

Communication from Public

Name: Keely

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 08:48 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: City Council Finance and Mayor Garcetti, Thank you for prioritizing LAPD budget cuts. While the steps you have taken so far are in the right direction, they are not drastic enough to satisfy The People's Budget. When you try to placate Angelenos with performative gestures and use politician speak to exaggerate your limited actions, it's very transparent that you are not interested in doing the hard work for Black and brown communities. The People see right through you and demand fundamental change. Please notice that the excuses you are making to maintain status quo are actually reflecting your own blind acceptance of racist systems. Angelenos are all facing this exact reckoning and no longer wish to be governed by racism. We are looking for a massive divestment from the terrorist operation also known as LAPD, and re-investment of those funds into securing safe and healthy futures for all Angelenos equally. LAPD and Chief Moore start with violence and aggression. They start with gang mentality. They start with monkey-brain reflexes and Napoleonic ego, and ask questions and lie for each other later. This approach isn't safe for Black and brown communities. The People demand a Care First budget, where trained, thoughtful, unarmed guardians serve the public with integrity and accountability. Minor changes will not get us there. We have, all of use, put too much faith into the tradition of LAPD before now. Now that we have seen the truth about the deeply problematic system, there is no other choice but to Defund and start over. It's in your hands, and we are grateful for bold leadership that can be an example to the rest of the state. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Adam Green

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 08:49 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Adam Green; I'm a resident of Los Angeles City, a constituent of District 13. I'm writing a public comment in support of the HealthyLA platform and I strongly urge you to adopt the Peoples Budget, a city budget that meets the needs of all your constituents and acknowledges the specific needs of low-income, working-class Black, Indigenous and 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; a lack of stringent rent control laws, or any rent relief / cancellation, other than a short-standing and ineffective Eviction Moratorium threatens to leave thousands of families who are at risk of being displaced because of growing rent. Furthermore, during the COVID-19 pandemic, ICE has continued to attack our communities; in May alone, over 5000 people were booked in ICE detention centers. Children and adults alike were being continually SPRAYED with disinfectant; quite literally a horror and severe human rights violation occurring within our county lines. Low-income workers, especially those who are undocumented and in the informal economy, have been granted no support and very little to no financial relief with the Angeleno Card, and are highly vulnerable to exploitation. The amount of money the Council continues to funnel into an unnecessarily large and bloated LAPD budget is robbing Angelenos from the programs and services we actually need and are calling for you to implement. We strongly urge you to: invest in affordable housing and fully fund tenant rights and eviction defense programs. This includes offering up more space and empty homes for our unhoused population; put an end to sweeps and make sure that shelters, housing is clean, safe, and available for our unhoused community. We urge you to protect workers and their wages; hazard pay for service & essential workers and for those who are forced to continue to work in the pandemic as we are unnecessarily and hastily re-opening. Lastly, we urge you to 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. Do not sit complacent as the rest of the country makes the necessary steps in defunding the police; be on the right side of history, protect the people of Los Angeles, listen to us, and

ADOPT A PEOPLES BUDGET!

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Communication from Public

Name: Gustavo Herrera
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 09:57 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers, Arts for LA is a network of over 18,000 arts advocates across the LA region. Today, I write today in support of the HealthyLA platform and to urge you to adopt a City budget that not only meets the needs of all your constituents, but acknowledges the specific needs of low-income people of color who have been most impacted by the COVID19 crisis. Artists and creative communities - already rent-burdened before the crisis, have been devastated by the public health crisis and subsequent. Families dependent on income from the creative economy are struggling to pay rent, while the arts & culture organizations that serve LA's communities tirelessly face eviction and closure. These small operations are vital pillars of our city's communities and make LA the creative capital of the world. According to report done by Arts for LA's 2019 Laura Zucker Fellow, Allison Agsten, "44% of artists who identified as Black or African American were displaced from their homes due to affordability in the last two years, a greater percentage than any other ethnic group, followed by 36% of people of mixed race and 32% of Latinx respondents." If this City Council does not act to invest in affordable housing and fully fund tenant rights and eviction defense programs, many of the creative workers and organizations that make LA so dynamic will face an uncertain future. The Arts for LA community also stands in solidarity with low-income and undocumented workers so vulnerable to exploitation - many of whom work in the arts & culture jobs and were essential in generating the \$207.8 billion dollars the creative sector contributed to the region's economy last year. We urge you to adopt a budget that centers our marginalized communities and protects workers and their wages, fully funds day laborer centers, the street vendor program, and the community organizations who support workers whose labor directly contributes to LA's creative sector & cultural ecosystem. Sincerely, Gustavo Herrera
Executive Director, Arts for LA

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Hodos

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 09:58 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Joseph Kirkland
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 10:15 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please adopt the people's budget. Our violent police force is using up way too much of the budget. We need to defund the police and put those considerable resources into creating a social safety net that works, especially in the middle of this pandemic

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 10:07 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I demand you divest funds from the police and invest in Los Angeles communities. The proposed \$150 million cut is nowhere near enough to provide the services our communities need. Angelenos WILL NOT give up this fight. We overwhelmingly support defunding the police, and the actions on the part of LAPD and the mayor in the last few weeks have done nothing but strengthen our resolve.

Communication from Public

Name: Sonia Suresh

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 07:34 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to comment against the Mayors proposed budget. The Peoples Budget, which the City Council heard from a few weeks ago, is a far better reflection of what the city of LA needs to thrive. This is the budget that the city of LA has asked for. It is the JOB of City Council to listen to the people. The Mayors proposed budget has far too much money still going towards the police department. City Council needs to divest from the police and invest in more harm-reduction and care centered alternatives to the police. We need more social workers, more mental health counselors, more beds for the homeless, and more money to keep people in housing.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 12:46 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We need much larger cuts to the LAPD budget, 250 million dollars is simply not enough. 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. It is absolutely absurd that at \$1,857,330,549, the police budget is larger than the allocations to the fire department, Office of Emergency Management, Department of Transportation, Bureau of Street Services, and the Housing and Community Investment Agency combined. There are 58,936 DOCUMENTED houseless people in Los Angeles. There are healthcare workers without proper equipment. More than 30% of Los Angeles County residents have filed for unemployment. Defunding the police and restructuring the budget is an absolute necessity now more than ever. While LAPD has more funding than it knows what to do with, there are communities who desperately need funding, and every day they don't receive it their quality of life worsens. I am urging you to completely revise the LA budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget, thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Aquino, A
Date Submitted: 06/28/2020 07:45 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
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

Communication from Public

Name: Allie Kiekhofer
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 12:37 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, I am a resident of district 13, one of Mitch O'Farrell's constituents. I am writing to urge you to enact the People's Budget. The Mayor's proposal MUST be updated to reflect the priorities of what LA residents have stated they want. This includes defunding and divesting from the police and investing in community-led and health-centered services. So far over 24,426 people have been surveyed regarding the People's Budget, and survey results show overwhelming support for defunding police. You can see the most updated survey results here: <https://peoplesbudgetla.com/peoplesbudget/> As per the People's Budget and Black Lives Matter LA, we need care, not cops. The city budget approved by City Counsel is a reflection of our city leader's morals, and right now your morals are not in line with your constituents' priorities. With the money in your hands, you are saying loud and clear that you prioritize police salaries over human lives. Please defund the police and redistribute those funds to programs that expedite desperately needed services to serve our community, especially our unhoused community. I am also calling on Paul Krekorian and the council to 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: Jonathan Sauer

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 08:10 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm submitting a comment to support the People's Budget. We need to re-allocate resources away from the LAPD and instead fund programs which will benefit the community. We can narrow the scope of issues the LAPD is responsible for.

Communication from Public

Name: Concerned LA City Workers

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 07:49 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We, the undersigned current and former members of the Los Angeles City Family, present this attached statement of solidarity declaring unwavering support of Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles and The People's Budget Los Angeles 2020-2021, along with four key demands in alignment with this movement. We are inspired by the ways in which more than 24,000 Angelenos are powerfully reimagining public safety and an abundance of essential care and services, particularly for low-income communities and Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities of color. As city employees, it is our responsibility to uplift this vision and ensure that our strategies and services reflect these priorities. We firmly commit to charting a new path forward in which action is guided by community-driven solutions. We ask you, as our elected leadership, to do the same. We urge you to heed to the calls of action from fellow Angelenos, and lead this City of beautifully diverse communities and people with hope and imagination.

Mayor Eric Garcetti and Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council

200 N. Spring Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

June 28, 2020

Dear Mayor Garcetti and Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

We, the undersigned members of the Los Angeles City Family, are informed by a wide variety of life experiences and serve in City government in a multitude of ways. We work and live on Indigenous land not given freely. For many of us, our personal histories and identities as Black, Indigenous, and People Of Color (BIPOC) and LGBTQIA+ people are inseparable from our sense of professional duty. We choose to honor these histories as we fight to reverse institutionalized racism and work towards an equitable city.

There is one dominant issue that demands our immediate attention and action — the ongoing brutalization of Black people at the hands of law enforcement, and the nationwide uprising to demand justice, accountability, and the reallocation of funds to provide community-driven solutions to safety. This story did not begin with the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd in other U.S. cities, but we are moved by how the injustices inflicted upon these three individuals have entered the national consciousness and sparked a movement for change.

In Los Angeles, despite record levels of public engagement in Council and committee meetings, and following unprecedented protests across the City, elected officials have failed to make significant changes to the Fiscal Year 2020-21 City budget, or meaningfully address community demands. The City of Los Angeles must not only acknowledge, but directly work to uproot anti-Black racism and its long-standing history of disinvestment in Black and Brown communities.

In these times, as we grieve and reflect, the Movement for Black Lives and People's Budget LA present a unique and inspiring opportunity to bravely reimagine our priorities as a City. We recognize this is a longstanding movement. We draw inspiration and strength from the activists and community members that have led this movement here in our own city, many of whom played a key role in launching it to national prominence.

We unequivocally align with Black Lives Matter Los Angeles and People's Budget LA. We recognize that as civil servants we are uniquely positioned to uplift calls for change. While decision makers lay out priorities, we are charged with delivering them on a daily basis. Our work can and should reflect the priorities spelled out in the People's Budget LA, where more than 24,000 Angelenos have articulated their needs. We uplift their calls to prioritize human-centered services by investing in the Built Environment, Universal Aid and Crisis Management, and Reimagined Community Safety. We envision a future where community safety and security is provided through secure housing, education, food security, and healthcare, and not over-policing. The call to defund police and fund communities is

urgent and timely for our City's Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities facing the dual crises of COVID-19 and structural racism.

We are moved by the actions of other agencies and fellow Angelenos, including the protests by unionized dockworkers against police brutality, demands for Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Los Angeles Public Library, and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to sever ties with the police, and calls for a care-first budget for Los Angeles County.

We too are making the political and moral argument that public safety can be reimagined to truly protect those who are most affected by various forms of oppression. Within our departments, we commit to build tools to center racial equity and dismantle racism; foster meaningful collaboration with historically oppressed and systems-impacted populations; and seed, nurture, and advance a new path forward toward full inclusion, holistic well-being, and self-determination for all communities—especially Black, Brown, and Indigenous people.

The Mayor and the City Council must act immediately to:

1. REINVEST: Reallocate funds to essential social services for communities of color as spelled out in the People's Budget LA with a commitment to decrease LAPD's operating budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and in the years that follow. Top priorities include low-income housing assistance and rent cancellation, alternatives to public safety, mental health support, food assistance, and free public transportation. Ensure a just transition for City Employees as we embrace this mission.
2. RELEASE: Investigate any LAPD officer who has been accused of using unreasonable, excessive, and/or deadly force, and provide justice for the 886 Black and Brown deaths at the hands of law enforcement in Los Angeles County since 2000. Start with an investigation of LAPD tactics used at the May 30, 2020 protests in the Fairfax district as called for by an alliance of community, labor, policy and academic organizations in LA.
3. RESPOND: Acknowledge the demands for justice that more than 50 Black Los Angeles leaders authored in April 2020 to address the disparate impacts of COVID-19 on the region's Black communities. Key demands include adequate testing, small business protections, and safe housing during the pandemic, as well as reparations, universal healthcare, food security, and education access in the long term.
4. REBUILD: Restore public trust in the public sector. Commit to authentic partnership with Black, Brown, and Indigenous community members on re-prioritizing the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget. Partner with community members to implement these budget priorities across City departments. Commit to implementing a participatory budgeting process for all future budgets.

We, as City employees, chose to do this work in the public sector because we believe in the power of our labor for social good. We are asking you, as our elected leadership, to join this urgent moral call to action and reimagine with us.

