

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Allison Dobkin

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 12:01 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm deeply concerned about the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the upcoming year and do not feel that the newly proposed cuts to the LAPD budget go far enough, considering the other services that need to take priority at this time. It is still wildly disproportionate to the funding for other city services. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jaclyn LoRaso

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 12:14 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Jaclyn LoRaso and I am one of your constituents. I will not applaud you for cutting the police budget by 100 million when the total budget is 3 BILLION. That is a drop in the bucket. The residents of Los Angeles deserve real and swift change to LAPD funding especially considering we protested in reaction to the same crime almost 30 years ago. This city has been through enough. Your police are the real thugs on the street. I have seen the way they are treating people. It is disgusting and you should be appalled. Americans and Los Anglenos will no longer accept platitudes of change. We demand more from you, we deserve more for our city. DEFUND THE POLICE.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nathan Espinal

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 12:20 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** You need to adopt a People's Budget and defund the police. We are in the midst of a health pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed — and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of this city is renters — and if folx are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, there were around 60k unhoused folx; after evictions and economic insecurity due to COVID-19 and its fall out, we can expect thousands more. In this context, the Mayor is proposing an increase to LAPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. LAPD has seen a rise in overtime which, more often than not, is paid out to officers harassing unhoused folx, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. I am urging you to publicly support the People's Budget. 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 because they are out there hurting innocent people who are peacefully protesting police brutality. We need disinvestment from the police, and investment in community- and health-centered services.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 12:43 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of District 13. Until such time that LAPD is defunded, police are repurposed, and resources reallocated according to a People's Budget, I demand that Mayor Garcetti and the LAPD immediately adopt the following 8Can'tWait.org Policies from Campaign Zero: \* Require officers to exhaust ALL alternatives, specifically de-escalation, before shooting \* Require police officers to give warning before firing their weapons \* Mandatory reporting of all incidents of Use of Force. These policies are proven to decrease police violence. The lives of your constituents are on the line. Immediately adopt these measures, then adopt a People's Budget to defund the police. Black Lives Matter. Please adopt policies that reinforce the values and beliefs you have stated to enforce.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brentan Walter

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 12:51 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Brentan Walter. I am making this comment today to express my desire that the City of Los Angeles aggressively and markedly decreases funding of the LAPD. I would like to suggest that a large portion of the exorbitant LAPD budget be redistributed to public schools, to ensure ALL students have access to an education which is commensurate with the wealth of the United States, regardless of their family's socioeconomic background. LAPD funds should also be distributed to other programs which engage and uplift our youth, particularly in our most disenfranchised communities. These kinds of efforts will help to equalize our society and begin to dismantle the systemic racism which the LAPD perpetuates. Thank you for reading.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Robert Gottlieb

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of WeHo. I stand with Black Lives Matter, Justice LA, Reform LA Jails. I support the People's Budget. You need to be meeting with these groups (among others) IMMEDIATELY and often. If this was in-person, we would be screaming in your faces, and our voices would be deafening. You are complicit in the betrayal and complete loss of trust between LA citizens and LAPD. You, alongside the LAPC and the LASD COC, need to be holding public hearings daily to address the injustice inflicted on the Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities, but especially the Black community. You need to acknowledge the role that you have played in furthering white supremacy, institutionalized racism, the militarization of our police, and fascism. Re: live public comment during meetings, the commission should not be putting a timer on the justified rage of our city, especially from Black members of this community, and the trauma that the LAPD has caused. You should have to listen for as long as it takes. Days, if not weeks and months! You are accountable to us! This should be hard. I challenge you to examine your own lives, your civic duty, and responsibilities on this committee. You need to be anti-racist, not just because that is your job here, and as a US citizen, but as a human on this planet. The LAPD cannot be trusted. Since the uprising began, they have used cars to attempt to mow down protestors (a tactic that terrorists have used) and rubber bullets with the capacity to PERMANENTLY BLIND peaceful protestors. These were illegally shot at people's faces instead of the ground. Immediately call to ban use of tear gas, pepper balls, and pepper spray that cause respiratory distress! To remind you, we are in a pandemic that is spread through saliva droplets, tears, discharge from the nose when people sneeze and cough. We are not simply angry right now about the lynching of George Floyd. If you choose to use that language in describing the outpouring of justified anger in our community, they are gaslighting victims, and contributing to the spread of white supremacy. Do NOT reduce the pain of more than 400 years of oppression to one moment in time. The LAPD has murdered 601 people in the last 7 years. To address the needs of the city and restore justice to our Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities, you must dramatically reduce the budget of the LAPD and enact/call for the following reforms: • Reduce the overall budget

