

Communication from Public

Name: California Lady

Date Submitted: 06/27/2020 12:06 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defunding the police is completely unreasonable and idiotic! A Police officer in Minnesota did a horrible thing and should be held accountable for his despicable actions. No police officer, in this country agrees with what that officer did and emphatically believes that that officer should be held accountable and punished for what he did. However, defunding the police is the absolutely he wrong thing to do. The police are not the enemy!!!! 99% of the police officers are professional, competent, committed, concerned and community driven individuals. What about all the community related programs that LAPD do? Giving toys out to the unprivileged children and socks, mittens and scarfs to the elderly each and every Christmas, fund raisers like “Tip a Cop” for the Special Olympics , the Cadet program, Community Outreach, Civilian Police Academy, Town Halls, Asian-Pacific and African American Forums, Jeopardy Program for at risk youths that have such positive outcome for so many young men and woman. This is just to name a few. LAPD have been leaders in community policing, training and partnership programs. These officers are a diverse representation of the City. In many cases, which have gone unreported, officers use deescalating tactics with positive and non-violent resolution. Where is the recognition for those LAPD training and accomplishments for this type of policing? Look at the actual stats – LAPD has a very low number in use of force...out of 1,692,351 public contact there have only been 2,373 (0.14% of total public contact) use of force and only 26 with a weapon (.001% total public contact) The Anarchists in this country want to take over and do so with weapons. Look at what they are doing in Seattle and Washington DC. They do not want law and order. Is that really what YOU want for Los Angeles or event our country. Do we really want to go back to the Wild West mentality? I DON’T THINK SO! The LAPD put on their uniform every day to serve their communities with the threat that they may not return home to their families because they have a target on their back. In EVERY profession, including yours, there are bad apples but that does not mean you through the baby out with the bath water. What about the law bidding citizens that rely on the police when criminals (Black, White, Asian, Latino, etc.) perpetrate crimes against individuals? The only recourse is to contact the police for assistance and protection. They are already

over worked and the response time takes much longer and can have devastating results. How about protecting and caring the majority of the good citizens instead of giving in to those who want to tear down our country and our cities? You were put into office to serve the majority and protect our laws. Now it is time for you **TO DO YOUR JOB** and protect law and order and the safety of our community?

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Name: Robert Saul

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Comments for Public Posting: This statement is in regard to Item 1 My name is Robert. I have been a resident of Los Angeles for over 60 years and have great concern that this City Council will be making a huge mistake in voting to pass this motion. Please vote NO on items J and B. Forcing the LAPD to reduce its sworn personnel creates Longer waits for 911 and reduces the ability to protect us. In addition it will lead to additional gun sales with civilians seeking to protect family and property. Please do the right thing to protect our population of 4 million rather than make us susceptible to crime.

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Name: Sophia Lee

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Comments for Public Posting: Definitely Police Academy need longer training classes about race relations, empathy and trigger happy prevention. I hope there is a program for the police officers see various Psychologist every 4-6months. How can any of us understand what type of psychological condition they are in, when most of them are dealing with hardline criminals day in and day out.

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Name: Rob Frankel

Date Submitted: 06/27/2020 11:16 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: INCREASE funding, do not decrease. You need to understand that the public to whom you are pandering is a very small vocal group, but the vast majority want more police protection, not anarchy.

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Name: Sarah Lutzky

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, My name is Sarah Lutzky and I am from Encino, California. I am reaching out to demand that the cut to the LAPD budget is greater than \$150 million, which is a TINY fraction of the total \$3 billion budget. We, the people of Los Angeles, demand that these cuts to the LAPD budget go towards investment in: Grassroots, community-led interventions to help underserved black and brown communities Training for social workers/specialized services to replace police in non-violent situations Affordable housing Services for unhoused individuals Public health Mental health services Addiction treatment services I'd like to note that defunding the LAPD does not mean defunding "law enforcement." Defunding the LAPD does mean that money is redirected to social workers/trained professionals that would help keep the public safe and avoid escalation by police. We want to see REAL change not just a semblance of it. Thank you for your time

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm asking you to adopt The People's Budget. It was put together with research, data and facts by a historical coalition who's primary motivation is LOVE of human life. We've all seen protestors with cardboard signs met with guns, batons, and tear gas by LAPD and LASD. We've seen the police union leaders surround and threaten councilwoman Rodriguez. We've seen them threaten Garcetti on TV. They've responded to the idea of budget cuts with fear mongering instead of the obvious fact that they don't need helicopters, tanks, teslas, and Lamborghinis when teachers have to buy their own chalk, doctors have to put together PPE with garbage bags. We demand you support the People's Budget. It's a clear choice between Love and compassion over racist corruption and continued militarized brutality. DEFUND THE POLICE

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: Responding to Item #1 on The Agenda I do not want Items J or B to be passed...causing our city to lose hundreds of Police Officers!