Signed,

Adam Gertz, Mayor's Office

Alex Linz, Department of City Planning

Alexander Wikstrom, Department of Transportation

Alexis N, Personnel Department

Alissa Gordon, Department of City Planning

Amanda Leal, Personnel Department

Amy Perkins, Mayor's Office

Andrea More, Department of Animal Services

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Andrew Jorgensen, Department of City Planning

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David Somers, Department of Transportation

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Elizabeth Rubin, Emergency Management Department
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Erika Mitchell, Housing + Community Investment Department
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Erin Strellich, Department of City Planning
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Esther Serrato, Department of City Planning
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Eve B., Housing + Community Investment Department
Fausto Macario, Office of Finance
Felipe Ortega, Department of Water & Power
Gonzalo M., Recreation & Parks
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H. Cooke Sunoo, Community Redevelopment Agency
Harmony Jones, Housing + Community Investment Department
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Sara C., Department of City Planning
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Sharon Foster, Community Redevelopment Agency
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William Friedman, Housing Authority
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Communication from Public

Name: Sanketh

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 07:53 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi my name is Sanketh. I'm EXTREMELY angry about how our budget is used now that I'm more aware of just how horrible it is. Until we drastically defund the police and ICE, I will be voting against any budget bill giving money to them. I don't care if it's attached to healthcare services, firefighters, EMT's, and those that need it. If you're not giving people a real choice, we will make it for you. Put that money where it's needed, right now. 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 these workers; And fully fund the LA Justice Fund to protect undocumented community members.

Communication from Public

Name: Katherine Pease
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 08:30 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please find attached Heal the Bay's comment letter on the proposed LA City Budget in support of the People's Budget LA, JusticeLA's Care First Budget, the HealthyLA Platform, and Council File #20-0482 (Koretz, Essential Services). Heal the Bay supports prioritizing care and services that address racial and environmental injustices through the protection of public health, protection of the environment, investment in parks and water quality improvements, and investments in a green workforce and a just transition towards clean energy.



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June 29, 2020

Chair Krekorian and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee
Los Angeles City Council
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RE: Comment on the Annual Budget Council File #20-0600 (Krekorian, Budget Proposal), Support for a People’s Budget, JusticeLA’s Care First Budget, HealthyLA Platform, and Support for Council File #20-0482 (Koretz, Essential Services)

Dear Chair Krekorian, Members of the Budget and Finance Committee, and City Council Members:

On behalf of Heal the Bay, we offer comments on the proposed annual budget (#20-0600) for the City of Los Angeles. Heal the Bay is an environmental organization with over 30 years of experience and 15,000 members dedicated to making the coastal waters and watersheds of greater Los Angeles safe, healthy, and clean.

In this pivotal moment where racial and environmental justice are at the forefront of the minds of Angelenos as well as the entire nation and world, we demand radical change in the status quo. As an environmental organization, Heal the Bay supports programs that champion environmental justice and ensure that Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) have access to a safe, clean environment. There are inextricable connections between environmental work and racial justice and we cannot address our priority environmental issues without acknowledging racial injustices and actively working in support of justice.

Heal the Bay supports of the People’s Budget LA proposed by a coalition convened by Black Lives Matter LA¹, JusticeLA’s Care First Budget², the HealthyLA Platform³, and Council File #20-0482 (Koretz, Essential Services). Heal the Bay supports prioritizing care and services that address racial and environmental injustices through the protection of public health, protection of the environment, investment in parks and water quality improvements, and investments in a green workforce and a just transition towards clean energy. The People’s Budget calls for 45.61% of the budget to be allocated to Universal Aid and Crisis Management, which includes environmental justice and “fighting the impacts of climate change and ensuring our city’s environment is protected.”

In 2019, Mayor Garcetti launched LA’s Green New Deal Sustainability pLAN, recognizing that “[o]ur battle against climate change is a moral imperative, an environmental emergency, and an economic opportunity.” Anthropogenic activities have caused the Earth’s natural processes to veer off track, resulting in longer droughts, more intense storms, sea level rise, air pollution, hotter

¹ https://peoplesbudgetla.files.wordpress.com/2020/06/peoplesbudgetreport_june15.pdf

² <https://justicelanow.org/care-first/>

³ <http://healthyla.org/>



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temperatures, devastating fire seasons, and more. BIPOC and low-income communities endure the worst of these negative impacts,⁴ which are now linked to higher COVID-19 death rates.⁵ For many communities, the decision to take climate action now can mean the difference between life and death. A dedication to climate change resiliency and action is now more important than ever to protect public and environmental health. We expect Los Angeles to continue to lead in this realm. **We support Councilmember Koretz’s motion (#20-0482) to classify all efforts to reduce greenhouse gas and toxic emissions as essential emergency City services.**

We were discouraged to learn that the following items have been cut from the City’s proposed budget (#20-0600): funding for the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO - \$500,000), the Climate Emergency Commission (CEC - \$200,000), and Climate Change Emergency Projects (\$300,000). **We urge the City Council to restore funding for the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office, the Climate Emergency Commission, and Climate Change Emergency Projects.**

As Councilmembers, it is an exciting time to be making decisions and representing your constituents. We urge you to be bold and prioritize programs and services that address racial and environmental injustices through the protection of public health, protection of the environment, and investments in a green workforce and a just transition towards clean energy.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Please feel free to contact us with any questions (kpease@healthebay.org or 213-631-8495).

Sincerely,

Katherine Pease, Ph.D.
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President & CEO

⁴ <https://oehha.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=8dad35dcd2274285874e60871c404edc>

⁵ <https://projects.iq.harvard.edu/covid-pm>

Communication from Public

Name: Dalia
Date Submitted: 06/28/2020 12:55 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Responding to item #1 on the agenda. In opposition to J and B passing which would cause our city to lose hundreds of officers.

Communication from Public

Name: Concerned LA City Workers

Date Submitted: 06/28/2020 08:53 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We, the undersigned current and former members of the Los Angeles City Family, present this attached statement of solidarity declaring unwavering support of Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles and The People's Budget Los Angeles 2020-2021, along with four key demands in alignment with this movement. We are inspired by the ways in which more than 24,000 Angelenos are powerfully reimagining public safety and an abundance of essential care and services, particularly for low-income communities and Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities of color. As city employees, it is our responsibility to uplift this vision and ensure that our strategies and services reflect these priorities. We firmly commit to charting a new path forward in which action is guided by community-driven solutions. We ask you, as our elected leadership, to do the same. We urge you to heed to the calls of action from fellow Angelenos, and lead this City of beautifully diverse communities and peoples with hope and imagination.

Mayor Eric Garcetti and Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council

200 N. Spring Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

June 28, 2020

Dear Mayor Garcetti and Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

We, the undersigned members of the Los Angeles City Family, are informed by a wide variety of life experiences and serve in City government in a multitude of ways. We work and live on Indigenous land not given freely. For many of us, our personal histories and identities as Black, Indigenous, and People Of Color (BIPOC) and LGBTQIA+ people are inseparable from our sense of professional duty. We choose to honor these histories as we fight to reverse institutionalized racism and work towards an equitable city.

There is one dominant issue that demands our immediate attention and action — the ongoing brutalization of Black people at the hands of law enforcement, and the nationwide uprising to demand justice, accountability, and the reallocation of funds to provide community-driven solutions to safety. This story did not begin with the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd in other U.S. cities, but we are moved by how the injustices inflicted upon these three individuals have entered the national consciousness and sparked a movement for change.

In Los Angeles, despite record levels of public engagement in Council and committee meetings, and following unprecedented protests across the City, elected officials have failed to make significant changes to the Fiscal Year 2020-21 City budget, or meaningfully address community demands. The City of Los Angeles must not only acknowledge, but directly work to uproot anti-Black racism and its long-standing history of disinvestment in Black and Brown communities.

In these times, as we grieve and reflect, the Movement for Black Lives and People's Budget LA present a unique and inspiring opportunity to bravely reimagine our priorities as a City. We recognize this is a longstanding movement. We draw inspiration and strength from the activists and community members that have led this movement here in our own city, many of whom played a key role in launching it to national prominence.

We unequivocally align with Black Lives Matter Los Angeles and People's Budget LA. We recognize that as civil servants we are uniquely positioned to uplift calls for change. While decision makers lay out priorities, we are charged with delivering them on a daily basis. Our work can and should reflect the priorities spelled out in the People's Budget LA, where more than 24,000 Angelenos have articulated their needs. We uplift their calls to prioritize human-centered services by investing in the Built Environment, Universal Aid and Crisis Management, and Reimagined Community Safety. We envision a future where community safety and security is provided through secure housing, education, food security, and healthcare, and not over-policing. The call to defund police and fund communities is

urgent and timely for our City's Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities facing the dual crises of COVID-19 and structural racism.

We are moved by the actions of other agencies and fellow Angelenos, including the protests by unionized dockworkers against police brutality, demands for Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Los Angeles Public Library, and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to sever ties with the police, and calls for a care-first budget for Los Angeles County.

We too are making the political and moral argument that public safety can be reimagined to truly protect those who are most affected by various forms of oppression. Within our departments, we commit to build tools to center racial equity and dismantle racism; foster meaningful collaboration with historically oppressed and systems-impacted populations; and seed, nurture, and advance a new path forward toward full inclusion, holistic well-being, and self-determination for all communities—especially Black, Brown, and Indigenous people.

The Mayor and the City Council must act immediately to:

1. REINVEST: Reallocate funds to essential social services for communities of color as spelled out in the People's Budget LA with a commitment to decrease LAPD's operating budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and in the years that follow. Top priorities include low-income housing assistance and rent cancellation, alternatives to public safety, mental health support, food assistance, and free public transportation. Ensure a just transition for City Employees as we embrace this mission.
2. RELEASE: Investigate any LAPD officer who has been accused of using unreasonable, excessive, and/or deadly force, and provide justice for the 886 Black and Brown deaths at the hands of law enforcement in Los Angeles County since 2000. Start with an investigation of LAPD tactics used at the May 30, 2020 protests in the Fairfax district as called for by an alliance of community, labor, policy and academic organizations in LA.
3. RESPOND: Acknowledge the demands for justice that more than 50 Black Los Angeles leaders authored in April 2020 to address the disparate impacts of COVID-19 on the region's Black communities. Key demands include adequate testing, small business protections, and safe housing during the pandemic, as well as reparations, universal healthcare, food security, and education access in the long term.
4. REBUILD: Restore public trust in the public sector. Commit to authentic partnership with Black, Brown, and Indigenous community members on re-prioritizing the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget. Partner with community members to implement these budget priorities across City departments. Commit to implementing a participatory budgeting process for all future budgets.

We, as City employees, chose to do this work in the public sector because we believe in the power of our labor for social good. We are asking you, as our elected leadership, to join this urgent moral call to action and reimagine with us.

Signed,

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Communication from Public

Name: Rebecca

Date Submitted: 06/28/2020 09:01 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am responding to item 1 on agenda. Our city needs LAPD officers to keep citizens safe. Our schools need school police at all schools to protect our children from harm. Please do not pass J or B. We need all our officers. How could more inmates be released to a less police presence environment? Defend our officers they truly are heros. LAPD has implemented several guidelines that other states do not. LAPD is ahead and has developed community relations across the city. We have programs in place that are benefiting our communities please do not take away officers they are needed more that you accept to admit. Don't tear our beautiful city to the ground.

Communication from Public

Name: Brady Collins

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 10:53 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Brady Collins and I'm with KIWA (Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance). In the nearly three decades that KIWA has spent working with low-wage workers and tenants in the City of Los Angeles, we've never seen a crisis like this. Our office has become a revolving door for our neighbors who are worried they will be evicted or not get their job back. I support the HealthyLA platform and urge you to adopt a City budget that acknowledges the specific needs of low-income communities of color who have been most impacted by the COVID19 crisis. The pandemic has exposed how dire the situation already was in LA. 57% of renters in the City were already rent-burdened, now thousands of families are at risk of being displaced because of rent debt. Immigrant communities were already being attacked by ICE, and in May alone over 5000 people were booked in ICE detention centers. And low-wage workers, especially those who are undocumented work in the informal economy, have little support and are more vulnerable to exploitation. The amount of money you spend on the LAPD should be invested in programs and services that actually address these crises. I urge you: Invest in affordable housing and fully fund tenant rights and eviction defense programs; fully fund day laborer and workers center centers, the office of wage standards and enforcement, and the city's street vendor program; and fully fund the LA Justice Fund to protect undocumented community members. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Lyndsey Nolan
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 10:27 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Lyndsey Nolan and I'm in support of the People's Budget and the HealthyLA platform. I urge you to adopt The People's Budget and support the HealthyLA Platform, so the City can meet the needs of all its constituents, especially the needs of low-income people of color who have been most impacted by the COVID19 crisis. The amount of money you spend on LAPD is robbing us from the programs and services we actually need. Nearly 60% 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. ICE continues to attack our communities. And low-income workers, especially those who are undocumented and in the informal economy, have no support and are more vulnerable to exploitation. We urge you to: 1) Invest in affordable housing and fully fund tenant rights and eviction defense programs; 2) Protect workers and their wages, and fully fund day laborer centers, the street vendor program, and the community organizations who support this workers; 3) And fully fund the LA Justice Fund to protect undocumented communit members.