of LAPD, divest from police unions, and reinvest all funds into Black, Brown and Indigenous communities • Fund and support public education (already in trouble and morose since COVID), mental healthcare, public access and resources for the differently-abled, drug treatment, affordable housing, and other community programs that offer alternatives to incarceration • Start decarceration efforts in our jails NOW so that more people do not die from our dangerous jail system and COVID outbreaks • Enact economic consequences for police officers who abuse their positions. Taxpayers shouldn't have to pay civil litigations against LAPD employees that the LAPD can't get under control. If officers are fired and not reinstated, the cost of the litigation should come out of their pensions • Demilitarize the police force, and end all curfews, because curfews are just an excuse for more racist mass arrests • Immediately stop the use of tear gas, pepper balls, pepper spray, rubber bullets and cars against American citizens • Fire Michel Moore. His comments on June 1 were abhorrent and reflect the institutional racism of the organization we PAY to protect us • Names of officers who commit misconduct must be publicized immediately into a state and national database • Suspend the use of paid administrative leave for cops under investigation • Cap overtime accrual and overtime pay for military exercises • Withdraw participating in police militarization programs • Reduce the size of the police workforce • LAPD must meet with BLM, Justice LA, Reform LA Jails, as well as victims often and regularly • Officers who witness crimes perpetrated by other officers (like assaults and murders) need to be held accountable • Officers should not have a license to kill • Officer training must be more than six months long. Enact stricter educational requirements before being accepted into the academy • Officers must live in (for a period of at least six months) in the low-income communities it purports to protect • And lastly, open an investigation into the Sheriff's Department's excessively violent treatment of protestors This commission has the power to change the LAPD and the direction that LA (and by extension, the country) is headed. I implore you to meet this moment on the right side of history. Do something that will make your grandchildren proud. I expect you to include my demands in an immediate recommendation memo to LAPD and LA officials. We will not stand for this injustice any longer.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lisa Barr

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 01:24 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We the people demand that more of the city's budget be allocated to the following: • Public Housing & Housing Programs • Programs supporting POC / programs working to fight discrimination • Mental Health Services We demand that no more money be invested into the police department (or any law enforcement department for that matter). What money they ARE allocated should be used as follows: • Re-training in the areas of lethal force (and how to avoid it at all costs), how to end racial profiling, accountability and transparency programs, the creation of body cam laws with punishment for not making all evidence available and public



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sergey Kahn

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 01:45 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am urging city council to reconsider the approved budget and massively reduce the police budget. Reform alone is not enough. Bias training and body cameras have not shown to effectively reduce police violence. When you make all problems in poor, non-white communities policing problems it criminalizes those communities for simply existing. The function of police must shrink and be replaced with other programs and resources. Please discard the current budget and work with community leaders, not the police union, to find better solutions and create a better LA for its people, not the police.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carly Turro  
**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 01:55 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am one of thousands who have called on you to defund the police by adopting the People's Budget or by making other similarly structured cuts. Based on this public outcry, you have recently announced a possible \$100 million to \$150 million dollar cut to the LAPD. While I am glad these funds will be redirected to programs for health and education in the BIPOC community, it is not nearly enough. It is a start, but only that: a start. The LAPD is still grossly, outrageously overfunded. \$150 million is a drop in the bucket when looking at a \$1.8 billion operating budget. You must do more. Overall, you have proposed \$250 million in cuts from the budget to be redirected to benefit the black community. Where do you plan to take that additional \$100 million to \$150 dollars from? I am calling on you to make ALL budget cuts from the LAPD. Do not take a single dollar from our parks, from housing funds, from environmental programs, from transportation, from our libraries, from health initiatives, any of it. Take every single penny from the LAPD. And then do it again next year. And the year after that. The LAPD has shown time and again that it cannot be trusted "to protect and to serve." We have seen video after video of LAPD officers committing violence against peaceful protestors, people experiencing homeless, and BIPOC simply going about their lives. This doesn't even touch on their history of harassment, planting evidence, and otherwise terrorizing BIPOC. The reforms you have offered are, again, a start. Requiring officers to intervene (and later report) when another is using "excessive force" is the absolute bare minimum. But how can you expect us to trust that fellow LAPD officers will have any reasonable standard of what "excessive force" looks like and have the guts to actually intervene? We have seen no evidence of their ability to do either. You need to earn the public's trust and that won't be easy. You are used to framing the conversation - "We need more cops or there will crime everywhere!" - and having white folks believe you. Too many white people have simply taken you at your word because our privilege has taught us that institutions will protect us. Indeed, too many have been (at best) blithely oblivious and (at worst) obstinately ignorant of the racist history of police forces throughout our nation. But we are finally waking up to the fact that this issue is more than a few bad apples. It's more than many bad apples. Our law enforcement is

