

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 06:44 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the council to defund LAPD. The city of Los Angeles has seen enough murders at the hands of the militarized LAPD. It's time to divest in the police and invest in mental health services, education, and youth job programs. LAPD is overly funded for a police force with dismal response time and inability to provide meaningful services to those suffering from violent outbursts because of mental illness and/or drug abuse. Thank you for your consideration.

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello City Council Members, Please consider adopting The People's Budget (<https://peoplesbudgetla.com/>) instead of Mayor Garcetti's draconian budget proposal. Residents of Los Angeles deserve to have their tax dollars spent in a way that serves them, not harm or incarcerate them. Millions of us are out there chanting, "CARE NOT COPS!" Many of the police in LAPD are not residents of this wonderful city. Yet, they reap the benefits of our hard earned money. While there is a homeless crisis going on, no less. While there's a pandemic going on, no less. While thousands of us have lost our jobs because of the pandemic, no less. Or while institutional racism continues to murder, belittle, incarcerate, traumatize, (etc, etc, etc) us, no less. Gives us back our hard earned money in the form of a social services that can begin to heal our problems, rather than slap handcuffs on them. I'm tired of the way politics and government have taken advantage of me and my fellow Angelenos. Mayor Garcetti should really step down. And he should fire Police Chief Moore while he's on his way down. It's disgusting, disturbing, and utterly infuriating the way both of those men have chosen to handle this crisis. It's clear we are not in their best interests, and that right there is a crime. Thank you, Alyss E.

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Name: Laura Abrams

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Comments for Public Posting: IT'S TIME TO RETHINK POLICING AND SYSTEMS OF CARE. SOCIAL WORK CAN LEAD BY EXAMPLE Never before has social work been so widely discussed and so deeply misunderstood. After a century of performing difficult, undervalued, and underpaid work, we are elated to be brought into the national conversation about city budget priorities and alternatives to policing. However, as is clear from a recent op-ed in the Wall Street Journal, many people are talking and writing about social work with little understanding of what we actually do. Our workforce of over 700,000 credentialed social workers are mental health providers, child welfare workers, school counselors, elected officials, lobbyists, agency directors, community organizers, grant makers, researchers, and so much more. We are governed by a code of ethics that mandates challenging social injustices and valuing the dignity and worth of all persons, among others. Due to the recent surge of protest against the enduring lethality of anti-Blackness in policing, it has come to light that police officers have usurped social work roles in many settings, such as crisis response, homeless services, and public schools, to name a few. Taking on these roles is one of many main reasons that city policing budgets are so bloated. This is deeply troubling because police officers, no matter how well intentioned, are not social workers. Not only do they carry the threat of lethal force, but their training, values, and practices are wholly distinct. San Francisco and other cities are now planning to divert funds from law enforcement to social service agencies to conduct non-violent crisis services. A similar policy proposed by city councilperson Herb Wesson should unequivocally be implemented in Los Angeles. That said, the mere transfer of city or county funds from law enforcement to social services is not a panacea. The reality of social work's legacy in the Black community is far from simple. The majority of social workers have been white women who are not from the communities they serve. Often positioned as institutional gatekeepers, social workers have contributed to racialized oppression in many ways, which has included partnerships with the police and over surveillance of Black communities. So while we as social workers unequivocally support robust investment in social services, we also need to reshape our practices to end our role in regulating the

lives of Black, Brown, and Indigenous families. Simply stated, we cannot become a police force without guns. So how do we carve a path forward? First, we urge Mayor Garcetti and the City Council to move towards adoption of People's Budget LA. This budget was developed through a participatory community process led by a coalition convened by Black Lives Matter - Los Angeles. The Mayor needs to go much farther than a plan to reduce the police budget by a paltry 5 percent. We fully support calls for LAUSD to divest the \$70 million currently spent on school police and place these funds into much needed resources for education and community-based mental health services, particularly needed in the wake of COVID-19. Social workers also need to join forces with community groups who are working on campaigns to defund the police and reimagine public safety. Within our profession, we need to challenge the assumption that police can be more compassionate and less racist if social workers are by their side, as suggested in the NASW response to the WSJ article. As Mariame Kaba lays out in her powerful New York Times Op-Ed, we know that reforms such as oversight commissions, diversity training, body cameras, and alterations to use-of-force policies haven't worked in the past century, and they won't magically work in the future. As an evidence-based profession, we have a duty to consider data on interventions and the answer is clear: these reforms have not reduced police violence against Black people or reduced racial disparities in the carceral state. Los Angeles has a critical opportunity to shift from a legacy of police violence, racism, and human caging to a hub for innovation in promoting racial equity and ending violence against Black communities by agents of the state. Our social work code of ethics offers a guide for how to achieve these goals: by prioritizing community self-determination; considering evidence; and tackling the structural social injustices that continue to harm the Black community. So yes, it is absolutely time for social work to have our rightful place at the table - with a full understanding of our historical legacy, creating a new meaning of caring and safe communities, and fully embracing the Black Lives Matter platform.

