

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** DEFUND THE POLICE. REINVEST IN BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES. RELEASE THE PRISONERS. INVEST IN MENTAL HEALTH AND REHABILITATION. INVEST IN HOMES FOR THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE ONE. INVEST IN COMMUNITY GARDENS AND KITCHENS. INVEST IN PUBLIC TRANSIT. SINCERELY, ANNA-LAURIE RIVES

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We have been calling in for weeks and in many cases years now. None of what I will say is new news. \$150 Million dollars to get us back down to LAST years budget is absolutely not enough. In fact, it's an insult. We do not need \$3 billion going to the LAPD using force, killing humans and ultimately not doing a good job when they are called for even the smallest of incidents. I cannot tell you how many times I have personally called for incidents in and around my building and if they came at all, which many times they never showed up, they did nothing and nothing has changed. We need money to be going into grassroots community-led intervention programs with community leaders who KNOW their people and who have built trust with them. We need humanitarian efforts when it comes to mental health and homelessness... not men with guns or women trying to prove themselves tough enough for those men by being twice as bad as them. We need specialized training for social workers so they can show up for non-violent incidents, not men with guns who escalate any situation of this nature by their mere presence. We need housing. We need job training and opportunities. We need better public health services for ALL of us. Don't forget this is a town of freelancers after all. It's not just the unhoused and lower income families who suffer. We all do. With better community and social systems in place that enable people to thrive in health and home, our economy will only go up. Isn't that what you want? Safer streets, cleaner streets and a stronger economy? Well taking care of people is the way to do it. Not overfunding police. Do what the people who pay you want and need you to do. Defund the police. Invest in social and community services. Invest in education at all ages. Invest in the simplest things like sanitation in lower income neighborhoods the same way we have it in WeHo or Beverly Hills. Do better. We know you can. The People's Budget has done the work for you. All you have to do is be brave enough to say YES.