Communication from Public

Name: Marjorie Hunt

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Marjorie Hunt and I am giving this public comment in support of the HealthyLA platform. 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 COVID-19 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. I urge you to: - 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 this workers; - Fully fund the LA Justice Fund to protect undocumented community members; - And divert funding from law enforcement to invest in community alternatives to policing and mental health treatment. Now is the time to create a city budget that protects ALL of us, not just the privileged few.

Communication from Public

Name: Samantha Smart
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 10:19 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Samantha Smart and I am voicing my support for adopting a people's budget. I realize you cannot defund the police overnight, but I urge you all to take bold steps towards creating a safer Los Angeles. public safety cannot rest in the hands of the LAPD, who have proven themselves violent and aggressive. Yes, there are good cops. But it is a corrupt institution, and we all know that corruption stems from greed. The LAPD are public servants and should not be paid exorbitant amounts of money and overtime to beat people in the streets. Reforming the police will not work. It is a racist institution with many checks in place to protect its racist, hateful officers (again, I am aware that they are not ALL racist and hateful, but as the saying goes - a few bad apples RUINS THE WHOLE BUNCH). Please please please divest significantly from the police, and make a commitment to divest more and more each year, so we can move away from policing being our only answer to community issues, and instead invest in actual solutions that help people. Mental health, homeless and social services that can actually get to the root of the issues, rather than just criminalizing them. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Michal David

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 10:24 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi my name is Michal and 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 . 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 community members.

Communication from Public

Name: Sam Fine

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 10:38 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Sam Fine, 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: 1. Invest in affordable housing and fully fund tenant rights and eviction defense programs; 2. protecting workers and their wages, and fully fund day laborer centers, the street vendor program, and the community organizations who support this workers; 3. And fully fund the LA Justice Fund to protect undocumented community members.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 11:39 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: City Council Finance and Mayor Garcetti, Thank you for prioritizing LAPD budget cuts. While the steps you have taken so far are in the right direction, they are not drastic enough to satisfy The People's Budget. When you try to placate Angelenos with performative gestures and use politicianspeak to exaggerate your limited actions, it's very transparent that you are not interested in doing the hard work for Black and brown communities. The People see right through you and demand fundamental change. Please notice that the excuses you are making to maintain status quo are actually reflecting your own blind acceptance of racist systems. Angelenos are all facing this exact reckoning and no longer wish to be governed by racism. We are looking for a massive divestment from the terrorist operation also known as LAPD, and re-investment of those funds into securing safe and healthy futures for all Angelenos equally. LAPD and Chief Moore start with violence and aggression. They start with gang mentality. They start with monkey-brain reflexes and Napoleonic ego, and ask questions and lie for each other later. This approach isn't safe for Black and brown communities. The People demand a Care First budget, where trained, thoughtful, unarmed guardians serve the public with integrity and accountability. Minor changes will not get us there. We have, all of use, put too much faith into the tradition of LAPD before now. Now that we have seen the truth about the deeply problematic system, there is no other choice but to Defund and start over. It's in your hands, and we are grateful for bold leadership that can be an example to the rest of the state. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Alyss Estay

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 11:44 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

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.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Ackerman

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 11:48 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE by HALF. 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: Andrea F.
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 11:52 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Invest in alternatives to policing. CARE NOT COPS. How many more black lives must die at the hands of police for you to see there is a massive problem?

Communication from Public

Name: Cici Cyr

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 11:29 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Cici Cyr. I am commenting on agenda item 1. I am a 4th generation angeleno. I live on Tongva land in so-called City Terrace in unincorporated LA. I am a gardener, herbalist, and educator. I see how people respond when they get their hands dirty growing their own food and medicine. I know firsthand that there are alternatives to the punitive “justice” of the LAPD. I’m calling on you city council members to move away from this model of punishment and toward a vision of transformative justice. We must pull up the roots of the LAPD, let them become compost for a new reality for our city, and plant seeds which will nourish, not terrorize, our community. I ask that you defund the LAPD and fund programs directly supporting our communities who are disproportionately abused and incarcerated by the LAPD. The People’s Budget LA is supported by tens of thousands and provides a model for defunding the LAPD and redistributing wealth and resources to our communities. As a city with a huge police force and giant police budget, we also have great potential to make transformational and inspirational change here. How many more people must the LAPD kill before we decide to defund the police? How many thousands more people need to call on you, the city council, our paid representatives, before you defund the police? The time is now. We the people are speaking, we’re not going anywhere, and we ask that you listen. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Stacy

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 12:06 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I support the People's Budget for LA. The police spending in this city is absolutely appalling and absurdly high. The police DO NOT MAKE ME FEEL SAFE, but social services and education will.

Communication from Public

Name: ANNIE CLARK

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 12:08 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am demanding that Mayor Garcetti divest from policing and invest in communities. His proposed \$150 million cut is insignificant compared to the highly inflated police budget. I demand you defund these murderers by \$3.1 billion. We need community funding for homelessness, healthcare, education - not violent policing. This is not how I want my tax dollars spent. The fear mongering, racist, murderous force that you're holding up is damaging the community, taking lives and you, Eric Garcetti, are sitting by watching it happen. Value the lives in your community more than the racist, harmful institution of policing. Listen to your constituents who voted you into this position and do right by them.

Communication from Public

Name: Vincent R.

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 12:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: To the Honorable Members of the Budget and Finance Committee, I hope you are doing well during this Pandemic. I wanted to follow up on the Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2020-21. The Committee's move to reduce police funding is definite step in the right direction. However, I feel like the city can go further in allocating funds from LAPD to other necessary services. The LAPD is operating at over a billion dollars which is one of the largest allocations in the city budget. In this moment in history we find that one of the gravest threats to our city is not criminal activity but a deadly virus. More of that money can be used in pandemic related aid such as rent relief, increased medical care, testing and tracking. I ask you to please consider allocating more funding from the LAPD into COVID-19 assistance. Doing so will aid in realizing the mantra that Mayor Garcetti has so often repeated in these past weeks. We will get through this together. Thank You, Vincent R.

Communication from Public

Name: Ben Round

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 12:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD can absorb 100 million in cuts if done properly. BUT.. The city cannot afford to and should not simply allow the county to skip its responsibility to provide health services, both for mental illness and drug addiction. If it is the counties responsibility then our elected officials should call them out and make them step up. Duplication leads to duplication and inefficiency. No number of mental health responders will effectively change this crisis unless there are beds available to treat those who need and accept the help. De-escalating and convincing someone to accept help is a one-day solution if there is no help available. It must be in place first. All of the talk of shrinking the sworn staff of the LAPD and no mention of the DROP retention program? Seriously? Does it make any sense to retain the most expensive officers by double paying them for five years? Has it ever made sense to do this for firefighters, a job that attracts hundreds of applicants every time we accept applications. There is money to be saved in the LAPD but we cannot shrink significantly it until replacement resources are online and ready to go. When calls for mental health crisis arrive we cannot tell them to wait a few months, we are working on a new program...

Communication from Public

Name: Gabrielle Seiwert
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 12:16 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: To the Budget and Finance Committee: For the last month, you have heard from us, your constituents, the people you claim to represent, about what we want our city to look like. Every week, we've told you we want you to defund LAPD, and fund services like homelessness prevention programs, public libraries, affordable housing, and alternative violence prevention services. And this week is no different. We still want the same things. We want unarmed, non-police responses to noise complaints, traffic violations, mental health checks, and so many services that are currently carried out by LAPD. To do so, we understand that we need to reallocate resources that are currently lining the pockets of the LAPD, and give those resources to other city departments and services. The city budget is a reflection of our priorities and we want you to prioritize the health and safety of all Angelenos by investing in care, not cops. We've come to a moment of reckoning as to who we are as a city, and who we stand for. Making a drastic change now means acknowledging that we have done wrong, and acknowledging that we have invested for far too long in punitive systems that traumatize, harm, and terrorize the people they are meant to serve. Overhauling the way we keep our communities safe means looking ourselves in the mirror and realizing that for far too long we have upheld systems that perpetuate racial injustice, white supremacy, and violence against those in our community who are the most vulnerable. It's difficult and painful to do, but I need you to take a good, hard look. In this moment, we are not calling you out, we are calling you in. We want you to recognize the error in your ways and then work with us to do better. We want you to uplift the voices of the people you serve, rather than act and speak condescendingly towards the residents of the city you represent. We want you to fight with us to create a city in which we are all safe. We are here on your terms, calling in and writing using the systems you set up for us to do just that. We are doing our part to let you know what we want and fulfill our duty to hold you accountable. Now, it's time for you do your part. Forget the LAPPL, forget your ego, forget your allegiance to the past. Think about how you want to be remembered as a councilmember, as a leader, as a human being. Who do you protect? Who do you serve? Please heed the call to defund LAPD, and invest in the services our city needs. With peace, Gabrielle

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 12:24 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: City officials, I request that you advocate for LESS funding for LAPD in the 2021 city budget - cut the budget for street cops, helicopters, and school cops - and advocate for MORE funding and infrastructure for social workers, school counselors, mental health specialists, and unarmed community safety officers. I know this is a big change to our system and will take time, but it is essential to our community. Please be on the right side of history in this city. Your voters will reward you for it.

Communication from Public

Name: Rabeya Sen

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 12:36 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Committee Members, On behalf of Esperanza Community Housing, I am writing to express our support of the HealthyLA platform and to strongly 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: (1) Invest in affordable housing and fully fund tenant rights and eviction defense programs; (2) Protecting workers and their wages, and fully fund day laborer centers, the street vendor program, and the community organizations who support this workers; and (3) Fully fund the LA Justice Fund to protect undocumented community members. Thank you, Rabeya Sen

Communication from Public

Name: Mia Logg

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:33 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi I am writing to comment that City Council vote AGAINST the Mayor's proposed budget and adopt a Peoples Budget. We, the people, do not support the current budget and demand that you defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Connie

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:22 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a member of this community I am urging that the City Council listen to the people that make up their communities and DEFUND THE POLICE. There should be substantially bigger cuts made to police budget. We are proposing to invest in community led safety measures and alternatives to police. Consider the People's Budget as proposed by BLMLA and the People's City Budget over Mayor Garcetti's current budget proposal.

Communication from Public

Name: Terra Ashe

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:26 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The 150 million dollar cut to LAPD is not nearly enough. The LAPD has over half of the entire cities budget, no amount of me saying that or typing that will that ever make that sound normal or reasonable. WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A PANDEMIC THAT IS ONLY GETTING WORSE, police is the last thing we should be funneling our taxpayer money to. The police have made it clear that they cannot do their job, unless of course their job is to harass and brutalize black and brown people. We must defund the police and invest in communities and alternatives to police. It is time to reimagine public safety and adopt a people's budget NOW.

Communication from Public

Name: Jackson Carroll

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:30 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The current LAPD budget is a disgrace and every city council member on this committee must consider the needs of their constituents in this pandemic and support community programs to help house homeless angelenos and invest in alternatives to traditional policing. The people of this city need your support, not the threat of hyper-militarized police officers marching through their neighborhoods threatening violence and killing black people. You have the chance to stand on the right side of history and implement a People's Budget for LA. Or will you continue to be cowards beholden to the LAPPL and police unions? Serve the people in your communities, not the people trying to pay you off. Mike Bonin has extensive evidence that the vast majority of Angelenos want the LAPD out of non-violent incidents, and to remove the majority of their funding, instead redistributing it to help the actual people living in your counties. Black Lives Matter, pass a People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Darryl Jones

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:36 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We The People Demand You Defund The Police. Pass the People's Budget. No more distractions. No more waiting. The time has come for change. Be bold. Be brave. Listen to the Angelenos crying out, trying to have their voices heard. This is biggest moment of your tenure. Of our political career. Do The Right Thing. How can we say it any louder? Any clearer? We demand you Defund the Police and start healing communities, not harming them. NOW.