Communication from Public

Name: Kristen Azevedo

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 03:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please reconsider the budget allotted for the LAPD, reallocate some of those funds for other community resources and find ways to be more creative with public safety. In a time when budgets for all other city services are being cut back and city employees are being furloughed, why aren't the same cuts being considered for the LAPD? Why does the city budget cover lawsuit settlements against the LAPD - perhaps liability insurance could be an alternative just like doctors and attorneys have. Maybe there is a way for each officer to pay into it themselves, or a portion of it, and that portion increases with complaints/infractions just like in other professions. If officers are no longer the first responders for the top 3 calls that the LAPD get - homelessness, substance abuse and mental health - then less officers (and cars, equipment, training) is needed and that funding can support the advocates, counselors and therapists that are better trained and suited for such situations. The LAPD is asked to do too much - and they are not trained for it. Why does the LAPD provide security on film sets in LA? Why does the LAPD have a Lamborghini and Teslas? The LAPD doesn't need to pay for community outreach programs, if other community outreach is provided - save the money and support the specialists. There are areas where cuts can happen, and the solution is to divest from the LAPD and invest in the communities instead.

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Comments for Public Posting: To the elected officials of Los Angeles, please listen to the people you represent. The idea that over 50% of Los Angeles' budget goes toward policing is ridiculous. Policing as we know it isn't working. We need a new strategy to better protect and serve our community, especially your BIPOC constituents. Homelessness is an issue. Housing is an issue. Education is an issue. Please don't think that diverting only \$150 million dollars is going to be the answer or nearly enough. The way elected officials in LA continue highlighting that amount is political appeasement and I beg you to do better. Adopt the People's Budget or take it as a strong cue of how the people that make up this city would prefer the budget be allocated. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Terra Ashe

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 01:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello I am making a public comment here instead of over the phone because I was locked out of the meeting. I am writing to speak on item 2 and 20 the people have spoken and they have been speaking for ages but you refuse to listen. \$150 m cut to the LAPD budget when they receive billions is frankly laughable then to go and add more funding to LAPD programs is an insult to the people you serve. You need to defund the police and pass the People's Budget. While the Mayor would like to pretend it isn't happening we are still in the midst of a pandemic that is leading to a depression instead of brutalizing your black and brown citizens put the money towards housing, healthcare, community programs, emergency relief. Listen to BLMLA, listen to Black and Brown voices. Defund the police today.

Communication from Public

Name: Gina Viola

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 09:10 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Gina Viola and 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 miniscule 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. The definition of insane is continuing to do the same thing over and over again and expect different results. This is what we've been doing for years utilizing policing for our social problems. It is clear it is not working. Everything we've added policing to has gotten worse. It is long past due that we take this step to invest in our communities. That investment is what will keep us all safe. Did you know that just 20% of the LAPD budget would be enough to sustainably house every single person currently living on the street? This is a no brainer city council - it is time for you to do more than just green light developers who have eaten up huge areas that were once affordable housing and invest back into those communities all that you have allowed to be stolen from them. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Samantha Smart

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 08:23 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi my name is Samantha Smart, I am a resident of Los Angeles and Mitch O'Farrell is my council member. I urge you to do more than make the minimal \$100-150 million in cuts. It does not go far enough. We need to take drastic steps and do more to keep the public safe. Cuts can be made from overtime, bonuses, and the unbelievably excessive helicopter budget. The helicopters make Los Angeles feel like a war zone and do little to prevent crime. Please listen to the people and defund the LAPD and invest in programs and services that will actually keep communities safe.

