

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 01:39 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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Name: Emma Fitzgerald

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 04:34 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The Los Angeles Police Department needs to be defunded. When I say this I don't mean defunding "law enforcement" but rather redirecting money to social workers and trained professionals that would help keep the public safe and avoid escalation by police. If we were to replace police officers with unarmed trained professionals for calls about unhoused individuals, mental health and substance abuse emergencies our communities would be safer and healthier. Yes, the budget for the LAPD has already been cut, but that is NOT enough. The cuts should and need to be greater than \$150 million, which is only a tiny fraction of the total \$3 billion budget. The money from these cuts should be allocated to investment in affordable housing, services for unhoused individuals, public health, mental health services, addiction treatment services, community-led interventions to help underserved black and brown communities, and training for social workers and specialized services to replace police in non-violent situations. The LAPD is given too much money and too much power and this has gone on for too long. Our communities needs healing and the only way that can happen is with the defunding of the LAPD and reallocation of those funds to community driven resources.

Communication from Public

Name: bethany

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 04:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I acknowledge that I am on Tongva land as I write this, that I was raised on Tongva land, named "Los Angeles" by colonizers. Defund LAPD. Replace police officers with unarmed trained professionals for calls about unhoused individuals, mental health and substance use emergencies. The police force was not created for the people or to protect the people, it was created to defend "property" and achieve the goal of erasure of black folx, indigenous folx, and people of color. OUR LAND IS STOLEN & SO ARE ITS PEOPLE. Redirect funds toward public housing, increased wages and benefits for social workers, grassroots, community-led interventions to help underserved black, indigenous and brown communities, training for social workers/specialized services to replace police in non-violent situations, affordable housing, services for unhoused individuals, public health, mental health services, addiction treatment services.

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Name: Gideon Adlon

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, My name is Gideon Adlon. I am from the Los Angeles area and my zip code is 91423. I am calling to ask LA City Council to consider the following budget cuts. I demand the LAPD budget cut is greater than \$150 million— a tiny fraction of the \$3 billion budget. I am asking (insert name) to support the city council motion to replace police officers with unarmed and trained professionals for calls regarding unhorsed individuals and mental health & substance abuse emergencies. The cuts to the LAPD budget should go towards investment in the following: -grassroots & community led interventions to help underserved black and brown communities -training for social workers/specialized services to replace police in non- violent situations -affordable housing -services for unhoused individuals -public health -mental health services -addiction treatment services We are calling to defund the police, meaning we want to redirect money to social workers/trained professionals that will help keep the public safe & avoid escalation by police. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Gideon Adlon, Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name: Hayden

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 05:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for reading my comment. I am resident of Los Angeles, CA. The residents of your city have spoken. Hundreds of thousands of people are marching in the street calling for the defunding of the LAPD and LASD. The police have failed the people. They are a leech on the cities of America, sucking the last remaining public services dry in efforts to continue to militarize and dominate the citizens who are PAYING THEIR SALARY and whom they are sworn to protect. Racism, sexism and violence are inherent in those who are drawn to work in the profession, it is a force that must be dismantled and a new era of public safety must be ushered in. We demand for real re-allocation of funds to services like public health, housing the homeless, education, and essential missing resources in so many black and brown neighborhoods. DEFUND THE LAPD. Invest in communities, not police. Thank you, Hayden

Communication from Public

Name: Concerned LA Rabbi's and Jewish Leaders

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council: The Eternal said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" Then God said, "What have you done? Your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground! (Genesis 4:9-11) As George Floyd lay on the ground, a police officer's knee crushing his neck, cutting off his oxygen, choking him, as Mr. Floyd called out "Mama," as he pleaded the same words as Eric Garner moaned almost six years ago, "I can't breathe," we confronted once again a true evil of our society. Ours is a society that does not value all lives equally. We are a country that is rooted in institutional racism. We are a country that from our inception counted African people, made slaves, as 3/5 a human being; a country that has oppressed and committed acts of violence against Black people and people of color; and a country that continues to fail in our ability to extend the same sense of security and safety to all our citizens, especially Black people. Today, we, a coalition of Rabbis and Cantors of Los Angeles, proclaim in a unified voice: We are all responsible for the lives of our brothers and sisters, of our neighbors, and of each other. We hear the voice of God and our tradition thundering: "Your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground!" The murder of George Floyd, the murder of Ahmaud Arbery, and the murder of Breonna Taylor – these are not isolated events. Rather, they represent generations of victims of systemic racism, lynchings, and state-sanctioned violence against Black people and people of color. According to the LA Times report, police in LA County have killed 886 people since 2000. This is a system in need of transformation. And we say as one voice: enough. We say as one voice: Black Lives Matter. Council members, you are on the verge of one of the most consequential public budget decisions of our lives. There will be a before and an after this moment. You have an opportunity to lead with courage, to demonstrate that transformation is possible and that we can indeed become a better, more democratic, more equitable city. We can become a place where we all belong. This moment is ripe for the transformation our city and nation have been awaiting for generations. Reimagining public safety will take time and it will take courage. And we want you-- our city's leadership-- to take the lead. The Los Angeles Police Department's budget makes up 54% of the