Communication from Public

Name: Hillary Jones

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to ask that the Budget and Finance Committee defund the LAPD. Please adopt the People's Budget. For years, Los Angeles officials have spent more money spending on police at the expense of communities. Homelessness, climate change, jobs, education, transportation—these are all areas where the city could invest. Investments in communities is what drives public safety. Well-resourced communities are safer communities. More spending on policing when crime is down doesn't make sense. Crime in LA is down 23% percent since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Even before COVID-19, violent crime in LA was down. In January of this year, the Police Chief said it's "one of the safest times In Los Angeles." The proposed budget includes \$47 million dollars for police overtime—overtime spending should be reserved for a time when there is a demonstrated need for more police not less. Data shows that rates of violent crime rate have dropped over the past five years even as the number of police officers has declined. Police effectiveness is based more on what officers do and how they are trained than on how many of them there are. In 2019, New York made the conscious decision to reduce the number of police and crime continued to go down. Practices that over police and target specific communities for arrest can breed feelings of distrust in police, making people less likely to report crimes in their communities. Over policing can create the negative effect of punitive, militaristic policing, which is especially dangerous in communities of color. A bigger policing budget means less investment in community-based drug and mental health treatment, education, and other social institutions that can make communities safer while improving life outcomes for all. Investment in violence interruption programs that are community-based have had better public safety benefits than more aggressive, arrest-driven policing initiatives. Instead of spending on police, Los Angeles could support job growth and small business recovery: Over half of Los Angeles workers are now unemployed following massive job losses related to COVID-19. Economists have estimated that 42% of pandemic related layoffs will be permanent. Instead of spending on police, Los Angeles could support housing subsidies and eviction protection: Even before the pandemic, Los Angeles needed more resources to address its

housing crisis. The COVID-19 pandemic will only further rent burden families and dramatically increase homelessness. Instead of spending on police, Los Angeles could offer free public transportation. Many Angelenos rely on public transit to get around the city: At a time when Los Angeles has dangerous levels of air quality, rewarding people for using transit and removing cost barriers, improves quality of life for all Angelenos. It also reduces the amount of police presence needed in subway stations as fare evasion would no longer be a crime. Please listen to the hundreds of voices who have been demanding for you as leaders of our city to take action. Listen to your constituents. Take action. Be on the right side of history. Stop sitting back and supporting the perpetuation of enriching and empowering abuse, over-militarized police. Fight for the people of LA. Or you will be voted out. Thank you, Hillary Jones

Communication from Public

Name: Audrey Hwang

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:19 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I wanted to write in about Agenda Item 1 regarding the Mayors 2020-2021 Proposed Budget and provide a general public comment: The city needs to reevaluate this budget and make much larger cuts to the LAPD budget. \$150 million is not enough. Please review the People's Budget LA and make larger cuts to the police department budget and reinvest that money back into the communities and find alternative to police. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:19 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Since moving to Los Angeles 1.5 years ago, I've encountered countless people in the queer / transgender community, who are struggling to find work, pay rent, cover the cost of food, and get access to healthcare services. There are young black and brown cis + trans people that desperately need mental health resources and access medical care. They are a vital part of this city and deserve transparency, recognition, and unwavering support from our city. Please defund the police and invest in the people's budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Petr

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:19 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

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.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Petr

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:11 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

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.

Communication from Public

Name: Linda Lucks

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi my name is Linda Lucks of Venice Community Housing 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: Vicki O. Torres

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Since 1994, I have lived in Van Nuys, now renamed Sherman Oaks. My comment is regarding the proposed FY 2020-2021 budget. Although shaving \$130 million from the police budget is a good start, now is not the time for incremental change. Now is the time for boldness. The truth about policing and how communities of color are being treated has been revealed and the nationwide demonstrations only reinforce the idea of restructuring, not retraining, not dialogue, not more of the same. Now is the time for dramatic change and that can only happen with dollars allocated to a new way of policing and guarding of public safety. I believe the People's Budget is one solution. There may be others, but they all begin with an in-depth look at our police force and how it operates and a shifting of dollars to social services and community aid, not guns, batons and badges. Please be bold!

Communication from Public

Name: Erica Hwang

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:16 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Vote against the proposed budget for fiscal year 2020-21. The mayor's cuts are a DROP IN THE BUCKET of the LAPD's police budget and will do next to nothing to improve public safety. Defund the police and adopt the People's Budget immediately. While the police department spends \$2 million on printers every year, the schools are being defunded slowly and surely. This is the exact strategy that should be applied to the police and the funds need to be reinvested in schools, mental health resources, social work, temporary and permanent housing for unhoused individuals, and other reimaged methods for public safety.

Communication from Public

Name: Geoff Williams

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:00 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I would like to once again (I have both called in and left several written public comments) re-iterate the need to adopt the People's Budget rather than the mayor's proposed budget and to DE-FUND THE POLICE. It's really obvious that this is what the people want. The \$150 million "decrease" from the LAPD (aka just not increasing their budget) is simply not sufficient. The institution of the LAPD (and the Sheriff's Department) need to be completely re-invented from the ground up. You do this by de-funding the entire department and starting from scratch. Abolish Qualified Immunity. Get rid of the police union, it is not a labor union, it only exists to protect police officers when they abuse their power. Invest in the citizens of Los Angeles instead of a militarized occupying force. Thank you, Geoff Williams

Communication from Public

Name: Julia Finch
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:00 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I want to echo the sentiments of everyone else who has been calling in for the past weeks to say defund the police. I demand you Adopt the People's Budget that was laid out so expertly by Black Lives Matter LA on June 15th. The presenters spoke that day of the need for reimagining public safety and healing from the trauma inflicted by the LAPD. You all have such an opportunity here to make a significant change. Changes like this have been happening in cities like Minneapolis, Oakland, and San Francisco. But this committee has truly disappointed in the last couple weeks with your lack of courage and poor judgment. I cannot believe that you gave Police Chief Moore a platform to speak at your meeting last week. Can you not understand how this is a slap in the face to all those who have been harassed and abused by the LAPD during recent protests? Healing and progress cannot happen if you don't listen to the people, and that's what you are choosing to do right now. Listen to the people, divest from the police and invest in communities. Mike Bonin, I like your proposals for getting rid of armed officers on LA Metro. More of this, please.

Communication from Public

Name: D P

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:02 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We need to abolish the whole police department and start from square one. officers should be allowed to reapply allowing us for proper psychological evaluation and raises our hiring standard. We need to defund the police first to give back to our education system, our communities and our neighborhoods who are in dire need of it. DEFUND THE POLICE NOW, REFORM DOES NOT WORK

Communication from Public

Name: Anna Geannopoulos

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my support of the People's Budget of LA. It's time we listen to the people in our city who have been reimagining what public safety can be and allocate funds in a way that builds up community instead of terrorizing them. Defund the LAPD. Listen. Evolve.

Communication from Public

Name: Carlos Hernandez
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:04 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please divest 90-100% of LAPD's budget for military grade firearms (automatic and semi), ammunitions and vehicles as well as chemical agents such a tear gas and rubber bullets.

Communication from Public

Name: Annie Stamell

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am writing to show my support for Black Lives Matter LA and the People's Budget. The suggested cut of 150 million from the LAPD budget is barely scratching the surface. In fact, it's no change from previous funding amounts, it simply prevents any more additional funding. For actual change the LAPD needs to be defunded whole scale and that money needs to be reinvested into community services. It's a little embarrassing that LA, a so-called progressive city is not leading the charge on this one, and that Minneapolis of all places is. We have a chance to show the rest of the country that we are progressive leaders who want care, not cops. It's the duty of the LA City Council to do what's right for the community. If you don't, well, we can just vote you all out. And we will. Thanks.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Cucarola

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:06 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Our city would be a safer and healthier place for its residents if we used our city budget to take care of people not pay for cops who abuse us. Defund the police, adopt the peoples budget. Divest from policing, invest in people. Imagine what 3 billion dollars could do for us. Remember who you work for, we do.

Communication from Public

Name: Erin Mauffray

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a voting Angeleno, I write to express my rejection of the Mayor's Proposed Budget and my support of the People's Budget for care, not cops. The LAPD must be defunded. We desperately need the funds that are tied up in LAPD's brutalization of Angelenos to go to our most vulnerable - the unhoused, housing and food insecure, and those experiencing hardships due to COVID-19.

Communication from Public

Name: Luke Hanlein

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am commenting to demand the city council adopt the people's budget and begin the work of de-funding the police and using these resources to instead to reinvest in the communities, and re imagine our government's approach to public safety. We do not need a military style police force that disproportional inflicts violence and kills people of color, which has has proceeded to terrorize and traumatize communities they are charged with protecting. We do need to invest in mental healthcare, housing to combat the rising tide of homelessness in this city which will only increase as we feel the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and reinvest in the communities of color which have been so brutalized by the police force in this city. Police do not make communities safer resources do. Adopt the peoples budget and become leaders in this movement, instead of fulfilling your own political agendas, placating the leaders of this movement with meaningless platitudes, and continuing to do nothing while people are murdered in the streets by LAPD, DO YOUR JOB LISTEN TO YOU CONSTITUTES ADOPT THE PEOPLES BUDGET LA Thank you

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles needs a much bigger cut in the LAPD budget. It is time to divest from police and Invest in Communities. Adopt the People's Budget LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Rachelle
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:08 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: The proposed LAPD cuts are not enough! Support the People's Budget!!

Communication from Public

Name: Arianna Lapenne

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:09 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

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. I believe you have run for office because you believe in the ability of public servants to serve their constituents and improve their communities. This is a moment of national reckoning happening at the community level. This is your opportunity to create the change you want to see in the world. When we look back on this moment, do you want to be remembered for opposing progressive change?

Communication from Public

Name: Vivienne Richardson

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:09 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, Please divest from the LAPD and invest in our communities. We need more money to be directed towards mental health services. the 150 million dollar cut is not enough to help the people on the front lines working with our most vulnerable populations. Policing does not work. It creates violence especially because the police are not mental health professionals and do not respond well in stressful situations. This is proven time and again. I do think we some police, but I do think we are way over policed. There are social services that could help unload a lot of the burden for police and they can be better equipped to respond to certain emergency calls. Please, listen to the people and do the right thing.

Communication from Public

Name: Kristen Parker

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:10 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a citizen of Los Angeles urging you to adopt the People's Budget! Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 01:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: LA should be leading the nation with this. 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. How does LAPD get \$2 million dollars for printing while teachers have to purchase their own school supplies. This makes no sense! City council must defund the police and invest that money into communities and non-LAPD, unarmed alternatives to police.

Communication from Public

Name: Victor Narro

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 01:40 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Victor Narro, Project Director for the UCLA Labor Center. We write in support of funding for the newly created Department of Civil and Human Rights. The UCLA Labor Center provided research for the City Council during the process of approving the ordinance that created this office. With the impact that COVID-19 and other major issues like police violence has had on Black residents and other communities here in Los Angeles, this office is needed now more than ever and it is necessary to begin operating with the proper amount of resources necessary for it to carry out its goals. Thank you very much for your time and attention.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Gritzner

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 01:47 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of the LA Streetcar, Inc. Board of Directors, we are writing to OPPOSE the elimination of \$30 M in designated Measure R Local Return funding for the LA Streetcar. This decision is being made without any engagement of the public and the property owners and businesses that have invested millions of their own dollars to support this project. Without elected representation to fight for the interests of Council District 14, this action is shocking and disappointing.

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June 24, 2020

The Honorable Paul Krekorian,
Chair, Budget & Finance Committee
200 North Spring Street, Room 435
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmember Krekorian,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Los Angeles Streetcar, Inc., I am writing to strongly urge the members of the Budget & Finance Committee to reconsider any efforts to remove funding currently dedicated to the Streetcar project in Downtown LA.

LA Streetcar Inc. (LASI) is a non-profit entity created in 2009 in partnership with the City of Los Angeles to help support and deliver a zero emission, electric Streetcar in downtown LA.

LA Streetcar is a modern and sustainable urban circulator that was designed to meet the needs of the City of LA's residents, commuters, and visitors. The 3.8-mile route will run approximately 18 hours a day to connect riders with places like South Park, the Financial District and Historic Broadway, Grand Park and the Civic Center, the Fashion District and the Convention Center, and the City's largest arts and entertainment district including MOCA, the Broad, Staples Center, and LA Live. It will also serve as a much-needed connector to key local and regional bus and rail lines, serving as the first/last mile solution needed to bridge the gaps in the heart of the City of Los Angeles' existing public transportation system.

We understand that the City Council is actively working to fill the budget gaps created by the COVID-19 health crisis and related economic impacts on our City and the region.

To that end, LASI supports the City's use of the Measure R 15% Local Return funding allocated for operation of the Downtown Los Angeles Streetcar by the City Council's action on March 6, 2013, and later approved by the Mayor on March 15, 2013 (C.F. 11-0329-S7). Consistent with that action, the Council's annual budgeting of the Measure R Local Return funds remains subject to the requirement that the City must substitute other local funds as necessary to meet the City Council's commitment to fund Streetcar operations for 30 years. As the LA Streetcar project is not currently in operation, LASI

supports the City's allocation of 2020-2021 Measure R Local Return funding for other purposes, given the current budget shortfall.

What we do not support is the wholesale removal of funds dedicated to the streetcar project and furthermore, we do not support the removal of dedicated transportation funds from the most heavily visited heart of the City of Los Angeles.

In this time of crisis in the City, it is important to remember that the Council's action to suspend Jose Huizar on June 23, 2020 means that Council District 14 has **NO** representation on the Los Angeles City Council. As one of the primary economic engines for the City of Los Angeles, the residents and businesses of Council District 14 and the City of LA as a whole deserve better than a wholesale raid on programs and projects that we have fought long and hard to support, including the millions of dollars of private funds that have gone into the Streetcar project. While this is a time for us to all do our part, this is NOT the time to break promises to the downtown community that have been over a decade in the making. We have no one to defend downtown and the heart of the City of LA and we hope that you would feel the same level of concern to protect the communities you represent should your district suddenly find itself without any voting representative on the Council.