Communication from Public

Name: Madeline Dimayuga
Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 08:30 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to remind the council that your citizens are watching you. We are watching you not only because we finally have the time to do so, but because we cannot afford to look away anymore. Defund the police. How is it that cops can afford to get better cars, but school children in Pico Union have to walk past actual human feces on the way to an educational institution that has been neglected for years? How is it that cops can afford riot gear, but volunteers in our city have to gather, scrounge, and donate clothes to the endless stream of homeless individuals on the streets? How is it that in the midst of a sea of protests, our police can possess military grade weapons to be used against the citizens they have sworn to protect; but health professionals cannot get immediate assistance and resources to battle a global pandemic? It is because your council and government had chosen to take money away from the social services designed to craft a better life for civilians; and instead, grant it to civil servants who have used that money to terrorize your constituents. You can right that wrong this month. You can. Our society depends on the trust between the government and its people. We have watched others break that trust before, but you can amend it. You can. And if you don't, remember that we are watching. We are all watching, and we will not forget what we saw when election time comes around.

Communication from Public

Name: Rachael Kathryn Bell
Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 08:47 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: The motion to divert calls and service provision away from the LADP is an important first step, but we need to reimagine public safety to a greater extent. I encourage City Council to work closely with BLMLA and People's Budget LA to truly work to defund the police. Specifics: Item 2 - Cutting LADP by \$100-\$150 million: this cut does not go far enough. I am asking the Budget and Finance Committee to make a far more substantial cut to the LADP, such as that reflected in the People's Budget LA survey results. Specifics: Item 20 - Giving \$100k to "Community Safety Partnership": funds for the community should be given to grassroots and community organizations, so everyone is aware of what is actually changing within the police department. Thank you for your time and willingness to change your mind.

Communication from Public

Name: Brady Collins

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 08:51 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Brady Collins and I'm with the Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance (KIWA). KIWA has been working to advance economic justice for low-wage workers and tenants for nearly 30 years. We therefore 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. We 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 miniscule 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.

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Name: Danielle Doucet
Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 09:23 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Council File Number: 20-0600 I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. 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: Chad Monk

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 09:33 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Chad Monk and 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 miniscule 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.

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Name: Elizabeth Blake Camiel

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 09:35 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of 90035 - Here are my comments regarding the City Council meeting on June 22, 2020: Item 2: Cutting LAPD by \$100-150 million This cut is not nearly enough. I am asking the Budget and Finance Committee to make a far more substantial cut to the LAPD, such as that reflected in the People's Budget LA survey results. The LAPD Union has donated significant money to Eric Garcetti and he prioritizes their budget increases every year. It is unacceptable. Item 20: Giving \$100k to "Community Safety Partnership" Funds for the community should be given to grassroots and community organizations that work within those community, not to the LAPD for its propaganda campaigns. The motion to divert calls and service provision away from the LAPD is an important first step, but we need to reimagine public safety to a greater extent. I encourage City Council to work closely with BLMLA and People's Budget LA to truly defund the police. Our School Systems have been defunded so much that teachers have to buy their own supplies. The LAPD has only brought a negative influence on many people and we continue to throw money at them. We already know that many officers have ties to white supremacy. Why would we give money to them and not towards our own children and community?

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Name: Joey Ortiz
Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 09:37 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in District 13. 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: Zoe Axelrod

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 09:39 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I thank Councilmembers Martinez, Wesson, Price, Harris-Dawson, and Blumenfield for the motion they have put forward to reimagine public safety. I also thank Councilmembers Cedillo, Krekorian, Ryu, Rodriguez, Bonin, and O'Farrell for supporting research into reducing the police budget. However, the proposed cuts of \$100-150M to the LAPD budget do not go far enough. I am asking the Budget and Finance Committee to make a far more substantial cut to the LAPD, such as that reflected in the People's Budget LA survey results, which was presented to Council on June 15. As the community has been expressing for months now, \$3 billion can go to much better use than a racist, militarized police force with bloated overtime pay. We demand a new version of public safety that supports all Angelenos. Please commit to working for the people, not for LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Lyndsey Nolan

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 10:17 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Lyndsey Nolan and 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 miniscule 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.