City's general budget. We are grateful for the initial step taken by the members of the city council and the mayor to reinvest \$150 million from the LAPD general operating budget to communities of color. We urge you all to think boldly about this moment, and to shift more city funds from policing to communities, especially Black communities. Our neighbor's blood cries out to us from the ground. And we weep over all the terror that has been inflicted. And we rage at the injustices in our midst. And we pray for shalom. And we act for change. What is the purpose of leadership if not for a moment like this? Signed: Rabbi Adam Allenberg, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute Religion Rabbi Karen Bender Rabbi Lisa Berney, Leo Baeck Temple Rabbi Anne Brener, Academy for Jewish Religion California Rabbi Sharon Brous, IKAR Rabbi Max Chaiken, Congregation Kol Ami Rabbi Ken Chasen, Leo Baeck Temple Rabbi Emeritus Bernard Cohen, Temple Judea Rabbi Aryeh Cohen, American Jewish University Rabbi Jaclyn Cohen, Temple Isaiah Rabbi Calvin Dox-DaCosta, Temple Israel of Hollywood Rabbi Lisa Edwards, Beth Chayim Chadashim (BCC) Rabbi Denise Eger, Congregation Kol Ami Rabbi Morley Feinstein, University Synagogue Cantorial Soloist Shelly Fox, Temple Israel of Hollywood Rabbi Dara Frimmer, Temple Isaiah Rabbi Laura Geller, Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills Rabbi Susan Goldberg, Nefesh Rabbi Jon Hanish, Kol Tikvah Rabbi Jocee Hudson, Temple Israel of Hollywood Cantor Linda Kates, Leo Baeck Temple Rabbi Paul Kipnes, Congregation Or Ami Rabbi Zoe Klein Miles, Temple Isaiah Cantor Yonah Kliger, Temple Judea Rabbi Joshua Knobel, Stephen Wise Temple Rabbi Susan Laemmle, Retired, USC Office of Religious Life Cantor Patti Linsky, Congregation Kol Ami Rabbi Michelle Missaghieh, Temple Israel of Hollywood Rabbi Bruce Raff, Temple Judea Rabbi Eric Rosenstein, Temple Judea Senior Rabbi Emeritus John Rosove, Temple Israel of Hollywood Rabbi Benjamin Ross, Leo Baeck Temple Rabbi Daniel Sher, Kehillat Israel Rabbi Joel Simonds, Jewish Center for Justice Rabbi Ron Stern, Stephen Wise Temple Rabbi Dvora Weisberg, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Rabbi Julia Weisz, Congregation Or Ami Mr. Lee Winkelman, California Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC-CA)

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Signed:

Rabbi Adam Allenberg, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute Religion

Rabbi Karen Bender

Rabbi Lisa Berney, Leo Baeck Temple

Rabbi Anne Brener, Academy for Jewish Religion California

Rabbi Sharon Brous, IKAR

Rabbi Max Chaiken, Congregation Kol Ami

Rabbi Ken Chasen, Leo Baeck Temple

Rabbi Emeritus Bernard Cohen, Temple Judea

Rabbi Aryeh Cohen, American Jewish University

Rabbi Jaclyn Cohen, Temple Isaiah

Rabbi Calvin Dox-DaCosta, Temple Israel of Hollywood

Rabbi Lisa Edwards, Beth Chayim Chadashim (BCC)