We hope we can count on your support and respect for our community and for all Angelenos who work and play in the heart of the City.

Sincerely,



Steve Needleman, Chair

CC: The Honorable Curren Price, Jr., Vice Chair
The Honorable Bob Blumenfield
The Honorable Mike Bonin
The Honorable Paul Koretz
The Honorable Nury Martinez, Council President
The Honorable Eric Garcetti, Mayor
Sharon Tso, Chief Legislative Analyst
Richard Llewellyn, City Administrative Officer

Communication from Public

Name: Adrienne Wollman

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 01:49 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We must reject the mayor's budget and adopt the People's Budget...We must defund the police and instead invest in our communities. Surely we can do significantly more than \$150 million in cuts to a \$3 billion LAPD budget when that money is better spent addressing problems that would reduce the need for said police force and benefit the community.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Flamenbaum

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 01:50 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: General comment-I urge you to adopt the people's budget and listen to the people of Los Angeles. Paul Koretz I have been emailing and calling you so you know where your district stands. We need to divest more Money away from the police and put it towards community care. We can do better as a city and we can move towards health and wellness when we all listen to each other.

Communication from Public

Name: Paulina

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 01:53 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello! I believe that the adoption of the People's Budget for the year of 2020-2021 is crucial to better our city and how it's run. The People's Budget diverts funds that normally go into the police and instead uses those funds in order to invest in communities and provide more services to Angelos. I believe this is important because Los Angeles has the means to adopt the People's Budget, the plan has been laid out, ready to be adopted, and yet we still see no change in our future. The budget focuses more on care in the community instead of policing the community which I feel is not the way to run Los Angeles. The people should be taken care of before we sentence them to lifetime behind bars and wonder why they didn't seek help. Please, I urge you to adopt the People's Budget as the first step into creating a Los Angeles Angelos would be proud to be apart of.

Communication from Public

Name: Caroline Christ

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 01:53 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Caroline Christ and my comment is in regards to the proposed budget for 2020-2021 . Police shouldn't be dispatched as mental health professionals, youth workers, EMT's, housing services, social workers, disability services, etc. I work in special education & the amount of training in our field is years of education/training before we are even out in the field. We are taught deescalation skills & cultural competence on top of countless other skills. Police officers receive very little training in general, less than a year, and particularly training in working with vulnerable populations. This lack of training, understanding, and the inherent biases/racism rooted in the LAPD hurts our Black & Brown communities mentally, emotionally, & physically. Reforms will not & have not worked- officers do not need more training which means more money put into their budget and less money into communities. 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. This means allocating more funds to these fields to support communities. Many social services agencies are overwhelmed by case loads due to a lack of adequate funding. This not only sets up our social workers and other professionals for failure, but is also impacts the communities they serve in negative ways. By investing more money into our communities we can create an LA that provides care to ALL of its residents in a safe way. Public safety can be reimaged and exist without the LAPD. According to the LA times, since 2000 there have been nearly 900 killings by local police that were ruled a homicide by county medical examiners. Almost all of the dead were men, nearly 80% were Black or Latino. More than 98% were shot to death. The LAPD are murdering loved ones, friends, neighbors, leaders, and above all human beings. This history of violence and killing in the LAPD must be stopped. The only way to stop it is to defund the LAPD. I urge the council to think about the proposed budget and the people they were elected to serve. You serve the people first. We need a care first budget, adopt the people's budget LA & defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Altschul

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 11:55 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: A cut of \$130 million from the \$3 billion dollar police budget does not go far enough. Adopt the People's Budget. It is essential that funds divested from the LAPD go directly to the communities most impacted by over-policing, and that those communities - not the police - are involved in the process of allocating those funds. It's obvious that students need nurses and counselors more than they need cops in schools - the same goes for our city. When we give people support, they thrive. We have a budget that perpetuates harm. The People's Budget creates healing. Defund the LAPD. Adopt the People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Justine

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 12:49 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to REJECT the mayor's budget and adopt the People's Budget instead! The people of LA have spoken: we want to see LAPD defunded and have that money reinvested in community services. The police aren't working: homelessness and unemployment is at an all-time high. COVID resources are dwindling. Put the money that would fund the police toward health care, housing, education, and restorative justice so we can stop this vicious cycle!

Communication from Public

Name: Chris Horan

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 12:53 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to our representatives to listen to our demands to defund the police. We want a budget that reflects our needs and does not protect a system that does not work.

Communication from Public

Name: casey minatrea

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 01:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I support The People's Budget, taking funds from the absurd & dangerous LAPD budget, allocating those funds directly to social workers & agencies that actually help Los Angeles residents. I do not support militarized police presence or tactics. Police are dangerous & do not have citizens wellbeing at heart. They are under trained & over funded. Policing needs to be a 4 year degree. Disgusting that they are armed & overreacted with impunity. Someone who gives you a facial has more training than these statefunded thugs.

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley Roberts

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 01:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a white woman from Long Island, New York, living in Los Angeles for 6 years. One month ago the idea of defunding the police was radical to me. It didn't take long for me to realize that police had protected me my whole life from BIPOC. Because the government has criminalized the black community by setting forth policies to disenfranchise them. This has been going on for over 400 years since we kidnapped them from their home country and forced them into slavery. Can we for once give minorities a chance? Los Angeles is such a beautifully diverse city. Our community will no longer stand for inequity. Homelessness is on the rise. So clearly what we have been doing is NOT working. Let us pave the way for a new future of a human-centered community. Law enforcement can not solve all of our problems. The Peoples Budget just makes sense. It's not even a partisan issue. The only reason not to adopt is because of the corrupt mafia-power that LAPD and police unions hold. We won't stand for it anymore.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Bilby

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 01:11 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles is hemorrhaging money into the corrupt and broken institution that is LAPD, and the blood remains on the hands of the LA City Council. The proposed budget cuts to LAPD are not enough to effectively create change in the climate, culture, and function of LAPD. Greater divestment are needed, as outlined in the People's Budget LA. Investing in communities rather than punitively and excessively policing them is more effective in fostering a healthy and safe environment for all of LA, both now and in the future. I understand that police officers have difficult jobs and "not all cops are bad people," but that is even more reason to dismantle the system that is forcing and encouraging "good people" to do a job that is hurting minority communities rather than support them. This is an opportunity to take care of the city, rather than prop up an ineffective (at best) and lethally racist (at worst) system. Divest from LAPD and invest that money where it can make a real, lasting difference.

Communication from Public

Name: Caroline
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 01:19 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: District 2 resident here calling for the defunding of the LAPD and support for the People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Adara Dillabaugh
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 01:23 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please allocate more funds to education, housing and community support. The LAPD does not need such a large budget. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Ellen Denherder
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 01:23 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to not accept the Mayor's Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Budget for the City of Los Angeles and instead adopt a budget that more accurately reflects the needs of your constituents. The number of Neighborhood Councils against this alone speaks to how our representatives feel. We need to significantly cut the LAPD budget, as reflected in the People's Budget that has been consistently brought to your attention over the past month. Let's invest in communities and alternatives to police instead of defending a system that is broken, racist and unethical.

Communication from Public

Name: Ilana

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 01:29 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I support the People's Budget and I am calling for the defunding of the police. We cannot continue to throw more money into police run programs which are not making a different. Our community deserves better. We must invest in care not cops.

Communication from Public

Name: Bronwyn Beck
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 07:10 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in District 1. I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Unlike the Mayor's budget, which even with cuts and proposed reapportionments gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the People's Budget LA gives only 1.64% to the police. Survey takers — your constituents — 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. The proposed cuts are not even close to being enough. You need to truly defund the police; 4.76% is no more than pocket change. Our city is facing unprecedented homelessness & unemployment, and our funds for Covid testing are dwindling. All of these crises disproportionately impact Black Angelenos. The recent violent actions of police officers in Los Angeles taken against peaceful protesters have only further proven that the LAPD must be replaced by a non-LAPD, unarmed and well-trained alternative. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA and commit to defunding the police. Thank you for your time, Bronwyn Beck

Communication from Public

Name: Xiao Yumi

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 04:33 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I support Item 48, the Wesson/Harris-Dawson motion to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violent emergency calls. I also uplift the People's Budget LA. The current proposed cuts to LAPD budget are droplets taken from an ocean. I demand that cuts are not only much more significant, but are solely divested from police funding, with the funds then invested in police alternatives and back into communities: affordable housing, public education and youth development, health services, direct investment in BIPOC communities that have been historically and systemically compromised... human-centred services that do not militarise but truly tend to the needs of this city's people.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 04:59 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Adopt the People's Budget. We don't need a police that kills more than 600 people a decade. The police does not deserve the city's money.

Communication from Public

Name: Denise Boylan
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 06:37 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: DEFIND THE LAPD AND REALLOCATE MONEY TO
COMMUNITY SERVICES THAT WILL ACTUALLY BETTER
OUR CITY.

Communication from Public

Name: Mieko Romming
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 10:02 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to ask that you go further than \$150 million in cuts to the LAPD. This is insignificant in the scope of a \$3 billion dollar budget, and still leaves LAPD with 51% of the city budget. Covid-19 makes this situation especially dire, the people need services and care. We do not need more of the racist and violent police who target Black and Brown individuals and communities disproportionately. Policing criminalizes poverty, homelessness, addiction, and mental illness- the police are a source of violence they are not a solution. Michel Moore must be fired, it is clear that he is racist and unfit for office. Paul Koretz must resign, it is clear that he only serves the LAPD and cares nothing for his constituents. You must involve community leaders from the Black Lives Matter-led People's Budget coalition as you move forward. They have done so much work already to outline the many different ways we can divest from the police. Let them guide you, and let us create a budget that actually serves the citizens of Los Angeles. It should be clear by now, that we the people have the willpower to continue protesting and speaking up. Until our demands are met, we will continue to hold you accountable, and we will vote you out of any office you might wish to hold in the future if you do not listen to our demands. Please join us on the right side of history. Defund the police, adopt the People's Budget LA.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 08:45 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I demand that more funds should be put into community services rather than the LAPD. A \$150 million cut on the \$3 BILLION LAPD budget is not enough. In these trying times, unemployment has increased and the homeless are suffering. We have to focus on those problems and an increase to the cut will likely help more. Black residents are disproportionately affected by these problems and we can help them through focusing our budget more on community services rather than the police department. Thank u.

Communication from Public

Name: Shannon harvey
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 10:13 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to defund the police and adopt the People's Budget. The proposed cuts to the police budget are not enough. LA Desperately needs additional funding of things like education, healthcare, mental health services, and community safety models. Please help build a better, more equitable and respectful city for all. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Kimberly

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 10:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to defund the police and adopt the People's Budget. The proposed \$150 million cut isn't enough. LA needs the rest of the \$3 billion LAPD budget for things like education, healthcare, mental health services, universal aid and crisis management, community safety models, improvements to our built environments, and anything else that doesn't lead to the murder or incarceration of our fellow Angelenos.

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Communication from Public

Name: Ray Freedman

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 08:54 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Steve and Jennifer C

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 08:57 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We are lifelong supporters of civil rights and freedom of expression. We are appalled by the murder of George Floyd. There clearly needs to be reform within the entire Police force. Psychological testing, better training to minimize harm to suspects during arrests and the eradication of racism amongst Police officers would be a good start. The establishment of independent investigation is crucial to ensure that officers who violate their duties are prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Budget funds must be allocated to this end. We do not see how decreasing the LAPD budget would contribute to attaining these goals. This seems more punitive and reactive than constructive and pro-active. We urge city council to establish a special committee of experienced and upright individuals to rewrite recruiting and training procedures as well as a code of conduct that must be enforced without any possibility of union immunity when infractions are committed. Decreasing resources and the number of officers will only exacerbate the situation, not to speak of the impact on those officers who strive to serve our community. Ladies and Gentlemen, it is indeed your duty to rid us of the bad apples who are a disgrace to our society. Angelinos are entitled to live in a city where neither crime nor racial injustice have any place. You were elected to honor these principles above all else.
Steve and Jennifer C

Communication from Public

Name: Rocio Alvarado
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 08:59 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police, the people want care not cops!

Communication from Public

Name: Julia
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 11:42 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: This is so disappointing that any of this even needs to be said. Garcetti's proposed 5% decrease in police funds is not even close to what our community is asking for. May I remind everyone that the role of Mayor and City Council is to represent the people of this community, and we are saying that we want funds distributed BACK to our schools, mental health services, public transportation, parks and rec, and every other service that works to uplift our civilians, not impose threats and instill fear in our daily lives like the police department. We want OUR TAX DOLLARS, YES, OUR MONEY, TO GO WHERE WE NEED IT MOST, and that starts with our children and our schools. The LAPD is a direct threat to the wellbeing of Angelenos and every other person that visits this city. By standing up for the LAPD you are clearly saying that you stand against Angelenos. You have a decision to either defund the LAPD and tell Angelenos that you take care of us first and foremost, or maintain your budget and show your clear intent to cause further harm to your constituents. The choice is yours. We urge you to make the choice to improve your city, defund the police, and implement the peoples budget.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 11:47 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to defund the police and adopt the People's Budget. The proposed \$150 million cut isn't enough. LA needs the rest of the \$3 billion LAPD budget for things like education, healthcare, mental health services, universal aid and crisis management, community safety models, improvements to our built environments, and anything else that doesn't lead to the murder or incarceration of our fellow Angelenos.