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Name: Rebecca Kessler
Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 10:19 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am reaching out today to speak on item number 2 and 20. I support the People's Budget and Black Lives Matter to defund the police and reallocate these funds to community programs that will protect and uplift our communities and create public safety everyone can benefit from. The \$150 million dollar budget cut to the LAPD is pocket change and is not good enough. I watched the Black Lives Matter presentation of the budget last week and that means I also watched your responses last week. Instead of patting yourselves on your back for everything you still haven't done for us, please back up your words with actions by voting to take on the People's Budget NOW. Your constituents are speaking to you and it's your job to listen to us and to act in our best interest. They did it in Minneapolis- we can do it in LA. Please do the right thing and vote to adopt the People's Budget and defund the police. And while I have your attention: you MUST update this entire website/streaming service you all are using. It's 2020. It should NOT be this complicated to attend a city council meeting virtually/it should not be this complicated to submit a public comment. The "council file ID number" should not be that hard to find. We shouldn't have to confirm via email before posting our public comment. I am extremely well versed with the internet and even I struggled to figure this all out. You must streamline it- there are no excuses at this point. Like I said: it's 2020. Get it together.

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Freedman
Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 10:21 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am very pleased that quick consideration was taken for the \$100-150 million cut to the LAPD budget, but we can do better. The budget for LAPD over the last 5 years has gone up so quickly, and what did we gain? As far as my experience has been, it has not been more safety. It has been more surveillance, more violence and death at the hands of officers, and more reasons to distrust the department. These cuts can be deeper! Similarly, the effort to divert \$100,000 to the "Community Safety Partnership" should be used to explore alternatives to the traditional police/community relations that already exist (and are clearly not working well enough.) Funding should go to community organizations that are working on the ground and at the front lines of community well-being and safety. Thank you for your consideration, Alex

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Name: Michaela Spellman

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 09:54 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in District 14. 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: Sonia Suresh

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 09:56 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Sonia and 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 miniscule 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.

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Name: Ali Baird

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 10:09 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm not sure if this is the right avenue, but like many, I'm think about equity and how LA can improve. This is not a big sweeping thing, but I think an inequitable system is made of lots of smaller systemic inequities, too. I am hoping the City Council can examine Quimby Funds and how they are allocated. As I understand, the funds are only available to be used to add green space within a small geographic radius near the development project. I worry that this leads to the rich areas getting richer in green space when these are often areas less in need of green space. It came to my attention when Larchmont Village had the option (and still does) to create a pocket park. I'd argue that Larchmont Village is one of the greenest areas in Los Angeles already. It would be interesting to explore how Quimby funds could be allocated differently so that the parts of our city that tend to be underserved and more in need of green space could benefit. Thanks for "listening." Ali Baird

Communication from Public

Name: Briana Taylor

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 10:26 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Item 2: Cutting LAPD \$100 - \$150 million doesn't go far enough - I am asking the Budget and Finance Committee to make a far more substantial cut to LAPD, such as that reflected in the People Budget LA survey results. Item 20: Giving \$100K to "Community Safety Partnership" Funds for the community should be given to grassroots and community Black and Brown organizations, not to LAPD for its propaganda campaigns. General Comments: Defund the Police and protect the community from a LAPD system that is rooted in racism and trained biases. I am homeowner in LA City and a woman of color.

Communication from Public

Name: Ellen Denherder
Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 10:27 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: The cut of \$100-\$150 million is not nearly enough to LAPD's budget. We need a far more substantial cut to LAPD's budget in order to fulfill the motion of diverting calls and services away from LAPD's jurisdiction. Although this motion is an important step, and I would encourage the City Council to work closely with Black Lives Matter LA and the People's City Council to truly defund the police. For example, while motioning to divest, you are also motioning to give \$100k to LAPD for a "Community Safety Partnership" which should be awarded to local, grassroots organizations that are already doing the work in our communities. Another general comment is a smaller part of the puzzle, but an important one. I work in the arts, specifically working with non-profit arts organizations in Los Angeles. It's sad to me that only \$5 million goes annually to cultural grants, when LAPD gets over \$3 billion. What's even sadder to me, is how much of that \$5m goes to traditionally white organizations, leaving many Black and Brown organizations to self-fund their work. ??This is wrong and this mirrors the oppression that exists in other departments across the budget. These inequities must be addressed by our city council and the department of cultural affairs.?? We must invest in a people's budget to begin to address racism in our arts funding and programs.

