

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Peggy  
**Date Submitted:** 06/28/2020 12:15 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please support LAPD

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/28/2020 10:21 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We need much larger cuts to the LAPD budget. Existing proposals made by various city council members and the mayor fail to align with Angelenos' priorities. City council must defund the police and invest that money into communities and non-LAPD, unarmed alternatives to police. We need to listen to the community and invest in their needs, not their demise.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nicholas Hon

**Date Submitted:** 06/28/2020 10:21 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** To Mayor Garcetti and members of the Budget and Finance Committee, I am writing as a citizen of Los Angeles and as a teacher in LA public schools to demand that you all enact the Peoples Budget. On June 15, 2020 some of you, along with several of your fellow city Councilmen and Councilwomen, had an opportunity to listen to an extraordinarily articulate and informed presentation on a budget that reflects the values and concerns of the citizens that you all are intended to represent. Nury Martinez, and a few others said "this is not rocket science." She was right. Herb Wessen has heard the people and has made the right decision in deciding to listen to his constituents. Follow this lead. I demand of all of you to listen to the outcry of people that support the Peoples Budget and do your jobs as representatives of the people of this city. This means listening and enacting the proposals set forth by Black Lives Matter. The leaders of the organization here have already done the work for you, in laying out what the people of this city want. For you to deny these claims would be to deny your people and for you to lose your jobs in your upcoming election cycles. Defund the police and enact the Peoples Budget. Work with actual community leaders that are leading the work in determining what a budget that is actually functional and supportive of the people of the city looks like. You have the opportunity to be brave and to help lead the change that this country is so desperately crying out for. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joseph Holguin  
**Date Submitted:** 06/28/2020 12:05 AM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** I live in Boyle Heights, and have lived here for 63 years. Where I live has many RV's that park for weeks, and I tell you we need more police, not less. There was once in the last 4 months, a RV that burned up in the middle of the street. My neighbors that are senior, in their late 70's and one in 80's, have had someone, come into their yard, steal their dog, watering hoses and painted grafetti on their stairs. I support LAPD, their are not perfect, but their have improved since the 90's. and I believe training is the answer. The budget should not be lowered for LAPD.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** A. S.  
**Date Submitted:** 06/28/2020 06:16 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to ask that the council reject the current budget and divest more funding from LAPD, for the sake of adding those funds to more beneficial community services. The urgency of my request is related to the fact that BLACK LIVES MATTER. I read an LA Times article, published early in June, which collected data for the past two decades, and was disturbed to learn that 885 people have been killed by LAPD, and that 80% of these people were Black or Latino. I found the numbers alone to be horrifying, but it was additionally disturbing to learn that police violence had been "justified" by the DA's office in most of these cases. Why is LAPD receiving so much funding, when they are murdering citizens, and yet appear to be without oversight? I have a very hard time believing that lethal force could plausibly be justified in more than 800 cases. Also published in June was the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count results. I was saddened to find that homelessness went up 12.7% in the past year, with approximately 7,500 new people now unhoused, yet Mayor Garcetti's initial budget for the impending fiscal year only allotted \$450 million towards homelessness services, or 2,000 new shelter beds. This count was taken early in the year, prior to covid19 and the ensuing rise in employment, so this number is very likely to rise. Homelessness also disproportionately impacts the Black community, who make up approximately 8% of Los Angeles' population, yet make up about 34% of the unhoused population. Mayor Garcetti's initial budget allocated 1.8 BILLION to LAPD. The recently proposed cuts are an excellent starting point, but they pale in comparison to what the remaining budget for LAPD is. Why we need more officers, with military grade weapons, like the rubber bullets and tear gas they have been using on unarmed citizens engaging their constitutional right to assemble in the streets? Why do we need violent enforcement of laws which criminalize many of our living conditions? It would be far better for our communities to alleviate the stress of those conditions by using funds to provide more expansive short term programs like rent relief, public hygiene and medical care in the face of covid19, and long term programs that would provide affordable housing, education adjustments like more teachers and smaller class sizes, support services like daycare and eldercare, living wages, afterschool programs, cleaner air and water, public parks and

libraries. The sidewalks are cracked and uneven, and there are potholes in the streets. Please, divest from LAPD and invest in our communities in ways that actually support our quality of life. There are better things to put money towards than uniforms and guns.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Adopt a people's budget. Your budget is a moral statement of your priorities and right now you are saying you prioritize police salaries over human lives. Please defund the police and redistribute those funds to desperately needed services that actually serve our community, including our unhoused community. I am also calling on Paul Krekorian and the council to agendize CF 18-0610, Tenants Right to Counsel. Agendize CF 18-0610, Tenants Right to Counsel. The very least council can do is fully fund tenant's right to counsel and help people keep their homes.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The proposed cuts do not even come close to meeting the demands and priorities of Angelenos. We need much bigger cuts to the LAPD budget, and we need to invest that money into communities and in non-LAPD alternatives to the police. Stop investing in the demise of Angelenos!



