

Communication from Public

Name: Zoe

Date Submitted: 07/01/2020 09:13 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: CONCERNING ADOPTING THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET As an L.A. City resident, born and raised, I support Black Lives Matter in DEMANDING the City Council adopt the People's Budget immediately. Your proposed cut of \$150 million dollars from the LAPD currently is utterly insufficient. This cut would STILL leave over half our budget to policing. You are failing the people you represent, you are not taking advantage of this current political moment to become a nationwide model in funding care, not cops. I urge you all to cut LAPD's budget by \$3.5 billion dollars and immediately reallocate these resources to social workers, community intervention workers, universal aid like food security, housing, and youth development. We must reimagine community safety in this time. I urge you to take immediate action and represent the people who elected you that are demanding the adoption of the People's Budget LA. Thank you, Zoe

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Name: Samantha Smart
Date Submitted: 07/01/2020 10:15 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Samantha Smart and just want to reiterate that I feel these budget cuts do not go far enough. I realize the defunding of the police will be a slow process, but I would like to hear commitments from all of you to continually reduce their budget until we have public safety that works for all, not just some. We are fully aware that this year's LAPD budget was set to include a \$120 million increase, so the cuts of \$150 million really just amount to a \$30 million cut. We need to do so much more. I'm very disappointed that you couldn't find more areas to cut - the overtime, the helicopters, the PRINTERS. Their budget is truly exorbitant and you must do more to reduce it. And, to add general public comment, I am disgusted to learn that LAPD isn't responsible for the costs of its own lawsuits. I urge members of the council to introduce a motion to hold LAPD liable for their own lawsuits. It is sickening to me that they can't even be held financially responsible (let alone legally) for their own misconduct. There is so much that is backwards about the police department, and I hope you realize that all eyes are on you, and we will remember the actions you take to right this corrupt system.

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Name: Grace Shinn

Date Submitted: 07/01/2020 11:05 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Existing cuts to the LAPD budget are too little, too late. We demand much larger cuts immediately and a much larger investment in communities, including affordable housing, interconnected mental health and homelessness services, economic development for minority-owned businesses, and schools in lower-income communities. Non-LAPD, unarmed response alternatives to non-violent emergency calls is only a start. Black communities in LA and the community-at-large need more than minor measures and a measly \$150M in LAPD budget cuts in order to enact transformational change.

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Name: Lindsey Rosin

Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 01:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a 4th generation resident of Los Angeles. I love this city. And I look forward to seeing it evolve. I support the People's Budget. And you should too. #defundthepolice

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Name:

Date Submitted: 07/01/2020 12:07 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I, along with over 300 city employees, have signed on to a letter in support of BLM-LA and the People's Budget LA. As a former public counter employee, I have witnessed firsthand the injustices of this city's policies and how they further perpetuate violence on BIPOC residents. The proposed cuts are not enough — we demand that you reinvest dollars into the very communities that you were elected to serve and adopt the People's Budget LA. Take a people-centric approach to your budget decisions and invest in Built Environment, Universal Aid and Crisis Management, and Reimagined Community Safety.

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Name: A.Ramer

Date Submitted: 07/01/2020 08:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This budget does not meet this moment or a vision for a better future. In fact this budget cuts funding for the Public Defender and the Alternate Public Defender -- two agencies that defend the homeless, juveniles, the mentally ill and the indigent- We should be funding mental health & low income housing care facilities instead of jails. This budget's 8% cut in NCC across the board was not strategic. Where are the new investments the budget should be visionary and not status quo. The Cares act money should be used in this budget to maintain the social services we currently have, and come up with new ones to address food insecurity, homelessness, mental health and elder care to name a few. Let's have LA be a city that others look to for how to make the changes that this moment demands. You can tell a lot about a society by how they treat the most vulnerable among them, and this budget clearly is not a good look for the society Los Angeles envisions for the future. We can do better!