Rabbi Denise Eger, Congregation Kol Ami

Rabbi Morley Feinstein, University Synagogue

Cantorial Soloist Shelly Fox, Temple Israel of Hollywood

Rabbi Dara Frimmer, Temple Isaiah

Rabbi Laura Geller, Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills

Rabbi Susan Goldberg, Nefesh

Rabbi Jon Hanish, Kol Tikvah

Rabbi Jocee Hudson, Temple Israel of Hollywood

Cantor Linda Kates, Leo Baeck Temple

Rabbi Paul Kipnes, Congregation Or Ami

Rabbi Zoe Klein Miles, Temple Isaiah

Cantor Yonah Kliger, Temple Judea

Rabbi Joshua Knobel, Stephen Wise Temple

Rabbi Susan Laemmle, Retired, USC Office of Religious Life

Cantor Patti Linsky, Congregation Kol Ami

Rabbi Michelle Missaghieh, Temple Israel of Hollywood
Rabbi Bruce Raff, Temple Judea
Rabbi Eric Rosenstein, Temple Judea
Senior Rabbi Emeritus John Rosove, Temple Israel of Hollywood
Rabbi Benjamin Ross, Leo Baeck Temple
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Mr. Lee Winkelman, California Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC-CA)

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Name: Will

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 10:52 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I demand the LAPD budget be cut extensively to allow more funding to education, public transportation, social services. I also demand the LAPD budget that remains go towards grassroots, community lead interventions to help under served black and brown communities. The LAPD also needs to be replaced with social workers/specialized services to respond to non-violent situations. With that being said, Social services needs money put towards them so they are better equipped to deal with these situations and are paid appropriately. We have thousands sleeping on the streets in LA while the LAPD has money for rubber bullets, riot gear, and military armor. Defund the LAPD and put people in homes. It is inexcusable that the richest nation in the world has this problem. Cops should not be called for drug related instances and instead of paying them to do that job incorrectly, pay for more mental health and addiction services to help people repair their lives rather than punish them for addiction. Thank you, Will

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 08:48 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The LA city budget will go into effect TOMORROW July 1st and there has hardly been any change in the budget. The police budget was originally around \$3 BILLION, so a \$150 Million reduction is not going to cut it. From Garcetti's email: "So we're identifying \$250 million in new investments — including cuts to the police department — for community programs in our city's Black communities and other communities of color." So we are again only taking such a small fraction from the police (\$150 million) and where is the rest of the \$100 million being taken from? schools? homelessness programs? hospitals? There is no information on the "new investments." In addition, \$250 million spread across multiple programs is nothing for the work they must do to build our city back up and hardly does much to sustain these programs. They are false promises made in order to appease the public and trick them into thinking you care. THREE BILLION DOLLARS is not necessary for the police. Remember when the coronavirus hit and the city was struggling with coming up with the money to provide proper PPE for all healthcare workers to where some nurses died or refused to work?? Remember that? But when it came to the police and these protests, every officer had their riot gear uniform (which is about 54x as expensive as 1 full PPE uniform) and tear gas and rubber bullets and the National Guard was called in as backup faster than any aid for the coronavirus. What are your priorities? LA city can do better to care for their people. From LAPPL twitter and the LA Police union leader: "Cutting the #LAPD budget means longer responses to 911 calls; officers calling for backup won't get it; rape, murder & assault investigations won't occur or will take forever to complete." ...really?....really?.. The city council is going to be intimidated by the over dramatic police union throwing a tantrum? Less money to the police should not mean less rapes and assaults are investigated as the police union leader stated, IT SHOULD MEAN no more AR-15s to shoot civilians (Kenneth Ross Jr., 2018), less firearms in general, less unnecessary "toys" for these cops to play with, and stricter rules for overtime. Public defenders have come forward stating the amount of ridiculous charges they end up arguing against BECAUSE the officer was just about to end their shift and wanted to earn some overtime sitting in the station filling out paperwork. Let me just ask this. Do you care

about ALL the people who live in your city and in your districts
OR are you too just as afraid of the police and their union as the
people who were murdered by them were? Or worse...are you
simply afraid of your own city and all the people in it? DO
BETTER. You have this job for a reason. Show us that you
deserve your position.