Communication from Public

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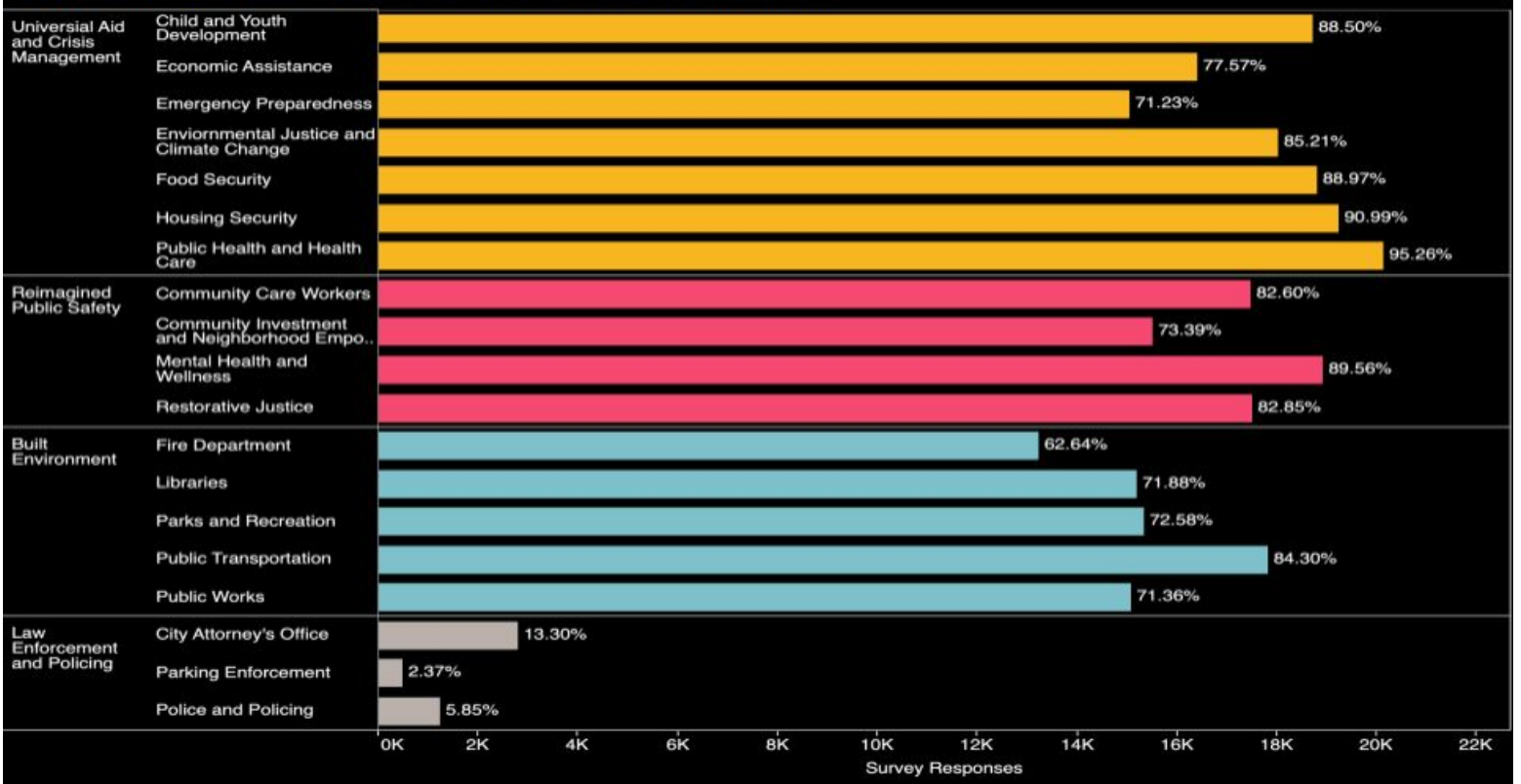
Comments for Public Posting: I live and run my business in 90068. Were you not paying attention to the People's Budget presentation? Maybe you weren't listening when David Turner said they collected data from 24,426 Los Angeles residents. The council's inaction is enabling a racist system of murderers, protected and paid for by my tax dollars because of your decisions. Adopt the people's budget. Defunding the police has two urgently needed effects: 1. Ending police violence. 2. Redistributing those billions of dollars to universal aid and crisis management. I urge you to defund the police, to prioritize care for Angelenos. You are responsible for the lives of your constituents, not to the careers of LAPD. Stop the violence and support your communities NOW. 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.

We undertook an urgent **public process of participatory budgeting** to solicit input of Angelenos on their priorities for the city.



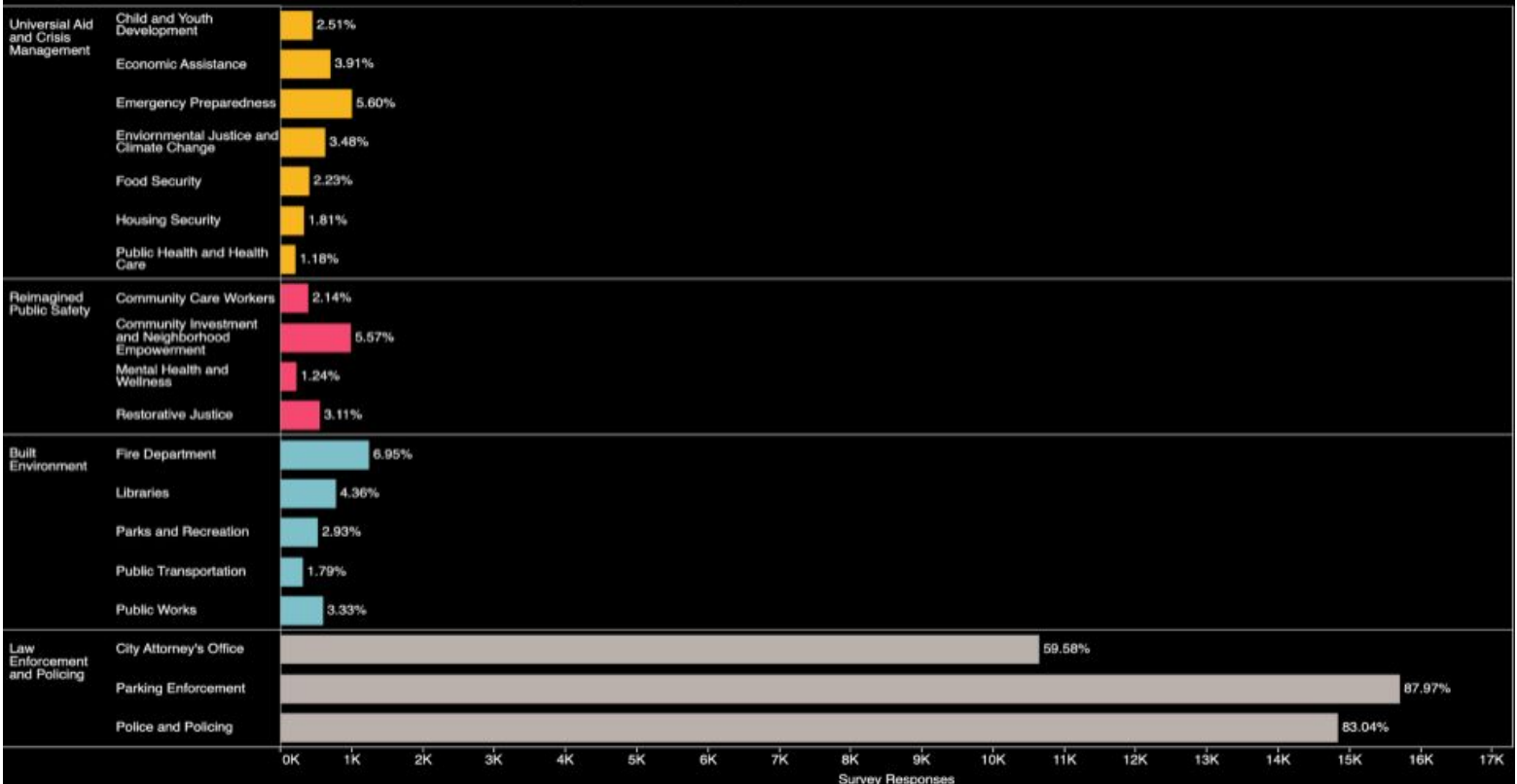
Investment by Area

Survey Respondants selected either "maximum" or "moderate" investment.



Divestment by Area

Survey Respondants selected either "no investment" or "divest money" from the following areas



Communication from Public

Name: Francie Chang

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 04:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: City council members, I am disgusted at your blatant failure to listen to your constituents who have demanded over and over that you adopt the people's budget and DEFUND THE POLICE. We are demanding much larger cuts to the LAPD budget than the meager one proposed - we will not be pacified by these performative acts. Not sure how you sleep at night when your actions are directly allowing the brutalization and murder of those you are supposed to represent. Do your job, be on the right side of history, and commit to redirecting funds to those you have been systemically oppressing.

Communication from Public

Name: Audrey Love

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 04:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed budget cuts do not go far enough, a 150 M dollar reduction is a platitude - in line item J of your proposed reductions, you are pitching to reduce sworn police hiring from 503 to 251 - that's still an expansion of field officers, and this is abundantly in opposition to the peoples budget presentation from Black Lives Matter that you were supposedly so moved by, and against the begging of your constituency that is risking their lives to demonstrate - but statistically, there is less risk of dying of covid than there is of dying of the racist and classist suppression systems that this council is helping perpetuate. When I was a child in Los Angeles, I survived on the welfare that at-school care can provide. Both my breakfast and my lunch were provided by the school and without that I would have starved - and I also received after school care from the support of the LA school system so I didn't have to walk home to an empty apartment with no food after school. Later on in the 90s and 2000s, I had the opportunity to play sports through middle and high school. In athletics you learn that putting on a uniform comes with a lot of intention setting. What do you suppose the intention setting looks like when you are enabling 9000 field officers to suit up everyday into militarized protections? What does an officer feel when they have the weight of their PPE and their weapons and their tools of bondage? How does this make them feel invincible? What impact do the tools they carry have on the way they address their perceived problems? This is not care, this is control by fear, this council perpetuates systems of racist and classist supremacy and it should be ashamed of the way it has treated economically disadvantaged people during this time. Look around, our unhoused population is growing in the midst of a GLOBAL PANDEMIC and they don't have adequate access to services. The police and city services are criminalizing living outside when folks have nowhere to go, but our pleas for help remain tacitly danced around with the promise of something coming. THE TIME IS NOW, WE HAVE GIVEN YOU THE DIRECTIONS AND MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION. Please, our lives depend on your action now, not in 3 weeks from now when you're back from recess - take radical action to protect the livelihood of your constituency. We've been funding law enforcement on average 20x more than community services, no one is saying we don't

want public safety, we are begging for public safety that doesn't further marginalize already marginalized communities and provides support systems that allows for ALL PEOPLE TO FLOURISH. Black Lives Absolutely Matter, Defund the Police, Implement the Peoples Budget or prepare to be unseated by a never ending movement of civil unrest.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 04:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Our public services and other city departments should not have to suffer due to poor city budgeting; we have 54% of the budget going to the police. We need larger cuts to the budget and an increasing budget for Housing, Health Care, Education, After School Program, Life Skill programs in our schools, Mental Illness. Greater support for our small businesses. South Los Angeles need more monies to correct the ills and damage done to the black community over years, the dismantling of the prison pipe. We are at a state of emergency level in the City of Los Angeles concerning the homelessness and houseless crisis. We need to get all the homelessness and houseless citizens off the street and then provided the needed services and care to make these individuals and family whole. We need to put a moratorium on luxury housing until the homeless are housed. We need to stop criminalization of the homeless. The system is designed to support putting black folks on the street, 34% is shameful. This must stop!! Homeless is not a 10-year plan, it's a NOW plan. We need to Defund the Police and adopt the People Budget, invest in the people of Los Angeles to elevate the lives of all Angelenos.

Communication from Public

Name: Marcel Borbon

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 03:52 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Marcel Borbon, I am a resident of CD 13 and a Constituent of the Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council and I am calling on my District Representative CouncilMember O'Farrell and the rest of the City Council to encourage the City Council's Budget and Finance Committee to adopt a People's Budget, a budget in favor of social services over policing. I have attached a Community Impact Statement which was adopted by the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council last month, a neighborhood in which I work. 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 1.64% 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. The proposed cuts are not even close to being enough. You need to truly defund the police by more than 4.76%. That is pocket change. The LAPD must be replaced by a non-LAPD, unarmed and well-trained alternative. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA and commit to defunding the police. LAPD has no role in responding to homelessness and poverty, and that policing requires and reinforces the criminalization of homelessness and poverty. It is this criminalization and overspending on policing that has led to our current homelessness crisis. 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.