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Name: Valerie Hanley

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 10:27 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear President and City Council members, My name is Valerie Garcia Hanley. I am a third generation Merchant on Olvera Street. My father started on Olvera Street when it opened with Ms. Christine Sterling on April 20, 1930. My 82 year old mother and I still work our business (up until 3/18/20). I am also a member of the Olvera Street Merchants Association. This year is Olvera Street's 90th birthday and we are closed. The street is a ghost town. In my 52 years I have never seen it like this. The Merchants provide our traditional events & children workshops (Blessing of the Animals, Day of the Dead and Las Posadas) free to the public. We preserve the culture and traditions of the early Mexican influence of Los Angeles. Back in the 1990's the electorate of City deemed the Merchants unique and that we are the living cultural resource which has made Olvera Street and El Pueblo what it is today. The Merchants want to maintain the historical and cultural integrity that we provide, not only to our City and State, but also to millions of visitors from around the world. I understand that Councilman Huizar is putting forward a motion of two months' rent forgiveness for the Merchants. We are truly grateful for this initial help. However, I and others would like to make the City aware that this will not be enough to help us in this unprecedented crisis we are all going through. These are just a few reasons why we will need much more help. The Merchants, and El Pueblo as a whole, will be one of the last areas in the City to recover. We rely heavily on tourism (which is non-existent now and will take a long time to return). Our local customers will have very little expendable income for quite some time. Our local church (La Placita) parishioners are non-existent. Downtown businesses and government buildings will not be at their regular capacity (telecommuting). There are no field trip from schools. We will not be able to hold our large events for some time. Mass transit will not have its regular ridership and we will have new restrictions on how we can do business (the "New Normal"). All of these factors equal lower revenues. We need the City to provide rent forgiveness for an extended period of time, to supplement the El Pueblo department's operating budget, and that the City empower the El Pueblo management to work with us. I am hoping that the City Family, our landlord, is understanding and compassionate to our situation and will work with the

Merchants to assure that Olvera Street can continue to be the Historical Heart of Los Angeles. Without your (the City) help, my family and many others will not be able to come back to our business and our legacy. Ninety years of our family's history is being wiped out in 90 days of financial hardship. Please do not turn a deaf ear on us, hear our plea! Sincerely, //s// Valerie
Valerie Garcia Hanley Casa California W-10 Olvera Street
213-716-1373

Communication from Public

Name: Carly
Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 10:32 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I support decreased funding to the LAPD and redistributing the funds to other community services.

Communication from Public

Name: Jamie Feldmar

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 10:29 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a voter in District 13. I am writing to support item 2-- reducing LAPD budget by \$100-150 million-- and urging you to reduce this number further. I urge you to commit to a long-term plan that supports communities, particularly Black and brown communities that have been disproportionately terrorized by the LAPD. It's about more than just diverting funds away from the LAPD, it's about defunding them and reinvesting those funds into affordable housing, healthcare, healthy food and access to it, good jobs, educational enrichment [including libraries!!], small business resources, mental healthcare, and free public transit. I support the measures proposed in the People's Budget and urge you to consider the same. Thank you. Jamie Feldmar
630-750-6787 Silver Lake/Dist 13

Communication from Public

Name: Rheena Mae

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 10:29 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Council File Number: 20-0600 I am an Angeleno and I live in District [Fill in Your District Number]. 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: Trent Christensen

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 10:31 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: for items 2 and 20 20: the pro police "through our eyes" program should not get any money, the fact that this is on the table in a moment like this is beyond tone deaf. We do not need to budget more money to cop propaganda in fact: 2: We need to defund the LAPD, the 150 "budget cut" is not enough, we dont need a rollback on garcettis increases, we need a drastic cut from the and gutting of the police budget and a swift re allocation of those funds to social services and teachers and other individuals who actually help our communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Grace Tierk
Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 10:39 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to ask you to support the People's Budget. The preliminary steps you've taken to slightly cut the proposed increase and allocate funding to emergency responders trained in social services are positive steps but they don't go far enough. The funding for the new emergency response program must be taken directly from the police budget, and even more money must be redirected from the LAPD's budget to social support programs. By giving the bulk of the budget's funds to LAPD, as Mayor Garcetti proposed, we are criminalizing poverty while simultaneously doing very little to help people get out of poverty. Per the People's Budget, which was developed by polling over 24,000 Angelenos on what they believe the budget should prioritize, the bulk of the budget should go to social services and infrastructure, with at most 5% being allocated to the LAPD. Increased spending on social services will reduce crime without police intervention, which is inherently unhelpful in most situations and all too often escalates to outright violence. Additionally, I ask you not to approve spending on the Through Our Eyes program, as an increased budget for police training is not what we need; we need actual systemic change.