Communication from Public

Name: Aza Babayan

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 11:53 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Regarding the City Council meeting on June 30, 2020: I would like to make a general public comment on the extreme lack of care (though unsurprising) the Council members have taken in the past several months regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on millions of Angelenos' lives and regarding the demands proposed by Black Lives Matter Los Angeles' presentation of the People's Budget on June 15, 2020. The infrastructure of this city, from freeway construction to housing ordinances, is violent against communities of color. Housing is a human right and should be built into the city's maintenance budget. Speaking of poor budgeting, the amount of money going into the LAPD budget is astonishing--you should all be wary of the amount of people radicalized after viewing that budget and the fact that we will all vote you out of office based on your actions. We are watching you closer than ever before. Item no. 48: Non-violent, unarmed first responders are necessary as the police are defunded and demilitarized in the coming years. Yes, the LAPD will be defunded and that money will be reallocated to services that put people first. Since the uprisings in Watts, the LAPD has been showcasing its baseless violence against Black communities with shameless abandon. This view of Los Angeles as one of the most racist cities in the U.S. has been upheld by the LAPD for far too long. We have not forgotten about Rodney King; we have not forgotten about the raid on 39th and Dalton Avenue in 1988; we are keeping score of the 600+ lives taken by the LAPD under Jackie Lacey's reign. There has been an extreme lack of care in how the police are implemented in this city for decades--and reform has never been the answer to right the countless wrongs committed by officers in your force. They terrorize. They do not protect and serve the people, they protect and serve the white supremacist values engrained in their foundation. By serving on this city council and failing to enact meaningful change when the time is ripe, when the people of this city are calling you in, automatically places you on the wrong side of history. The archives never forget & your legacy will be forever tarnished if you fail to defund and disarm the LAPD. Listen to Black Lives Matter. Listen to the people. Item no. 73: The Hillside Villa tenants in Chinatown, working alongside the Los Angeles Tenants Union and the Chinatown Community for Equitable

Development, have been fighting tirelessly for several months for their right to housing. Affordable housing has been all but ignored by the City Council in favor of developments and planning projects that directly force people out of their homes. Once again, this city council has proven they do not care about the people they serve--you care about money and power. Your position dehumanizes the citizens of Los Angeles and any attempt at showing you care is pointless without action. We urge you to use eminent domain to purchase Hillside Villa and the Grand Plaza Apartments and keep them permanently affordable. This would be the first of many acts repairing the harm the city has caused its tenants with their lack of care during this global pandemic and always. Item no. 81: If Mitch O'Farrell thinks painting a mural that says "All Black Lives Matter" without ever consulting the Black Lives Matter Los Angeles organizers and asking them, "would you like this meaningless gesture or would you rather we provide resources to the Black queer and trans people targeted by police or discriminated against routinely in every imaginable way by the racist structures this city has in place to keep Black trans people disenfranchised?" will absolve him of all the violence he has stricken in his very own district, then he is gravely mistaken. Once again, the records never lie and this mural will not save any lives. Do your actual job or reconsider your career choice.

Communication from Public

Name: Skye
Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 12:34 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: To Whom It May Concern, This budget still doesn't serve all Angelinos. When looking through your talking points, giving 17.6% of our budget to LAPD is still too much. Our police should not NEED anymore equipment based on what we saw at the uprisings. They do not need more trainings. We need to defund the police, sell the riot gear, and assault rifles. These are things used on citizens, unarmed citizens. The police should not be the primary means for all forms of issues in our community, either. Our funding should be invested into social workers, counselors, community workers, and more. There should be limited to no funding given to the police UNTIL we work out a plan to defund and recreate the system. This is a perfect opportunity to not reform because reform is just a bandaid. This is a time to recreate. As an educator, I know you have not established any solid relationships with the youth of our city. They were uncertain of the police as young as 4th grade. These programs are not working when continued harm is done to them in their own communities. We have a history of racism and harm done by the police and even with the most viable programs, we will not be able to trust the police that so readily use war tactics against unarmed civilians. This is not old history. We need to rethink how our city functions and work together as community members to create a new way to be a community. Please think on how we can recreate our city not for the police and policing of the communities, but recreate it for the communities to thrive.

Communication from Public

Name: Meridith

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 12:48 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live and run my business in 91602. 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.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 11:35 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am in support of The People's Budget Proposal to redistribute the budget to necessary, undervalued, and overlooked needs of our community.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 11:37 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please support the Peoples Budget. It's not too late. We need to divest away from guns and systemic racism, which LAPD represents, into things that make our community better like schools, parks, housing, job development and mental health. By doing these things, we will do the job of the police and have the personal strength and tools to better ourselves and watch out for others in our community.