rotten to its core. And there's no going back to ignorance and silence. We need an aggressive overhaul of law enforcement in this country, and it must start with a dramatic reallocation of our resources in Los Angeles. Defund the LAPD. Fund everything else.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jessi Jarrin

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 02:11 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** To Whom It May Concern: I am not sure if you've heard, but we need to defund the police, not just "look into" or "try the best we can." The people are tired of waiting. We are tired of giving you the benefit of the doubt that you are not using our money to perpetuate a system that is not only "flawed," but was designed that way strategically. I am disheartened by the lack of responsibility and listening that keeps taking place by our L.A. "leaders," concerning COVID-19 and BLM. Defunding the police means making tangible steps like adjusting Mayor Garcetti's Proposed Budget. There is no reason we need to invest 3 billion into the police force. How much of that money would have saved families from losing their loved ones forever if it had gone to healthcare and community wellness? Minuscule changes to the budget do not make any difference, and you know that. The people are watching. Not the police, and you don't even have to give us billions and billions of dollars for us to do that. Thank you for your time. Best, Jessi Jarrin

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Patrick Miller  
**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 12:43 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** DEFUND THE LAPD BLACK LIVES MATTER STOP  
VIOLENCE AGAINST OUR COMMUNITIES FUND BLACK  
AND MINORITIES FUND OUR HEALTHCARE FUND OUR  
SCHOOLS BAIL REFORM CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM  
STOP SYSTEMATIC RACISM

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elia Hernandez  
**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 12:44 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** DEFUND THE LAPD. BLACK LIVES MATTER!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matt Crowley

**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 12:44 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The LAPD has a well-known history of terrorizing unhoused citizens and people of color. Their reduction in budget is a good start but not nearly enough. Defund this department and spend the money on social services our city desperately needs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tyler Cunningham

**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 12:45 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, My name is Tyler Cunningham and I am a resident of Lincoln Heights. I've been dismayed to learn that the majority of our city's budget is reserved for the LAPD. I urge all members of the City Council to take time to consider the People's Budget, which calls for the defunding the LAPD and reallocating their funds to more urgent community services. For a more in-depth explanation of the People's Budget, please visit <https://peoplesbudgetla.com>. Thank you, Tyler Cunningham



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 12:48 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I don't want my tax dollars funding an armed terrorist group that wants to see me dead or behind bars. Defund the police.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 12:49 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** 3 billion dollars to fund the LAPD? I'm sorry, but that is just ridiculous. Where is the funding for health-care services, education, and other community services. Let me remind you, because it seems like you've forgotten, that the government should be working towards doing what is best for the people. Not the police department, the people. Focus the money on improving the community rather than funding those that are destroying the community and wreaking havoc on innocent citizens. The money belongs to the people, therefore I suggest you actually listen to the people. Don't ignore the people's budget of LA! Use the people's budget to fix the mistake that is currently being made. Taking away a couple 100 thousand dollars from the LAPD funding is not enough. Do more, do better!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Greg N  
**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 12:50 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the police! Adopt the People's Budget!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Evelyn

