform: We want general demilitarization of the police force. We want universal training: reshaping action to have a priority on de-escalation We want a Civilian oversight committee to end corrupt internal investigations We want required reports on use of excessive force (tasers and gunshots) We want to repeal and replace Qualified Immunity for officers We want to MAKE SURE badges and identifying information of officers can NEVER be covered We need the police to become accountable for their actions. It's been far too long and we all know it. best, erica