Communication from Public

Name: Terra Ashe
Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 11:14 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: This public comment is for today's 06/30/2020 council meeting, as the people were cut off before I was able to speak. I will speak on item #73, #48 and a general public comment Please reject the Mayor's Budget. I support Item #73 to use eminent domain to purchase the building to keep it permanently affordable. I support item #48 it is imperative to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violent emergency calls but it must have more specific language and work with the people's budget and BLM LA for that. I do not support the Mayor's budget. YOU MUST support the people's budget that defunds the police to 5% of the budget use that money to fund item #73 & #48, communities, public transportation, housing, public safety alternatives, healthcare, and education. Stop investing in ruining lives instead invest in the livelihood of your constituents. Let's remember we are in a pandemic we have far more important things to spend money on than police. We have been calling in all month and you've done nothing LISTEN to the people do your job or we will show up in ways you don't want.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 11:27 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello I was unable to give my comment in the City Council's meeting today Tuesday 06/30/2020, so I am submitting my comment here. I urge the council to support item 48 the Wesson/Harris-Dawson motion that will invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violent emergency calls. If you do not support this motion, you really do not care about the people of los angeles or the people of the LAPD. Secondly we need more cuts to the police budget, the \$150 million is a bullshit placation and we need much more to be redistributed to communities in need ESPECIALLY during this pandemic. The money needs to go to the people so that we may survive this mess. Defund the police and reinvest in communities if you truly care about the people and want to see them thrive.

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Name: Angela

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 11:27 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: By now, I'm sure you're all well aware of Los Angelenos' calls to Defund the LAPD and adopt the People's Budget. As an Angeleno in District 14, I am writing again on the day before the budget moves forward -- please divest funds from the police budget and move those funds towards necessary social services to combat homelessness, invest in education, fight COVID 19, fight unemployment, and so much more. Cuts of \$150 million from the police budget are NOT enough. What we need is to cut the LAPD budget and hold cops accountable for their actions. Your jobs are dependent on our votes, whether in city council or in another elected position in the future. We will not forget how you address these issues during this pivotal time. Take this opportunity to stand with Black Lives and Angelenos as a whole.

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Name: Todd Hughes

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 12:24 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Cait Cibulsky

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 12:09 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Support the People's Budget. We, those who elected you, are gravely and grievously disappointed by your failure to take even the most minuscule of steps toward divesting from the police and toward communities. We need to DEFUND the police. You've heard it so often you could probably say it along with me at this point--and I wish you would: CARE, NOT COPS. CARE, NOT COPS. CARE, NOT COPS. We will not forget your actions during this time period. Use your sense of human compassion. Align yourself with the right side of history. We believe in your ability to do this, or we would not spend so much time trying to convince you. I am an English teacher in LAUSD, and I wonder if any of you have read Antigone lately. I'd like for you to remember the words of Haemon to his father Creon, who would not listen to the pleas of his people and who bitterly regretted his actions in the end: It is not reason never to yield to reason! In flood time you can see how some trees bend, And because they bend, even their twigs are safe, While stubborn trees are torn up, roots and all. And the same thing happens in sailing: Make your sheet fast, never slacken,—and over you go, Head over heels and under: and there's your voyage. Forget you are angry! Let yourself be moved! As Haemon goes on to tell his father, I KNOW I AM YOUNG, BUT LET ME SAY THIS. Listen to your people. Defund the police. Adopt the People's Budget. We need CARE, NOT COPS.

Communication from Public

Name: Allie Kiekhofer

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 02:53 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I stand with Black Lives Matter Los Angeles in full support of the People's Budget. I am so, so disappointed by Council for failing to be a leader in the movement to defund police. If this does not change I will do everything in my power to get you out of office. Council has taken only the most minuscule of steps toward redirecting funding away from police and toward LA's long-neglected communities. I feel that most of you don't know what it's like to live with police crawling your neighborhood looking for reasons to incarcerate you. Maybe you used to know. Certainly none of you know what it's like now, during a pandemic in 2020. Since the People's Budget movement began we have seen a horrifying surge in coronavirus cases. You know this surge will kill the people who are already the most at risk. We are headed toward a recession and a shortage of hospital beds. Do you really think you made the right decision here? I think time will indicate otherwise. Mitch O'Farrell, I listened to the rest of your Homelessness & Poverty committee meeting, per your request. Your measured incrementalism ("oh, let's spend only a little bit of this money now so we have more for when most of the people we're talking about are dead") is the absolute wrong call for a time like this. You blame LAHSA for inefficiencies but refuse to examine your own approach for its inefficiencies. Council, adopt a people's budget and DEFUND THE POLICE.