**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 12:52 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** In thinking about the needs of Los Angeles resident and the current budget there is a clear misalignment. My question to ask is then, who needs is this budget meeting? We are experiencing various crisis and yet the departments that proactively support people in a crisis are being defunded. Therefore, as a social worker who has experience in crisis, I recommend billions of dollars be redistributed to departments that matter to the people- this is not LAPD.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 01:02 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** PLEASE defund (or at least aggressively cut the budget) of the police. That money can be reallocated into better funding for education, helping lower income people, and providing a solid social safety net, ALL OF WHICH WILL HELP THE CRIME RATE DECREASE! People with more education can get better jobs which statistically reduced crime rates, and lower income people have more reasons to commit crime (robbery, theft, etc.) because they need money in order to survive. If you simply provide them with that money through UBI or provide them with certain necessities for free (food, water, housing), the need for police decreases dramatically. All of the services police provide (traffic stops, welfare checks, etc) can be replaced by people with more training, stricter rules, and less access to firearms and other lethal tools. It will also help you mitigate, if not eliminate, the racist policing that takes place. Please seriously consider what I said. I know these changes sound intimidating, but you could truly be an innovator of the United States and lead by example of how to balance the scales and make this nation a safe place for everyone.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Justin Remer

**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 01:03 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Like the rest of the country, I have spent the past week horrified by the abuses of the militarized police department. The current policing program cannot continue. A far greater amount of the budget needs to be taken from the police department and allocated to other public departments. The emphasis should be placed on helping citizens meet a higher standard of living, not simply punishing them, often when they're already down.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Max Himelhoch

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:24 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please support the People's Budget. Weeks of public comment has made it abundantly clear. The incredible protests with thousands and thousands of us city-wide, every single day has made it abundantly clear. We want and need a just budget, one which defunds the police and invests in our communities. I support the people's budget and ask that you all do too. This city can be so much better for so many people and this is a powerful step down that path.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lillian Farrow

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:29 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The current reduction in LAPD spending is not enough. You can't trick people by throwing around numbers you know most of us can only dream of. This is chump change to shut us up. This is not defunding. This will not quell the protests. The people have had enough of a group of thugs who are free to rape and pillage the people of Los Angeles under the guise of law enforcement, so that people like Mayor Garcetti can keep living in mansions and so that no one ever sees a homeless person in Beverly Hills. To sit here and hand a department led by a man who blamed protestors for the death of George Floyd half our city's budget will let us know what you really are. Stop taking cop union money and start representing the real people of L.A. No Justice. No Peace.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Daniel Neilan  
**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:29 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of Los Angeles and a taxpayer and I am frankly appalled that so much of Mayor's budget (which thus far has been endorsed by the city council and budget committee) is dedicated to throwing seemingly endless amounts of money at the LAPD when so many other community services go unfunded. We are in the midst of a pandemic. Virtually nothing has been done to properly address the consistent rate of COVID-19 infection and death in LA county and yet we are reopening for business. The city government's first priority should be to protect the health of its constituency. That is not reflected in this budget. Meanwhile, the LAPD is running rampant, collecting millions of dollars in overtime and unnecessary pay raises. They are too heavily armed, historically corrupt, and, frankly, making fools of the LA city council, a governing body that is, in theory, meant to keep them in line. I understand that as elected officials you fear the lobbying power of the police unions. But your citizens are dying, they are crying out for help, and you owe it to them to protect them. Adopt the People's Budget. Defund the LAPD. Do your job!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mitchell Turner  
**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:33 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The fact that Los Angeles is considering giving a raise to the LAPD and giving them more funding, especially as we are seeing that the police does more harm than good, is laughable. Los Angeles has always been a progressive city. One of innovation and collaborations, bringing together people from all over the world to a cultural center. See the work that Minneapolis is doing to defund the police. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see Los Angeles leading the way again, with a thorough and sensitive plan to significantly cut police funding, or better yet defund completely? To see that raises are being considered is honestly offensive, and makes me ashamed of this city I love so much. Do better, and remember that Black Lives Matter.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kristen Studard  
**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:34 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of Los Angeles I am calling for the defunding of the LAPD and sheriff's department and the adoption of the People's Budget. We should be spending money on care and investing in education, social services, and housing. The police department is beyond reform. Let's do something new and better.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elizabeth