## Communication from Public

**Name:** alex l carcieri

**Date Submitted:** 06/28/2020 06:53 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi my name is alex carcieri and I'm calling in support of the HealthyLA platform and urge you to adopt a City budget that meets the needs of all your constituents and acknowledges the specific needs of low-income people of color who have been most impacted by the COVID19 crisis. 57% of renters in the City of LA were already rent-burdened before the pandemic and now thousands of families are at risk of being displaced because of rent debt . During the pandemic ICE has continued to attack our communities. In May alone over 5000 people were booked in ICE detention centers. And low-income workers, especially those who are undocumented and in the informal economy, have no support and are more vulnerable to exploitation. The amount of money you spend on LAPD is robbing us from the programs and services we actually need. We urge you to: Invest in affordable housing and fully fund tenant rights and eviction defense programs; protecting workers and their wages, and fully fund day laborer centers, the street vendor program, and the community organizations who support this workers; And fully fund the LA Justice Fund to protect undocumented communit members.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kim Free

**Date Submitted:** 06/28/2020 09:14 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am pleased to see progress in the discussion to divest from police and invest in our communities. I'd like to point out two things. First, it is now time to turn discussion into policy. Let's turn this moment into a victory for the people, your constituents, and honor the movement that is overflowing throughout Los Angeles, the nation, and the world beyond. Los Angeles wants significant, meaningful action that makes a real difference in enriching our communities. Let's not rely on law enforcement to intimidate communities. Instead let's meet people's needs, and invest in the lives of our people. Take the bold step of redirecting the LAPD budget into healthcare, housing, and education. Second, we want to see a substantial portion of the LAPD budget redirected into our communities. \$500 million at least. We know how big the LAPD budget is, and we know how much money is needed to make a noticeable impact in our public healthcare, public housing, and public education systems. The amount that has been suggested (around \$150 million?), is not enough. That amount will be stretched pretty thin if we want to take a collective response towards improving the lives of our people, and truly meeting people's needs. Only a collective response will work. For example, we can not invest primarily in housing, while neglecting to invest in mental healthcare, because each sector of services constitutes an essential part of the overall goal of re-imagining public safety. And now is the time to truly re-imagine public safety. It is what the people want to see, and it requires a multi-faceted response, with big investment in public healthcare, affordable housing, and education. So, please create a budget that meets the demands and needs of the people of Los Angeles. In other words, defund the police and re-imagine public safety by re-investing \$500 million of the LAPD budget back into our communities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Claire Vela

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I'm Claire, I'm writing in support of the HealthyLA platform and urge you to adopt a City budget that meets the needs of all your constituents and acknowledges the specific needs of low-income people of color who have been most impacted by the COVID19 crisis. 57% of renters in the City of LA were already rent-burdened before the pandemic and now thousands of families are at risk of being displaced because of rent debt. You can help these families. During the pandemic ICE has continued to attack our communities. In May alone over 5000 people were booked in ICE detention centers. And low-income workers, especially those who are undocumented and in the informal economy, have no support and are more vulnerable to exploitation. The amount of money you spend on LAPD is robbing us from the programs and services we actually need. I challenge you to find Angelenos who are happy with LAPD or how the government is allocating this budget. I urge you to: Invest in affordable housing and fully fund tenant rights and eviction defense programs; protecting workers and their wages, and fully fund day laborer centers, the street vendor program, and the community organizations that support these workers and fully fund the LA Justice Fund to protect undocumented community members.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm calling on the City Council to adopt a People's Budget and work towards a greater shift in defunding the police. More funds should be going towards Care over Cops. Our local government's priority should be to help Angelenos by providing them with resources they need to help them thrive--healthcare, mental healthcare, job resources, affordable housing, addiction recovery programs, counselors, etc. Like other cities across this nation, we can work towards creating radical and beneficial change in our country by working on re-building and re-shaping our local communities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lucas O'Connor  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing in support of the HealthyLA platform, and I urge you to adopt a city budget that meets the needs of all your constituents and acknowledges the specific needs of low-income people of color who have been most impacted by the COVID19 crisis. 57% of renters in the City of LA were already rent-burdened before the pandemic, and now thousands of families are at risk of being displaced because of rent debt. During the pandemic ICE has continued to attack our communities. In May alone over 5000 people were booked in ICE detention centers. And low-income workers, especially those who are undocumented and in the informal economy, have no support and are more vulnerable to exploitation. The amount of money you spend on the LAPD is robbing us of the programs and services we actually need. I urge you to: -Defund the LAPD and pass the People's Budget; -Invest in affordable housing and fully fund tenant rights and eviction defense programs; -Protect workers and their wages, and fully fund day laborer centers, the street vendor program, and the community organizations who support these workers; -And fully fund the LA Justice Fund to protect undocumented community members.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amy Tannenbaum

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rocio Alvarado  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the police. Adopt a people's budget that priorities care not cops.

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**Name:** Rocio Alvarado  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the police



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Meridith

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to adopt The People's Budget for LA. We do not need more policing. We do not need more money given to our killer cops. We have had over 600 murders by our police in the last 8 years. This is horrific and unacceptable. Please advocate and fight for your people. We need care, not cops. We need programs and social services, not cops. We need community, not cops.