Communication from Public

Name: Jillian Villareal

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

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, The \$150 million budget cut to the LAPD is not enough. Looking at the stats for homelessness in 2019, approximately 50-60k ppl are found homeless on any given night. * 9% are under age 18. * 31% are female. * 16% are physically disabled. * 15% have substance abuse disorders. * 25% suffer from serious mental illness. * 7% are victims of domestic/intimate partner violence. * 34% are hispanic/latino * 37.5% are Black/African American Those stats clearly show the many different issues that need to be addressed by community-based services and NOT by the hands of police who only criminalize them and make it impossible for them to get back on their feet and re-build a life for themselves. And given Covid-19, those who are bearing the brunt of this virus, disproportionately the black community, could result in more homelessness as well. I urge you to advocate for more budget cuts from the LAPD, which would benefit the people of Los Angeles as a whole. P.S. Mayor Garcetti is straight up trash for refusing to commandeer LA hotels and house the homeless during this pandemic. What a soulless piece of crap.

Communication from Public

Name: Morgan Lester

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 04:18 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Morgan Lester, and I am a long time resident of Los Angeles. Given that LA City Council only allotted general public comment for a limited period of time in today's Budget and Finance Committee Meeting, I would like to demand that LA City Officials defund and divest LAPD funding. The Mayor's budget allocates more than 50% of our city budget (over 3 billion) to law enforcement which is a gross injustice to our community. I would like to place heavy emphasis on dismantling the LAPD Air Support Division and Sheriff's department which boasts 36 helicopters. That is 9 more helicopters than Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Phoenix and Houston COMBINED. We'd like an end to ineffective and expensive Predictive Policing. In a study authored by Jeff Asher and Benjamin Horowitz by AH Datalytics, in major cities law enforcement responds to calls of crime 4% of the time. The remaining 96% of the calls are for non-criminal activity. We do not need a militarized police force to respond to these calls. The suggested cut of 150 million is ridiculous compared to the billions plus in funds allocated to law enforcement. Since the city shutdown we have unprecedented attention on these matters. In the past Council Members may have benefited from the lack of public attention toward their job; but now the public has the time. If you like your job, and you want to keep your job I'd recommend affectively responding to your constituents overwhelming concerns. Defund, divest and divert Law Enforcement Budget by the BILLIONS.

Communication from Public

Name: Carolyn Canterbury

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 09:34 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I support adoption of a CARE FIRST BUDGET and a YOUTH JUSTICE BUDGET. I do not approve of the minimal 150m cut from police and want a full adoption of the above mentioned budgets.

Communication from Public

Name: Julia K Haft-candell

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 09:39 AM

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

Name: margaret calcagne

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 09:45 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please adopt the people's budget! Defund the LAPD in favor of community services. Prioritize the safety of your citizens, especially your Black citizens, who routinely suffer at the hands of LAPD. Enfranchise the disenfranchised so that they may prosper in the city of Los Angeles. Stop the policing of Black and brown neighborhoods and contribute to rebuilding communities through care services!

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 04:52 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello I'm a teacher in the los angeles county office of education (LACOE) I urge you to defund the police and adopt the People's Budget. The proposed \$150 million cut isn't enough. LA needs much more of the \$3 billion LAPD budget for things like education. Education is vital. And the resources of education need vast expansion to ensure minority Angelenos get a great education and opportunities no matter where they live in Los Angeles county.