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:37 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** If you care to live up to your duty to serve the people you represent, you must divest from policing and instead invest our resources in desperately needed community services. Police reform has not been effective in preventing gross misconduct, and over-policing of poor communities of color not only has NOT helped these communities be safe, but it has ALSO been actively harmful to them. We are begging you from the streets to imagine a city that takes care of its people. It is amoral to criminalize our social needs. It is amoral to punish us for your failure to distribute resources effectively. Instead, use your power to uplift your constituents! The economy will unquestionably benefit from a wealth of community supported citizens. History will remember your choice on this.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sarah Sifuentes

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:38 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Mayor Garcetti and Councilmembers, I write to express my deep concern regarding the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-21. I urge the City Council to amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to reflect the values of our community: we want more social services, employment programs, public health resources, rent relief, and restorative justice programs, not more policing. We request the City Council adopt the People's Budget LA. While the Mayor recently announced he would decrease LAPD funding, this symbolic gesture is simply not enough. There needs to be a drastic reduction of funding and an un-armed, community-based alternative policing system -- on top of more funding for social programs. People are marching in all corners of the city demanding change and justice for the 600+ black people killed by police in LA County since 2012. We implore you to listen to the demands of your constituents. 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. Furthermore, protests in LA following the murder of George Floyd have exemplified the issue of police brutality, including the indiscriminate use of tear-gas and rubber bullets against protesters, demonstrating the need for an overhaul of the LAPD. We are presented with an opportunity to improve upon the past instead of repeating its mistakes. Sincerely, Sarah Sifuentes

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Pablo Nukaya-Petralia

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:38 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council members, I hope you all have had a restful weekend of reading our many emails and catching up on our many phone calls as we, the people of Los Angeles, demand that you adopt A PEOPLE'S BUDGET that defunds the police force in favor of appropriating funds for social services that would allow us to make the LAPD obsolete. I hope you all have been paying attention to the news lately. Just yesterday, your fellow city council members in Minneapolis announced that they would be dismantling their police force in favor of alternative means of keeping their people safe. A decision such as this would have seemed impossible just two weeks ago, but here we are. It seems that, in fact, the impossible IS possible. It also means that you, council members, have no excuses to NOT follow suit and begin dismantling the LAPD. The future is now, and the people have spoken. I should not have to remind you all that, at the end of the day, you work for us — the people. You are not the personal stooges of Eric Garcetti. You are not beholden to the volatile voices at the police unions. You work FOR US — the actors, the street vendors, the ballers, the skaters, the designers, the life-longers, the immigrants, Black, Brown... ALL OF US. So when we ask that you defund the police and adopt a budget that helps us and the communities that we live in, you should listen. We gave you power, and we will just as quickly take it away. History will remember how you choose to act right now. Maybe you can be a hero and remembered fondly as those who opted to help transform the city into a place that is safe FOR ALL, regardless of skin color. Or maybe you will be remembered like the many Confederate monuments that are being defaced and removed across the country. Or perhaps, you will not even be remembered at all. For who would want to waste time remembering the lame city officials who, when called upon by their constituents, sat by the wayside because they were too afraid to act. Cowards, lost to history — is that what you want? Adopt a People's Budget. No, don't take Garcetti's Budget and trim a little here and a little there and pussyfoots around the issues entirely. Adopt a budget made FOR and BY the people that prioritizes the changes that we want to see in our communities. Imagine what good an additional \$2.5 billion could do if reinvested back into communities, in the form of healthcare for the mentally ill, as

shelters for the homeless, as non-violent conflict mediation in the form of restorative justice centers... I can go on, and I will until the members of this council make the right choice and DEFUND THE LAPD. I will not stand by as the Black and Brown folks of Los Angeles live in fear that they may one day lose their life because of one wrong move made in front of a cop, or when our city loses another beautiful soul because the members of this council were cowards in the face of change. Minneapolis has done it — why can't you? History is watching you, council members. WE are watching you. Do the right thing. I yield my writing. Fuck you all, and adopt A People's Budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mack Mathews