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Name: RUTH ESTRADA

Date Submitted: 06/27/2020 01:32 PM

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Name: Melissa Estrada
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Thank You.

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Name: Jessica Brock

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Comments for Public Posting: Police reform is not enough. Reducing the funding is not enough. The people demand ABOLITION of and DIVESTMENT from the LAPD, with its funding redirected to community based resources. Please refer to The People's Budget (<https://peoplesbudgetla.com> , <https://peoplesbudgetla.com/peoplesbudget/>) for actions demanded and propositions supported by the people of Los Angeles, including myself.

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Name: Angelica

Date Submitted: 06/27/2020 08:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am responding to Item #1 on the agenda. I do not want item's J or B to be passed causing our city to lose HUNDREDS of officers! Our city is severely underserved with the population number compared with the number of police officers employed. I have experienced firsthand the results of our police department being understaffed. Slower response times for example. Also, certain calls not being responded to, because the officers are handling "high priority calls". Some of the calls put in that were considered low priority were for transients walking in to traffic, and pounding on car windows. Also considered low priority were transients that were drunk, or on drugs in front of our home for hours or days. We were told that if our lives weren't immediately threatened, that it was low priority. It's been scary just retrieving mail, getting into and out of our cars, taking trash cans to the curb, and we don't feel safe letting our children play outside. More officers on the streets would mean that calls would be responded to no matter the priority, since citizens wouldn't have to wait for one of only a few cars assigned to whatever division they live in. Having MORE NOT LESS officers to preserve the safety and quality of life in our neighborhoods is what is needed. PLEASE DO NOT PASS ITEMS J OR B.

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Name: Eric Estrada

Date Submitted: 06/27/2020 09:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Your email is an absolute insult to the people and you are continuing to dig yourself deeper into an unsalvageable pit. Diversity within the police force didn't stop Andres Guardado from having his life taken away, to name one of the enormous population of innocent Los Angeles residents murdered by police. Tell me how exactly your mandatory "de-escalating" training served him? We will not stand for nor accept the measly crumbs you try to feed us. Justice will only be served when the cops responsible for his death are held accountable. Being brown should not be a death sentence. Allegedly having an illegal fire arm should not immediately be met with death. For too long the police have acted as nothing more than trigger happy executioners with less training hours than a cosmetologist. THE VIOLENCE MUST END. WE.DO.NOT.WANT.REFORM. We demand the defunding of the police and for their budget to be reinvested into social workers and programs that can better serve our communities in ways your cops have failed. We Do Not Need Them. We Do Not Want Them. We Do Not Like Them. They Do Not Serve Us. They ESPECIALLY Do Not Protect Us. Minnesota is already taking steps to abolish their police force. Follow suit and be on the right side of history, Garcetti. We are tired of the performances, both Michel Moore and Jackie Lacey need to step down. With the second wave of COVID looming upon us things will only grow worse unless you look after the best interest of the people. Our citizens need an extension for unemployment, it is not safe for us to go back what we used to know as normal. Put the budget into areas that serve the people you pretend to represent, whose taxes fill this budget's coffers. We are not expendable. No one should lose their son or daughter to the very police we pay to supposedly protect us. No one should have to say goodbye to their nearly-dead loved ones over FaceTime. Protect the Angelenos you're so inspired by, not the police. The window to protect this city is closing. We will not and cannot wait any longer.

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Name: Christina

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Comments for Public Posting: De-Funding police in ANY capacity puts our public at risk as well as leaving our children to be “sitting ducks” in schools. De-Funding police announces to every bad person or terrorist group that we have an entire community of soft targets. These is a irresponsible knee jerk reaction to a bad Police officer who is now in Jail. We need to add possible more training on an alternative method to hold criminals down without putting their knee on their neck. But De-Funding the police is the opposite of what we should be doing. Have you seen the rioters and looters? Do you think they’ll “comply” with laws knowing less police are on patrol? DEFEND THE POLICE so they can do their jobs safely. That’s the least we can do since they put their lives on the line for us DAILY.