Communication from Public

Name: Rocio Alvarado
Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 07:55 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The budget goes into place tomorrow at the start of our fiscal year. You know this, and we the people know this. For months we've been asking to revise it. For months we've been demanding to defund the police. You have the power to change the course of this city so that we can all live outside of fear. Take your place in history, the people will herald your efforts. Defund the police. Oh and fuck you Koretz.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 08:29 AM

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

Name: Froma Burack

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 10:32 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Froma Burack and I am an LA resident from District 3. I am writing to express my support for Item 48, the motion by Herb Wesson (CD10) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD8) to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls. I am urging the City Council to follow in these council members' footsteps by exploring alternatives to policing. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Jordan Fier

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 10:32 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Jordan Fier and I am an LA resident from District 3. I am writing to express my support for Item 48, the motion by Herb Wesson (CD10) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD8) to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls. I am urging the City Council to follow in these council members' footsteps by exploring alternatives to policing. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Allison Michael
Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 10:25 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I support Wesson/Harris-Dawson motion to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violent emergency calls. Additionally, I want to communicate that the cut to LAPD's budget needs to be far more significant than \$150 million. Your constituents have been telling you for the last month that significant investment in community services, affordable housing, education, and public health are NEEDED and that funding must come from the bloated LAPD budget. Listen to the people of Los Angeles and invest in our survival. Communities that are most impacted by COVID and systemic racism need to be prioritized over police. We will be watching as you make your budgetary decisions and we will be here to continue to hold you accountable if you don't choose to serve the people you were elected to represent. Defund the police and adopt a People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Sandy Brown

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 10:17 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support our LAPD and oppose all calls to defund the department. As we address our budget in this time of COVID-19, it will be necessary to reduce budgets for all departments while continuing to invest in needed city services. LAPD provides many important services to the people and therefore, I support a modest decrease in their budget for the next fiscal year. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Kitty
Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 10:29 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Garcetti, Quite frankly, you are an embarrassment. The list of symbolic complacencies your office sent out on June 27th is nothing more than scraps thrown to us while you chide that we should be grateful. What are the people of Los Angeles actually asking for? We are asking for a revised budget that truly serves us. How dare you say you're "investing in our communities" when, even after your joke of proposed cuts, our police force is one of the highest-funded in America? We should be fostering community health, safety, and growth, and none of that comes from policing. Support—and pass—the People's Budget as outlined by People's Budget LA. Get LAPD out of our schools. Defund the police. Reinvest in our crumbling public transit system; our suffering houseless population; in public health as we become America's new COVID epicenter. We will no longer take the racism, brutality and murder forced upon our Black siblings, nor upon our Lantinx, Indigenous, and Asian communities. We will continue to protest until we are heard and our demands met. Listen now.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren
Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 10:20 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND LAPD & law enforcement departments

Communication from Public

Name: Gabrielle Ferrer
Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 10:07 AM
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

Name: AJ

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 10:03 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to support the motion by Herb Wesson (CD10) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD8) to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls. Furthermore, the proposed cuts to the police department so far are a massive disappointment that go against everything the people of LA have been fighting for day in and day out over the last month. They do not even come close to meeting the demands and priorities of Angelenos and we need much much bigger cuts to the LAPD budget, so that that money can then be invested into communities and into non-LAPD alternatives to the police. The city council-members and the mayor of LA are failing the people of LA and transparently acting in their own self interest.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Cioffoletti

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 09:55 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of the People's Budget! Please take advantage of this moment to show your constituents, the state and the nation that LA continues to be a leader in public policy. Put our money into action in ways that improve peoples' lives and work toward a non-police state future. We have seen so many examples in LA and beyond in the last few weeks where police response was simply the wrong option. We have got to have trained professionals responding to mental health, youth and drug crises on the streets, not cops who are trained in tactics based in violence and violent non-escalation. This has got to stop now, please!!

Communication from Public

Name: Dr. Jean Thomas

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 09:55 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, I am writing to urge you to support the Wesson/Martinez/Harris-Dawson motion to transfer the responsibility of non-violent emergency calls to a crisis team comprised of unarmed, non-police responders. It is essential we care for our community in crisis without police involvement. I am also writing to ask that you do more to defund the system of policing in Los Angeles. 601 Black and brown community members have been killed by police since 2012 and in the past few months alone, we have witnessed the police tear gas, beat up and terrorize people marching for justice. As a clinical psychologist, I can tell you that this kind of ongoing violence terrorizes entire communities and creates intergenerational trauma. In my field, we often recognize that it is close to impossible to heal when you are still living with the people or inside the environment that is terrorizing you. Our city budget, our tax dollars, are responsible for the generations of racial trauma in Black, Latinx and Native communities. We must defund the LAPD and invest in community care that will make healing possible. We must defund the LAPD and invest in resources that will help communities thrive instead of just survive. Sincerely,
Dr. Jean Thomas

Communication from Public

Name: Lennon Flowers
Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 10:57 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Asking the City Council to approve the People's Budget, to ensure that police departments are not asked to do the work that is best suited to social workers and mental health care providers.