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:40 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The Los Angeles Police Department is one of the most notorious police departments in the country. It has earned its notoriety for decades of abuse towards black and brown people and communities. I find the idea of continuing to fund this department, to the tune of billions of dollars per year, to be laughable at best and wholly offensive at worst. Defund the LAPD. Follow the city of Minneapolis and disband the LAPD and divest those resources into the community. The community will show you how it can thrive without the oppressive boot, or knee rather, of the LAPD on its neck. Minorities have been unable to breathe in this city for too long.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joseph Ocón

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:42 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** You've heard the public again and again. Reject the Mayor's police-state budget. The People's Budget LA coalition, led by Black Lives Matter LA, has outlined the budget that we, the people of Los Angeles, want and need. We don't want a bigger, more militarized LAPD. We don't want social workers with guns. We want the city's money to go to life-affirming resources, like health care, housing, education, unhoused services. To approve the Mayor's budget not only directly ignores what the people of this city have told you very clearly we deserve, but also ensures the continued targeted harassment and systematic genocide of our black, Latinx, indigenous, poor, and unhoused neighbors. You claim you don't want to "govern by hashtag," but we see through your transparent attempts to discredit a popular movement of the people, by the people, for the people. We see you and we will remember your actions today.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Remy solomon

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:47 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the police, and reallocate that money towards desperately needed social programs, such as aid for unhoused people (there are almost 60k in LA). The LAPD are a blight on our community, and their violence is pervasive. The head of the police union made threats against the mayor, and \*got away with it\*. I'm proud to be represented by Mike Bonin, who's the only council member who has been vocal about LAPD's violence during the protests. I'd urge all of Los Angeles' elected representatives to follow his lead (or we'll vote them out).

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jensen

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:47 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** You should be ashamed of yourselves for taking up this much money from our city's budget - and now asking for more. All of Los Angeles has caught onto how the LAPD has become a gang and depends on a blackmail-like stranglehold it has in its politicians. Not only do I think this system should be defunded, it should be disbanded. Start from scratch and rid our streets of garbage of Chief Moore and the racist patrolmen he oversees. If LA is the forgettable 90s movie the good son, we are Elijah Wood and the police are Macaulay Culkin.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Will Krantz  
**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:49 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of Los Angeles living in Westwood. I demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. A reduction of \$100M-\$150M is a starting point, but far from sufficient. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of "reform." This includes Mayor Garcetti's paltry 5% proposed cut with no clarity as to where these funds will be redirected, if at all. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. We are in the midst of a pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed, and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of those in this city are renters. When people are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, 60k people were unhoused; the evictions and economic insecurity caused by COVID-19 will bring that number even higher. We demand that the City Council meaningfully defund the LAPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Garcetti's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:50 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am an LA county resident and an LAUSD teacher. While proposals are being written to defund our public schools, LAPD shouldn't be considering a raise. We need to educate the citizens of LA, not police them. We need school psychologists, psychiatric social workers, teachers who will dedicate their time to connecting with families and kids. Why does LAPD deserve a raise while everyone else is hurting?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sasha Verma

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:50 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Sasha Verma and I'm a life-long WOC Angeleno living in District 5. This is my home and recent events have moved me to action for the first time in 28 years. I ask that the mayor's budget be discarded and that this council work to adopt "The People's Budget." Allocating so much of the city budget to the LAPD is unethical-- especially considering their history of racist and violent actions as well the general disregard for the communities they allegedly serve and protect. The city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimaged 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 people of this city deserve better than they've been given and we will no longer stand by quietly. As our elected officials, you are beholden to the will of the people and in this case- the will of the people is to defund the LAPD. We will accept nothing less. Thank you, Sasha Verma