Communication from Public

Name: Allison Michael

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 12:11 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am commenting to express my dissatisfaction with the minor and ineffective cuts to the LAPD budget as proposed by Mayor Garcetti. The people of Los Angeles are speaking in unison to you and asking you to defund the LAPD SIGNIFICANTLY and fund community safety initiatives that don't result in the disproportionate death of Black communities and individuals in our city. No more programs that will place police officers in public schools! Protect Black students from police violence and harassment. We don't need police outreach programs, we need COMMUNITY SAFETY. Los Angeles city representatives have failed to protect the public in nearly every way- you have hastily reopened the city with no plan in place to keep people from dying or going bankrupt- you have refused to cancel rent during a global crisis and pandemic, you have turned your back on people being murdered by police. We aren't going to let you get away with this anymore. Protect the people of Los Angeles- defund LAPD and fund community services that will keep people housed, healthy, and safe. Center the voices of the movements that did the work before you were ever held accountable to listening- representatives from Black Lives Matter and People's Budget LA are showing you the way. We are asking you to follow their lead. Thank you for your time, Allison Michael

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Ackerman
Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 01:21 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and redirect that money to social programs that support black communities - housing, education, healthcare, etc. I think at least half of the nearly \$3.2 billion dollar LAPD budget should be used instead to fix the communities they so blatantly terrorize. AT LEAST HALF. Also fire Chief Moore.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 12:51 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Reallocating \$100-150M from the LAPD is not enough Adopt the People's Budget: <https://youtu.be/qQidlv709Sc> Take more funding away from the LAPD and re-invest it in community programs like housing, education, and healthcare Oppose LAPD's "Through Our Eyes" program Keep police out of schools

Communication from Public

Name: Kathryn Esquibel
Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 12:53 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Redirect money from police budget to social programs that support black communities - housing, public education, healthcare, etc. I think at least half of the nearly \$3.2 billion dollar LAPD budget should be used instead for these types of community programs. Also, fire Chief Moore.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 10:47 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Don't add funding for LAPD programs. Defund the police. Cutting it by \$150M is not nearly enough. Now is the time to divest in LAPD. Invest in communities without LAPD involvement. City Council should adopt the People's Budget. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

Communication from Public

Name: Kimberly Anne Free

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 10:35 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I'd like to thank the Budget and Finance committee for hearing the People's Budget present last Monday (6/15). They were powerful, persuasive, and fully in line with how I'd like to see Los Angeles city council re-imagine public safety and re-distribute the LA budget. Currently, LAPD receives over 50% of the city's unrestricted funds. THIS WILL NOT KEEP US SAFE, in the short term or the long run. We must use this historic time of civil unrest and civic awareness to take bold action in the right direction. That is, towards investing in communities, not policing communities instead. While the proposed \$150 million LAPD budget but is a step in the right direction, we all know that amount is a very small fraction of the funding LAPD receives. We can not rely on LAPD to keep our city safe. We don't want to and we won't accept it as a solution. We need to meet the needs of our citizens first, then we can re-assess crime. That means funding public housing, healthcare, mental health and wellness, community programs, and of course, education. \$150 million starts to spread thin pretty quickly when you recognize the magnitude of change Los Angeles is collectively demanding. \$150 million won't cut it. We want big change in our budget, with big investment in our communities, and we want that money to come from the bloated LAPD funding. Please take the people seriously, do not placate us with gestures. You know exactly what we want you to do, so please listen to your constituents and help us lead the way in re-imagining public safety. Thank you, Kim Free

Communication from Public

Name: Geoffrey KIXMILLER

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 10:35 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I thank Council-members Martinez, Wesson, Price, Harris-Dawson, and Blumenfield for the motion they have put forward to reimagine public safety. I also thank Council-members Cedillo, Krekorian, Ryu, Rodriguez, Bonin, and O'Farrell for supporting research into reducing the police budget. However, the proposed cuts of \$100-150M to the LAPD budget do not go far enough. This still only amounts to less than a 5% reduction in the total budget of the LAPD. We need to redistribute our resources away from lawless policing and towards resources that support working families. We are tired of Austerity and militarized over policing. The Budget and Finance Committee need to make a far more substantial cut to the LAPD, this is outlined in the People's Budget which was presented to Council on June 15. As the community has been expressing for months now, \$3 billion can go to much better use than a racist, militarized police force with bloated overtime pay. We demand a new version of public safety that supports all Angelenos. Please commit to working for the people, not for LAPD. Thanks, Geoffrey KixMiller

Communication from Public

Name: Pam G.