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Re: The Mayor's Proposed Budget

Dear Councilmembers Krekorian, Price, Koretz, Blumenfield, and Bonin,

We write to express our deep concern regarding the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-21.

We understand that the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in significant revenue shortfalls for the City and that cuts in spending must be made. We question the priorities and values that are reflected in the Mayor's Proposed Budget, however, with regard to the cuts he has proposed—and those he has not.

Specifically, we are troubled that in a budget that cuts \$230 million in services, weakening vital programs that many Angelenos rely on and imposing furloughs on nearly 16,000 city workers, LAPD officer pay is simultaneously being increased by \$144 million. In relative terms compared to last year's spending—despite the great need created by the COVID-19 outbreak—the Mayor's Proposed Budget cuts City investments in housing programs by 9.4%, job programs by 8.9%, and homelessness programs by 6%—all while boosting its expenditure on police by 7.1%. This brings LAPD's share of the City's total budget to a whopping 54%—despite the fact that crime is down.

Angelenos are currently facing an economic and health crisis of unprecedented proportions. Even before COVID-19, roughly one in three renters in Los Angeles spent more than half their income on housing, and there were over 36,000 unhoused people in our City. The pandemic will only make matters worse. Over half of Angelenos are now unemployed following the massive job losses stemming from COVID-19. And economists predict that many of the recent layoffs will

be permanent. Without bold action from the City, more Angelenos will become severely rent-burdened or fall into homelessness.

We applaud the City's efforts to respond to the COVID-19 emergency: delivering meals to seniors, opening childcare centers for healthcare workers, purchasing personal protective equipment (PPE) for first responders, implementing a small business loan program, committing to providing rental assistance, and setting up testing sites, additional shelters, and more. These are the kinds of interventions Angelenos need at this critical and unprecedented time.

Sadly, the Mayor's Proposed Budget puts some of these very initiatives on the chopping block. The Department of Aging has reported that furloughs and office closures will directly affect seniors trying to enroll in meal services, many of whom do not have internet access and rely on staff to help them enroll in city programs via telephone. (CAO's May 19, 2020 Report on the Impact on City Services of the Furlough Program Included in the 2020-21 Proposed Budget, p. 7.) The Department of Economic Development anticipates that its cuts will cause delays in economic relief and related assistance to the thousands of workers and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 emergency. (*Id.* at 15.) The Department of Housing and Community Investment predicts that furloughs will reduce its ability to provide services to tenants, prevent poverty and homelessness, and create affordable housing. (*Id.* at 20.)

In her opening remarks during last Thursday's Council Meeting, Council President Nury Martinez said, "As we start the new fiscal year, it is important to keep in mind the people who need us the most right now—working families, those living in poverty, communities of color that have long been forgotten, seniors and children." This budget balances itself on the backs of those very people—the most vulnerable among us—largely to provide a raise for LAPD officers. *If officers simply received the same pay they did last year, the City could prevent two-thirds of these devastating cuts to critical services.*

The cruel calculus of the budget is made all the more unjustifiable by the fact that crime in our city is down 23% percent since the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak. Even before COVID-19, homicides in Los Angeles had reached historic lows. In January, Police Chief Moore observed that this is "one of the safest times in Los Angeles" and the Mayor noted that our crime statistics were "better . . . than we've seen in decades." *Increasing spending on policing when crime is down and when other urgent needs are so high simply doesn't make sense.*

Public safety should no doubt be one of the City's highest priorities. But investments in housing and job security, mental health care, and after-school programs *are* investments in public safety. By cutting these services, this budget will not make Angelenos safer.

As Councilmember Ryu observed in his recent comments on the budget, "If we make cuts to departments and services that serve low-income and working families, we will be paying for those cuts for decades to come." The Mayor's Proposed Budget puts political expediency over the urgent needs of the Angelenos who are suffering

most acutely in this time of crisis, and it will cost our City dearly if enacted without significant revision.

We urge you, as our representatives, to rework the 2020-21 budget so that it meets the needs of this moment. Budgets are moral documents that reflect our values. What kind of city cuts services and increases spending on law enforcement when its people are struggling to eat? What does that say about us? We need not take this path.

The coronavirus outbreak has laid bare many hard truths—about the fragility of our healthcare system, the vulnerability of the many Angelenos living paycheck to paycheck, the growing inequality in our society—and our City. By taking an honest look, however, we are presented with an opportunity to improve upon the past instead of repeating its mistakes. It is in that spirit that our Neighborhood Council asks you for a compassionate budget—and through it, for a more just, equitable, and humane Los Angeles.

Sincerely,



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Communication from Public

Name: Emma Kupershmidt
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 03:56 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: REFORM DOES NOT WORK. WE ARE ON THE ROAD TO ABOLITION, AND YOU ARE TRYING YOUR HARDEST TO DELAY THE INEVITABLE. You say you work for the people, but all you do is the bare minimum. The 150 Million Dollar divestment is NOT ENOUGH. You have to DO BETTER than that. The People's Budget is that solution! It is written out FOR YOU! The work is done for you! It is SO EASY that it's making a lot of Angelenos crazy! The system of Law Enforcement is corrupt and unjust. LAPD is not trained to do all the jobs that are asked of them. They aren't trained to work with those with mental illness, with those who are neurodivergent, with those who are disabled, with those who don't have homes, etc. WHICH THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET WOULD HELP TO FIX. You all unfortunately benefit from the capitalistic society that we live in, so you are safe and unwilling to give up your privilege and power. You're willing to waste time, and as that time is wasted, more people ARE LOSING THEIR LIVES. It makes me and so many other people upset because we are really trying to make this world a better place. The first step to accomplishing that goal would be to ADOPT THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET NOW. You have the ability to make a change. Why not take it?

Communication from Public

Name: Mindy Rothstein Mann

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 03:57 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of District 5. I have been listening to everyone's general comments asking to defund the police. I am actually asking that you not de-fund the Wildlife Pilot Program. For everyone who is so concerned about the community, I would say to them that they should be concerned about the health of all the people who live in this City and make up all the various communities. I urge you to continue to fund the Wildlife Pilot Study which will help protect the health of the Santa Monica Mountains - a very rare treasure which runs through the center of Los Angeles. This treasure is shared and enjoyed by everyone in this city, by people of every color. The air that everyone in this city breathes is affected by the health of this mountain range. Finding a way to preserve the plants and animals that live in the Santa Monica Mountains is in the interest of all Angelinos and cannot wait. Now, more than ever, people understand the importance of seeking out nature for its beauty and its serenity; during Covid-19 people have been outside walking and hiking in greater numbers. I urge you to continue funding this program so we can ensure that the treasure of the Santa Monica Mountains will be around for generations to come.

Communication from Public

Name: Ali Rachel Pearl
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 03:58 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing from CD-13 because I am so tired of y'all's empty gestures and your disingenuous use of the word "community." Your constituents want a people's budget. Your constituents want to defund the police. Every time you mock us, every time you refuse to listen to us, every time you make commitments and promises you don't keep, you show yourselves for who you really are. We are asking you to do your job. I'm tired of seeing the unhoused members of my community being terrorized by LAPD. I'm tired of being shot at with rubber bullets when I march alongside other Angelenos who refuse to stay silent in the face of police brutality. Adopt a People's Budget. Stop wasting our time and stop giving us the run around. Defund the police. Fund our communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexandra Borden

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 04:01 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: This comment is re: Item #1 and Public Comment of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting on June 29th, 2020 and is for Councilmembers Paul Krekorian, Curren D. Price, Jr., Paul Koretz, Bob Blumenfield, and Mike Bonin. I'm not sure how many more times you all need to see and hear this, but maybe eventually it'll sink in since you're going to keep hearing it until you set this right or resign. A proposal of \$150mil reduction of police budget is an obvious attempt to placate the people of LA with what looks like a big number but is actually nothing in the grand scheme of things. What, did you think you could fool us? \$150mil is not nearly enough--you know it, we all know it, and you should be ashamed. Consider this yet another friendly reminder that you work for the PEOPLE, not the police. And in case you haven't noticed, we're not happy with your job performance. Fire Police Chief Michael Moore, ACTUALLY defund and dismantle the police, and instead invest that ridiculously over-bloated LAPD budget into the community YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO WORK FOR. Step up and listen to the people of LA, or step down for someone who will actually DO THEIR JOB, you fucking hacks.

Communication from Public

Name: Rubina Bernabe

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 03:30 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm here to ask, beg, implore the Council to depend the murderous LAPD and adopt the People's Budget LA, to reallocate those dollars into the community. It is clear that the system we've been using IS NOT WORKING. If policing were effective, incarceration rates would be lower, rather than exponentially higher EVERY SINGLE YEAR. WHAT OTHER JOB CAN YOU REAP WORSE AND WORSE RESULTS, BUT STILL GET A PAY INCREASE? If you were paying for a personal trainer and each week you kept gaining weight, would you still pay, or worse, would you give them a raise? What other job can you fuck up so badly that it ends up A MURDER-- THE DEATH OF A HUMAN BEING, but you still get to keep your job? No. Absolutely unacceptable. We've giving under-trained & over-reactive police officers the duty of TOO MANY roles that are best suited to other industry professionals— psychologists, social workers, teachers, and more. It's not their fault, but they ARE NOT EQUIPPED TO HANDLE MANY OF THE SITUATIONS THEY ARE CALLED ON FOR. We, the people, are asking for change, on a drastic scale, because it is evident that that is what is NEEDED. We will not stop until change happens. Defund the police. Fire Chief Moore. FUCKING DO BETTER. BE BETTER.

Communication from Public

Name: MILIE

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 03:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to leave a comment for Item 1 and general public comment. I want to begin by saying, BLACK LIVES MATTER. I urge this office to further decrease the LAPD budgt and re-distribute funding to communities who need it. Adopt the Peoples' Budget! History says that the LAPD is the most RACIST police system in the country. Firsthand, as a Brown woman, I've witnessed LAPD's lack of training on conflict-mediation and even minute general INTEREST in our well-being. The time to end police-brutality has far passed, and yet here we are, still debating the obvious. Furthermore, as an educational administrator at a big Los Angeles university, I witness firsthand that there is crucial need for more funding in public schools, especially for those in South and East LA. FUND IN OUR FUTURE, FUND IN THE FUTURES OF BLACK AND BROWN LIVES. PLEASE, COUNCILMEMBERS, WAKE UP AND DO YOUR JOB. We will NOT back down.

Communication from Public

Name: Rosemary Herrera
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 03:33 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: This year the mayor allocated \$122 million more dollars to the LAPD than they were allocated in 2019, a raise despite the fact that crime rates have been on the decline for many years and despite the fact that over 600 Angelenos have been murdered. None of the members of the city council opposed the proposed budget on 6/1 and it wasn't until the entire city cried for defunding the LAPD that you all agreed to remove \$150 million dollars from the budget, this is not defunding the LAPD, this is not cutting their budget this is removing an undeserved and unneeded raise. The fact that you all patted yourselves on the back for doing that insulting and proof that you do not care about your constituents. To give the LAPD a raise and over 50% of our funds in a city where it costs \$1,500 minimum to rent a rundown 1 bedroom apartment, in which renters are spending more than 50% of their income for a roof over their heads, a city with an insanely high homeless population and with one of the worst public school systems is a crime. You are elected public servants, we elected you to represent us. Our tax dollars pay you. We ask that you place yourselves on the right side of history and defund the LAPD. Defund the \$3 billion dollars that you have allocated to them.

Communication from Public

Name: Steev

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 03:34 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I would respectfully request the Budget & Finance Committee submit the motion to discontinue and make illegal private corporation funding to police foundations. Amazon, Starbucks, Chevron, Delta Airlines, in LA, Bank of America and Wells Fargo and in Long Beach, UPS all give massive amounts to these foundations to get massive tax deductions, then these foundations augments the bloated police budgets and buy military and swat equipment with which to continue their war on the citizens of Los Angeles. Thank you. Steev (213) 924-9091.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 03:34 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Budget Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Please consider defunding the police. You have heard the news and have seen how many countless murders have occurred at the hands of the police. They have become murderers when they are supposed to be our protectors. Do not let these deaths be in vain. Take the power you have and create a necessary change. Defund the police. Invest in programs that will allow more lives to be helped. Create programs where trained professionals respond to the scene. Not just the police members who are given a gun after 8 weeks of training. Do something. Do not just sit there and take advantage of the power you hold.

