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Name: Jessica

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not make the last month be in vain - please commit to defunding the LAPD and adopting the People's Budget. Or please support creating one based off the research and numbers in the People's Budget.

The People's Budget allocates the largest amount of money to Universal Aid and Crisis Management (44.25%), which includes things like housing and public health; followed by Built Environment (25.80%); then Reimagined Community Safety (24.22%); and finally Law Enforcement and Police (5.72%).
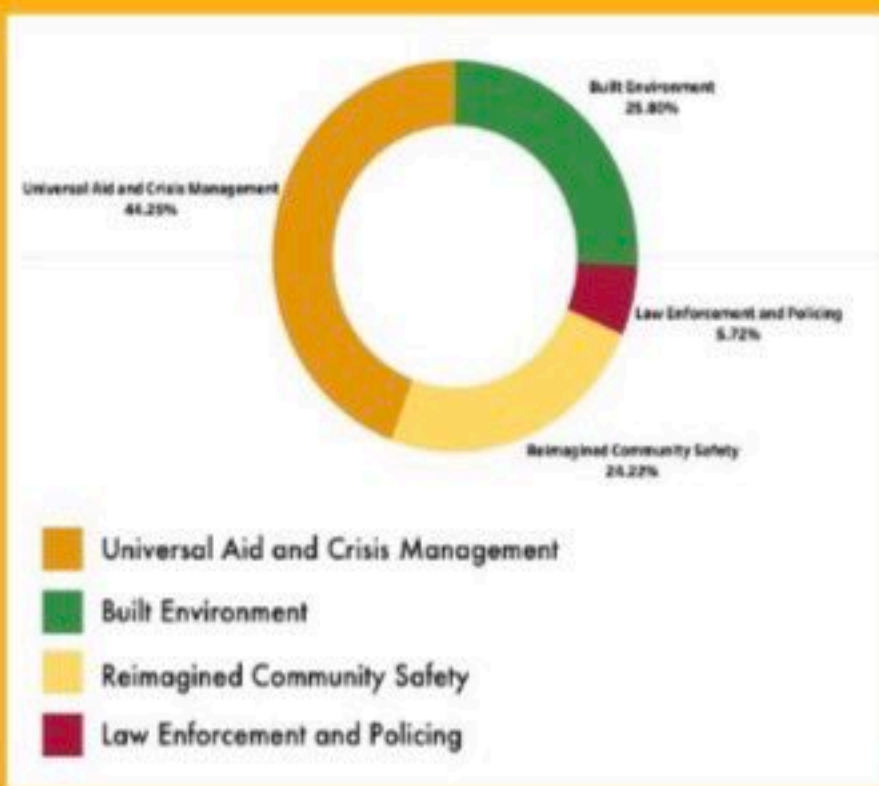
Activists with People's Budget LA have flooded three City Council public comment periods in a row demanding cuts to the police and increased spending on human-centered services. Now, they have an actual document to point to. People's Budget LA is made up of members from groups including Black Lives Matter LA, Ktown For All, People's City Council, Community Coalition, Students Deserve, Street Watch LA, Ground Game LA, and more.

"The People's Budget shows very clearly that people want care, not cops. We want housing, not handcuffs," said Dr. Melina Abdullah, a Professor of Pan-African Studies at Cal-State LA and an organizer with BLM-LA. "We engaged over 10,000 people in drafting this. We had 1,470 survey responses. Did Mayor Garcetti do anything close to this in drafting his budget? And we did this all as an urgent and rapid response to the Mayor's police state budget."
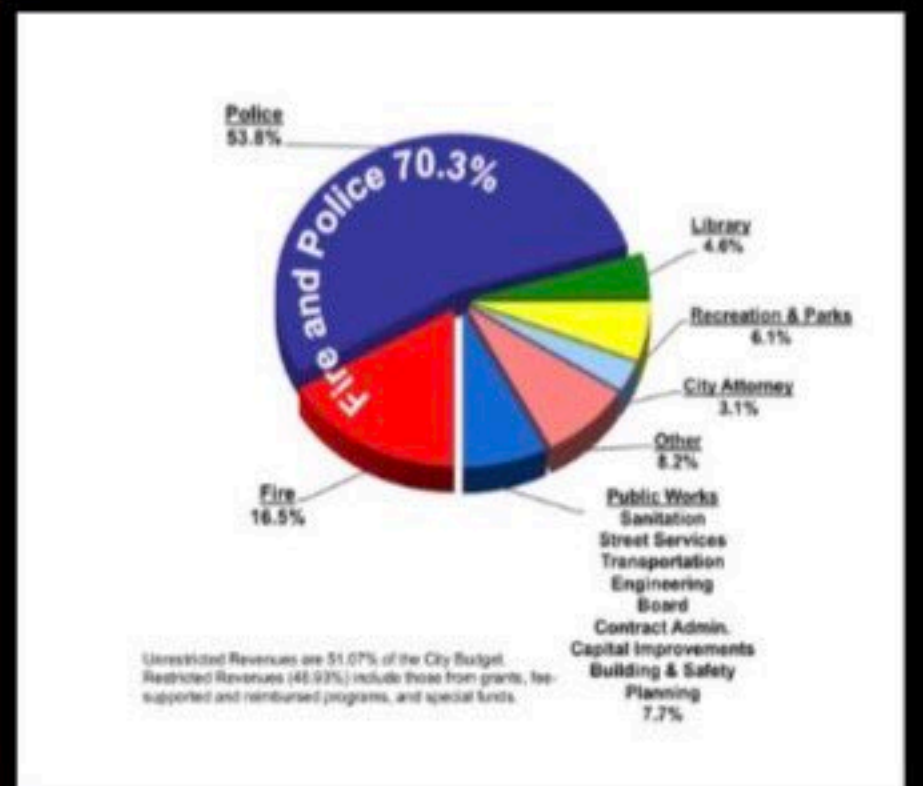
City Council plans to avoid an actual up-or-down vote on the Mayor's budget, meaning it will automatically pass come June 1.

"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 introduction to the People's Budget reads.

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm a resident of Los Angeles who has lived in this city for a majority of my life. I'm urging the Council to keep pushing towards the development of a new form of public safety in our city. I believe the recent motion to replace LAPD officers with unarmed, non-law enforcement agencies who would respond to non-violent calls is a great step in the right direction, and we need to make sure this materializes. We need to take steps to defund the police and adopt a People's Budget. By defunding the police, we would be able to use those funds for resources that support the Black and Brown communities that need it the most.

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Name: Lucas O'Connor
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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the People's Budget call to Defund LAPD and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. I also support Healthy LA's platform and call to invest in much needed affordable housing, tenant protections, and protections for workers and their wages. Decades of racist policies, land use planning and disinvestment from LA's Black communities continue to have devastating effects today. Black residents are overrepresented in the homeless population, and continue to experience higher rates of unemployment. Black and Latinx communities still face the deepest inequities and will be most impacted by eviction and displacement if we don't invest in housing solutions and protect their worker rights and wages. I am asking you to defund LAPD and also invest in much needed affordable housing, renewed funding for the LA Justice Fund to protect immigrants and immigrant communities, fully funded Right to Counsel and Eviction Defense and fully funded Office of Wage Standards and Day Laborer Centers. The cost of funding these programs is minuscule compared to the 3 billion dollar police budget. $150 million is not enough! Please fund programs that will truly help people, instead of criminalize them. Thank you.