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jordan Palmer

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:54 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of Los Angeles and student of the UCLA School of Law writing to urge you to defund the LAPD immediately and enact the People's Budget, a budget advocating for investment in our communities to fund things like housing and education. This week I have watched video after video of the LAPD committing heinous, sickening acts of violence against peaceful protestors. I am furious and horrified. Mayor Garcetti has defended the outrageous police violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment Rights and made excuses for his horrible police officers, he's offered empty platitudes about superficial reforms and trainings we didn't ask for, and he's offered to keep the LAPD's budget the same as last year instead of increasing it. Superficial, cosmetic reforms to the brutal LAPD are not what we are demanding: we are in the streets demanding you allocate dramatically less money to the LAPD's budget this year than what you gave them last year. The LAPD is not equipped to deal with any of the social issues they are called on to respond to, in fact they are exceptionally bad at any job that can't be resolved through fear and intimidation, but it wouldn't matter if they were trained and capable social workers because the people of this city do not trust them and do not want them involved in our lives. After the way they have brutalized protestors in broad daylight these past weeks, the people of LA would need to have the memory spans of goldfish to ever trust the LAPD again. The LAPD do not behave like public servants nor do they consider themselves public servants. They behave and speak to Angelenos like they are soldiers of an occupying army. They treat Black Angelenos with utter contempt and maim and murder them with impunity. We will not stand for this any longer. We do not want to live in a fascist Los Angeles for one more day. There is no upper limit on how much money I would like you to divest from the LAPD budget and invest in programs that help people survive and thrive. I want you to cut their budget by as much as you possibly can.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alexander W

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:55 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm disturbed to learn that the paltry sum offered up to enact racial justice in this year's budget will come at the expense of other vital departments. The money should be reallocated entirely from the Los Angeles Police Department. Each new day brings someone's horror story of being shuttled all the way to Westwood and experiencing actions by the LAPD that are considered human rights abuses by the United Nations. People were being denied access to medicine, water, food, all of which is considered to be abuse of prisoners in any sane part of the world. Despite having the power to control these cops, you choose not to fire any of them. Cops are clearly in control of you, not the other way around. Minneapolis is already considering disbanding their police department. The force in Los Angeles has clearly shown that they care nothing for public safety and just want to fight the public and continue their murder spree. It's time to defund the LAPD. If Black lives truly matter to you, you wouldn't harm all the other services that help them; you would defund the LAPD. Thank you for taking the time to read my comment.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Charles Kong

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:55 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Why do the police need more resources when other possible areas for spending are so deficient? Are you suggesting that the LAPD's billions of dollars isn't enough? Do they need more tear gas and rubber bullets? The blood of the people out there are on your hands. Use that money to set up infrastructure for mental health services, rehabilitation centers, social workers, community investment, education, housing, and jobs training. Its high time you put communities first in LA.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ashley Langan

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:56 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Mayor Garcetti & Council members, I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021. I urge the City Council to amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to reflect the values of our community: we want more social services, employment programs, public health resources, rent relief, and restorative justice programs, not more Policing. We request the City Council adopt the People's Budget LA. While the Mayor recently announced he would decrease LAPD funding by up to \$150M, this symbolic gesture is simply not enough. There needs to be a drastic reduction of LAPD funding and an un-armed, community-based, alternative policing system- on top of more funding for social programs. People are marching through the entire city demanding systemic change and justice for the 600+ black people killed by police in LA County since 2012. We implore you to listen to the demands of our constituents. 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. Furthermore, protests in Los Angeles following the murder of George Floyd have exemplified the issues of police brutality, including the indiscriminate use of tear-gas and rubber bullets against protesters, demonstrating the need for an overhaul of the LAPD. We are presented with an opportunity to improve upon the past instead of repeating its mistakes. It is in that spirit that I ask you for a compassionate budget- and through it, for a more just, equitable, and humane Los Angeles. I urge the City Council to adopt the People's Budget LA and amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to shift resources from the LAPD to social services, housing, employment programs, restorative justice programs, rent relief, and public health efforts. Sincerely, Ashley Langan Resident of District 11