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 11:24 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a Los Angeles city resident and urban planner, I firmly support defunding the LAPD and reallocating funds to support community-led programs. Homelessness increased by 14% according to the 2020 count, which are pre-pandemic numbers that will surely surge as COVID-19 continues to tear through our communities, hitting Black and Brown communities the hardest. Los Angeles does not require more policing but is in desperate need to allocate funding to help its unhoused residents. I urge Council to take a hard and honest look at what their priorities seem to be when the budget dedicated to housing and services is a meager fraction of the billions proposed for the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Molly Bernitz

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 11:25 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Cutting only \$100-\$150 million from the LAPD's budget does not do enough to Defund the LAPD. It is only a 5% cut of their \$3 billion dollar budget. I urge my elected council representative Paul Krekorian to cut the LAPD's funding far more substantially in alignment with the People's Budget LA. On 6/18, *3 DAYS* after council held a special session for the People's Budget LA to present, the LAPD shot and killed another man of color, 18 year old Andres Guardado. Reforms and patchwork solutions will never be enough. The LAPD is still killing your constituents while you deliberate. It's time to take action now and Defund the LAPD far greater than the current proposal of a mere 5%.

Communication from Public

Name: Antonio Cuevas
Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 11:33 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno voter living in District 14. I ask the council members to seriously 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 gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the Peoples Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. A survey of several thousand Angelenos showed that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air, and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimaged public safety over the police department. I call on the council members to engage directly with communities to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Over the past few weeks, tens of thousands of LA constituents have taken to the streets in support of defunding the LAPD. We've made it clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the LAPD's violent culture of policing Black and brown communities. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. 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: Gigi Teverbaugh

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 10:47 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am a lifelong resident of LA County and I'm writing to express my immense disappointment in the Mayor Garcetti's proposed 2020-21 budget and his recent amendment to it. Although reducing the LAPD's budget by \$150 million is a start, it is not nearly enough to show Mayor Garcetti's solidarity nor support for the Black Lives Matter movement. The LAPD was granted a \$3 billion budget. These officers are overpaid and undertrained and have time and time again abused their power and wealth to suppress our black, brown, and low-income communities. Our police are unequipped to properly deal with everything they are called to do. I suggest that LA County significantly reduce its police force and invest in extensive training for social workers and specialized services to replace police in non-violent situations, including and especially those with our unhoused residents and those suffering from mental illness. I demand that Mayor Garcetti and the LA City Council consider divesting from the LAPD and reallocating those funds toward grassroots, community led interventions to help underserved black and brown communities. Additionally, LA is in a deep housing crisis. Now is the time to use our city budget toward affordable housing, and services for unhoused individuals. On top of that, COVID-19 has taken a physical and emotional toll on our city, especially on those who cannot afford to take care of themselves or their loved ones due to our current economic crisis. This is where LA City must step in to provide essential public health services, mental health services and addiction treatment services. I hope you will seriously consider these proposals for the 2020-21 budget. This year can be a turning point for our city. LA is strong, but we need the help of our local government to rebuild a system that has neglected our most vulnerable residents for decades. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Audrey Hwang

Date Submitted: 06/22/2020 11:13 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Item 2: Although \$100-150 million is a start to cutting the police budget, it is still not enough, considering that LAPD is still getting more than 50% off the budget. It is pretty clear that the people want more cut from that budget and instead have proposed the adoption of the People's Budget LA. Item 20: The \$100k should not be further given to the LAPD. The people are demanding you reduce the LAPD budget significantly and we think this \$100k should be given to grassroots and community organizations rather than the LAPD's propaganda campaigns. The motion to begin diverting funds away from LAPD is a start for Los Angeles but we are encouraging City Council to work closely with Black Lives Matter LA and People's Budget LA to truly start defunding LAPD.