Communication from Public

Name: Rebecca

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 10:53 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi- I'm not sure if that is the correct council file number because this system is so outdated and extremely hard to figure out. It's 2020- lets streamline it, shall we? You must defund the police. 150 million to other programs is a great TINY start, but you must do more. Listen to your constituents. We are telling you exactly the type of society we want to live in and you are refusing to accept it. Stringing us along with the "oh we're going to make changes throughout the year don't worry" is complete and utter bullshit. Do your job NOW- not months from now. Do the right thing by doing your job: Adopt the Peoples Budget LA. Defund the police. Reallocate the funds to community programs. Hold the police and our mayor and YOURSELVES accountable. If you think this is the end of us screaming our wants and needs then you are sorely mistaken. We literally will not shut up, ever. Even with the budget going into effect tomorrow: we will not be silenced. Do. The. Right. Thing. Do. Your. Job. Defund. The. Police.

Communication from Public

Name: Heather Ross

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 11:06 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a mother, a TV producer, and a 3rd generation Angeleno (90065) here to say we need the People's Budget. For too long our Black and Brown neighbors have been brutalized, harassed and subject to limited opportunities and this budget gets to the heart of ACTIONS we as a city can take to support a city that works for EVERYONE and EVERY FAMILY, not just wealthy Westsiders and developers. I support the motion by Herb Wesson (CD10) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD8) to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls. We don't need police to answer calls about fireworks, loud parties, or other neighbor disputes. We DO need to reallocate money toward schools and services. Defund police and invest in these services. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Philip Fier

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 10:31 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Philip Fier and I am an LA resident from District 3. I am writing to express my support for Item 48, the motion by Herb Wesson (CD10) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD8) to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls. I am urging the City Council to follow in these council members' footsteps by exploring alternatives to policing. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Lyssa

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 10:35 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Move in a direction that heals and cares for the community you serve. Adopt the Peoples Budget and put financial support behind communities who are long overdue for this kind of support. We don't need police. We need to build a new system that is based in proactive investment, not reactive racism, injustice, and murder. It is time to care for all, not just some.

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Meza

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 10:37 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Speaking on 48 and 73. You NEED to defund the police here in LA. Taking \$150,000 from a multi-billion dollar budget is PENNIES to the dollar. The public urges you to adopt the People's Budget so that we can take the first steps into becoming a better city for our people of color, for our black citizens, for our communities NOW. Stop wasting our time and lying by saying that you cannot do anything now. Because you can and you know you can. If you don't invest in our communities and NOT the police we WILL vote you out and we will keep taking to the streets to make our voices heard.

Communication from Public

Name: Samantha Yochelson

Date Submitted: 06/30/2020 10:48 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am a resident of LA and I am demanding that you reduce the 3 billion dollar budget by more than the tiny fraction of 150 million. This is NOT enough. We need to DEFUND the LAPD and redirect those funds to grassroots and community based organizations, training for social workers/ specialized services to replace police in nonviolent situations, public health, mental health, public and affordable housing, and services for unhoused individuals/families. I am demanding support for the City Council motion to replace police officers with unarmed and properly trained professionals when dealing with calls about unhoused individuals, mental health and substance use emergencies. Too many black and brown people have been murdered at the hands of the LAPD, and it has been proven time and time again that police reforms do not work. It is time take real action and cut costs to the greatly overfunded LAPD. We must hold politicians accountable for how they spend funds and follow the People's Budget to ensure they are putting the community, particularly that of BIPOC people, first. I am not demanding a defunding of all "law enforcement". I am demanding a defunding of the corrupt and racist LAPD, and instead funding unarmed professionals who are trained to deal with a variety of factors that affect the community, such as mental health and substance use, in order to keep the public safe and avoid violent police escalation. I am hoping that you take these demands seriously and drastically decrease the 3 billion dollar budget currently in place. The people of LA will hold you accountable during the elections if these changes are not made. Thank you, Samantha Yochelson