Communication from Public

Name: Rebecca

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 03:36 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Kessler and I would like to speak on item number 1 and make general public comment. I support the People's City Council and Black Lives Matter to adopt the People's Budget LA by defunding the police and reallocating these funds to community programs that will protect and uplift our communities and create public safety everyone can benefit from. The tiny budget cut you all made to the LAPD is pocket change and is not good enough. 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. It's also time to fire Chief Moore and hold police accountable for their wrongdoings. 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: Steev

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 03:36 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I would respectfully request the Budget & Finance Committee submit the motion to discontinue and make illegal private corporation funding to police foundations. Amazon, Starbucks, Chevron, Delta Airlines, in LA, Bank of America and Wells Fargo and in Long Beach, UPS all give massive amounts to these foundations to get massive tax deductions, then these foundations augments the bloated police budgets and buy military and swat equipment with which to continue their war on the citizens of Los Angeles. Thank you. Steev (213) 924-9091.

Communication from Public

Name: Grace Tierk

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 03:22 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing once again to ask the council to adopt the people's budget. Instead of grossly overfunding the LAPD, we must reallocate these resources to community services like mental healthcare, education, and poverty relief (especially in light of the economic impacts of covid-19). More often than not, our laws criminalize poverty and our police target, brutalize, and murder members of marginalized communities; these behaviors are unacceptable and will not change unless we divest from our police department. The cuts you've made to the mayor's proposed budget are negligible, and your efforts to redirect non-emergency calls are positive but do not go far enough. Over the course of the past month, hundreds of Angelenos have called and written asking the council to reject the mayor's budget and defund the LAPD. It is the city council's job to represent their constituents' interests, and if you pass the mayor's budget as proposed you are failing to do your job. Defund the police and redistribute the funds to programs that actually benefit the community.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:43 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I currently live in District Two. I demand you defund the police and invest in communities of color through healthcare resources, affordable housing, equal employment opportunities, and access to education. Adopt the people's budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Jamie Patterson

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 03:17 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: YOU MUST DEFUND THE LAPD. How dare you consider the mayors bootlicking budget of 3 billion to the police when the city of Los Angeles needs care not more corrupt cops. You should be ASHAMED to even consider this budget during a pandemic when housing services and jobs services and mental health services are needy direly: LISTEN TO THE COMMUNITY. Support the Peoples Budget. BLM already did the work for you and the community of Los Angeles has overwhelming confirmed that is it what we want and need. DO MORE THAT THE PITIFUL \$150 million from then police budget AND DEFUND THEM.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexandra Dennis

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 03:10 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Alexandra Dennis, I am a constituent of district 8, and I want to speak on the proposed budget. I demand that the city council defunds the LAPD. The \$100-150 million budget cut to the LAPD that has been proposed is an inconsequential amount and is insulting. We must reinvest the LAPD budget in initiatives that actually help make our communities better and safer. Especially now during COVID-19, we need to be investing in housing, health support, mental health, and other supportive initiatives. I believe in investing in our communities, not policing them. I ask that you support the People's budget instead of funding the police. I also want to mention that I used to live in Boston, MA, which has a long history of racism, and LA's police budget is still almost 5 times Boston's. So what does that say about LA? It is a disgrace to be wasting roughly 50% of our city budget on policing. There are so many better uses for that funding, as outlined by the people's budget. Show your constituents that you actually care about them and invest in care, not cops. Thank you, Alexandra

Communication from Public

Name: Allison Michael

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 03:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and create a People's Budget in collaboration with Black Lives Matter Los Angeles and People's Budget LA. The \$150 million dollar cut Garcetti proposed is not sufficient. You need to significantly invest in communities by significantly divesting from LAPD. The police department is bloated, over-funded and prioritized over the lives of the people of Los Angeles in your current budget. Adopt a People's Budget. Fire Chief Moore. Do not allow him to be replaced. Do not allow him to collect a pension. Don't give him any more taxpayer money. Invest in public housing, education, and community and health services. Cancel rent. Provide long term housing for the unhoused population of LA. We are in a pandemic and NEED you to prioritize community safety. The LAPD is violent, racist, and corrupt. Defund the police. Your constituent's lives depend on it.

Communication from Public

Name: Tyler Newbold

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 03:08 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: URGENT! I implore you to please adopt a PEOPLE'S BUDGET! The LAPD is already BLOATED AND CORRUPT– I implore you to stand with your fellow Angelenos, YOUR CONSTITUENTS- adopt a PEOPLE'S BUDGET NOW! You are supposed to be serving the community. WE HAVE SPOKEN in vast numbers. LISTEN TO THE COMMUNITY YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO BE SERVING---DEFUND THE POLICE. The Mayor's disastrous proposal MUST be updated with the priorities of Angelenos. You need to Adopt a People's Budget which defunds the police. We need disinvestment from the police, and investment in community- and health-centered services. Public opinion is with me.

Communication from Public

Name: elisa foster

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 03:11 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am making a Public Comment on Item 48 and General Public Comment. Item 48: Support the motion by Herb Wesson (CD10) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD8) to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls. Police should not be sent to deal with non-violent issues. When they are called, they often escalate the situation rather than defuse it, especially in regards to mental health calls. General Public Comment: The proposed cuts do not even come close to meeting the demands and priorities of Angelenos. We need meaningful divestment from LAPD and comprehensive investment in non-police community safety alternatives and community enrichment. We have to make much bigger cuts to the LAPD budget and use that money to truly support and stabilize especially Black and marginalized communities. When we focus on building stability from the ground up, we will see real, long-term improvement in public safety. People need healthcare and mental health support, educational enrichment, built environment investment, economic support, affordable housing, and so on. LAPD and the system of incarceration traumatically disrupts the stability of marginalized communities, creating a never-ending cycle of violence and socio-economic-political disenfranchisement. Break the cycle, defund LAPD, and invest in the people! Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Mahomed Khan
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:58 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I Encourage city council members to support full funding for Human Rights Commission. Because phobia leads to hatred which is the catalyst for discrimination and violence. Only resources can make a big difference. Mahomed Khan star Power Offering Peace & Prosperity. American Muslim Strategist. Agenda Item Number 20-0600 Monday June 29th 2020 2 Pm

Communication from Public

Name: Rasha

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:43 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The Peoples Budget LA Coalition has laid out exactly what are the steps to take for the communities that you all pretend to represent. \$150 million cut is NOT ENOUGH. With a larger budget cut from LAPD, those funds can be invested back into our communities through health, safety, housing, education and alternatives to police since they are only good at killing people instead of keeping us safe. We want CARE not COPS! Our communities need safety through the initiatives above INSTEAD of over policing. If you preach to represent the people, then LISTEN to Peoples Budget LA. Thousands of Angelenos fully supported their initiatives. It is truly an easy decision to support this cause with the amount of support. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Christiana Cobb-Dozier

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:52 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am commenting in regard to item 1 the mayors current budget with the current proposal to cut \$150 million from the LAPD budget is not enough as they hold \$3 billion of the budget. As a school counselor who assists students with not only their educational goals but also their mental health and helps provide services for families, I am appalled at the money that is proposed for policing in lieu of services that could aid in LA's homeless population, healthcare, transportation and so much more. LAPD currently responds to non-emergency non-criminal calls leaving people traumatized when they could've benefited from a social worker or personnel trained in social services to better help our community. We must defund the police, adopt the people's budget and re-imagine our city in which we put the constituents first!

Communication from Public

Name: Sandra

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:55 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi Council Members I am reaching out to you today because, as a representative of the City Council, you play an important role in decision-making for the entire city of Los Angeles. I want to share my thoughts on the current budget being proposed for our city. I firmly stand behind the People's Budget that has been proposed for the city, which significantly reduces the amount of funding allocated to Law Enforcement and Police, and I want to tell you why. Years of research on social outcomes in cities illustrate that the current budget (with \$3 Billion allotted to Law Enforcement and Policing) represents a maladaptive, band-aid approach to the systemic problems that threaten community safety. The \$100-150 million that Mayor Garcetti has proposed to remove from the LAPD and reinvest in communities of color simply is not enough. These communities have been facing years of disinvestment and this amount is barely a drop in the bucket! We need to get serious about making real, meaningful changes in our city. These issues are deep-rooted and require new, community-based models. We need universal aid and crisis management, community safety models, and improvements to our built environments. We need better education, better healthcare, and better mental health services. The overfunded policing model that is currently in place just does not work - it is based in violence and threatens those who need our assistance most. When communities have what they need, neighborhoods thrive. Take a look at our well-funded communities like Los Feliz. It's not a matter of opinion. I know you must agree on some level; why else would you have chosen to be a public servant, if not to improve public life for the communities that call your city home? This is what we should be aiming for... Thriving communities, not the continued over-policing of frustrated, disenfranchised communities of color. I challenge you to be the Council Member that acknowledges the underlying causes of oppression, especially the unevenly dispersed resources that create the disparities that disproportionately impact communities of color. BE the change we need. BE remembered as a champion of the people. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Sandra

Communication from Public

Name: Claire

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:55 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: This is your chance to lead the city and be civic heroes and lead the country in a fair and just model for all its residents. PASS the People's Budget. Now is the time! The city has spoken! Defund the police and fund housing and services for this city. Everyone knows that the resources are there! It is unconscionable and disgusting that we let 70,000 residents sleep on the street each night when we CAN AFFORD to house them. This is sick and positively dystopian and you are all responsible. ADOPT THE PEOPLES BUDGET.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexandra Pepel

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:48 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Divest From Police and Invest in our community. Adopt the People's Budget! I as a constituent of Los Angeles do not support the majority of our city budget going towards the continuation of terrorization at the hands of police. We want schools funded, we want homes for the houseless, tenant protections, free public transit, and expanded mental healthcare. Not bullies with guns!
PEOPLE'S BUDGET LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Clementine Dunnell

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:48 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I'm submitting a written comment due to the volume of commenters calling into today's budget committee meeting regarding item 1 and general public comment. I would like to echo what all these callers are saying - defund the LAPD and enact the People's Budget. You are accountable to the people of Los Angeles and they have spoken loud and clear. Invest in care, not cops. Criminalizing the city's problems like homelessness does not help anyone, except the police who line their pockets with the bulk of the city's discretionary budget. Stop hurting your constituents through a bloated, corrupt, racist, and militarized police department. Defund the police FOR REAL and fund community programs to lift our people up instead of grinding them down. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:49 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD receives about \$1.18 BILLION DOLLARS in funding every year. Garcetti's \$150 million budget cut barely puts a dent in that budget. That's only 15% being taken out. DEFUND THE LAPD. TAKE MORE OF THAT BUDGET AND PUT IT INTO EDUCATION³. Studies have shown that students from well funded schools perform better and therefore have a better chance of escaping poverty and preventing homelessness. An educated population leads to lower crime rates, which would NEGATE the need for a huge police force.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniella Onofre
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:50 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am commenting to demand for the defunding of our police and the redistribution of funds to more helpful and direct community services (e.g. mental health services, public schools, affordable housing, accessible healthcare). \$150 million is not nearly enough out of the \$3 billion LAPD budget. Our people don't need police officers dealing with everything- homelessness, unemployment, and coronavirus case rates are large and getting larger, and we need to give them the assistance they need. We can do infinitely better with our budget.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:41 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Since moving to Los Angeles 1.5 years ago, I've encountered countless black, brown, and indigenous people of color in the queer / transgender community who are struggling to find work, pay rent, cover the cost of food, and get access to healthcare services. There are young cis + trans people that desperately need mental health resources and access medical care. They are a vital part of this city and deserve transparency, recognition, and unwavering support from our city. Please defund the police and invest in the people's budget. We need more of a divestment than 150 million. We need the police abolished, and we need to reimagine the safety and security of our city.

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:41 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of the demand for cuts to the LAPD far exceeding the \$133 million dollars proposed. I would like to see those funds instead directed to social services and alternatives to police. Just this weekend, I encountered an unhoused person in the midst of a mental health crisis who was in need of immediate care. They refused rides to the hospital or the shelter while adamant that they were under threat. Even with the resources of multiple people endeavoring to help through different means and organizations, it became apparent that we were going to be consistently redirected to the police if we didn't want to wait until Monday for the mere chance at anyone more equipped being available. This person needed immediate care that the police certainly could not offer, and a city like Los Angeles should be able to provide that care, not to mention divert adequate money and resources to those capable of giving it.

Communication from Public

Name: Jae Canas

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 02:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Reinvest in Mental Health Counselors at Schools; including mental health programming by youth for youth, by families for families, by caregivers for caregivers. Revisit what is required from Law Enforcement Officers: Associate and Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice National Certification Exam Mandatory Licensure in California, renewed every 3 years. Mandatory Continuing Education every year on Dynamics of Power, De-escalation skills, Critical Race Theory, Empathic Interpersonal Relationships. Loss of License for misconduct, drug use, DuI, assault, rape, murder, domestic violence. Reinvest in redesign of Social Services structures to address: implicit bias, intersectionality training, and Critical Race Theory. Respond to the LA County residents with a public and transparent action plan of what next steps will look like.