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cody Cushing

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:28 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a voter and a taxpayer, I implore the City Council to immediately and dramatically slash LAPD funding for reinvestment in the community. Follow the lead of Minneapolis, our law enforcement desperately needs to be reinvented from the ground up. It is a system too broken to be reformed with training and mental effort. The way this city gets good cops is by seeing who applies to the new form of community-based care. Any good cop would be happy to apply. The only way this gets done is through the action of city council, and that starts with defunding the police. This is Los Angeles, the birthplace of everything new. Let's start acting like it city council. 150 million is not satisfying anybody. This is not a time for enlightened centrism. There are literally hundreds of videos on the internet from just this week showing you this is war between police and people, and police will stop at nothing to maintain their position of power. It is up to city council to teach them they will not be financially rewarded for their behavior. I also demand that this council removes any funds going towards LAPD for covering settlement costs. The taxpayers should not be bankrolling their own settlements for suffering abuse at the hand of institutional power. Police have no incentive to stop brutalizing citizens when they are literally no ramifications for it. They need to be the ones financially penalized. Force them to bear the financial burden of their own bad behavior, just like we all do.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sommer

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I would like to oppose the mayor's 2020-2021 budget, which allocates 54% of the city's funding to the police. LA does not need more police. I would rather see this money go to education for our future angelinos, housing to keep those in need safe, healthcare for all leaving no one without access to safe care, include more health resources for those who need it, mental healthcare, jobs for our community after so many now are without, free public transportation to help our citizens and reduce traffic, healthy food sources, and more resources for small businesses. You have already heard the voice of the people of Los Angeles, LAPD serves to incite violence, and terrorizes black and brown communities. Look into your heart and do what's right for the people of your community, rather than worry about winning your next campaign. Thank you for your time and services to our community. -Sommer of North Hollywood

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Katherine Motzenbacker

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear members of the Budget and Finance Committee, As a constituent of Councilmember Krekorian's, I want to speak to you about the mayor's budget that you'll be discussing this afternoon. It should be clear by now that, regarding the LAPD, incremental change is not enough. Having just seen police terrorizing protesters and even injuring clearly-identified press, it turned my stomach to look at the budget and see the line items for police. There is no reason for the LAPD to be carrying on as usual, spending its massive budget, following such a willful and catastrophic failure to do its job of protecting the citizens of Los Angeles. I ask you to reject the proposed 2020-2021 budget in favor of a People's Budget. Divest from the police. Reroute the money that we're spending on an oppressive institution toward vulnerable communities and toward community accountability and rehabilitation programs. We have an opportunity to be so much better than we have ever been. Please, please take it. Yours,  
Theo (Katherine) Motzenbacker

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bronwyn Beck

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:31 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council members, I write to express my deep concern regarding the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021. I urge the City Council to amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to reflect the values of our community: we want more social services, employment programs, public health resources, rent relief, and restorative justice programs, not more policing. We request the City Council adopt the People's Budget LA. While the Mayor recently announced he would decrease LAPD funding by up to \$150M, this symbolic gesture is simply not enough. There needs to be a drastic reduction of LAPD funding and an un-armed, community-based, alternative policing system - on top of more funding for social programs. People are marching through the entire city demanding systemic change and justice for the 600+ black people killed by police in LA County since 2012. We implore you to listen to the demands of your constituents. 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. Furthermore, protests in Los Angeles following the murder of George Floyd have exemplified the issue of police brutality, including the indiscriminate use of tear-gas and rubber bullets against protesters, demonstrating the need for an overhaul of the LAPD. We are presented with an opportunity to improve upon the past instead of repeating its mistakes. It is in that spirit that I ask you for a compassionate budget-and through it, for a more just, equitable, and humane Los Angeles. I urge the City Council to adopt the People's Budget LA and amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to shift resources from the LAPD to social services, housing, employment programs, restorative justice programs, rent relief, and public health efforts. Sincerely,  
Bronwyn Beck, resident of District 1

## Communication from Public

**Name:** K.B.  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:33 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm asking for a complete dismantling of the police and a rebuild from the ground up, as Minneapolis city council is promising.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amanda Hauet

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:33 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council members, I write to express my deep concern regarding the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021. I urge the City Council to amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to reflect the values of our community: we want more social services, employment programs, public health resources, rent relief, and restorative justice programs, not more policing. We request the City Council adopt the People's Budget LA. While the Mayor recently announced he would decrease LAPD funding by up to \$150M, this symbolic gesture is simply not enough. There needs to be a drastic reduction of LAPD funding and an un-armed, community-based, alternative policing system - on top of more funding for social programs. People are marching through the entire city demanding systemic change and justice for the 600+ black people killed by police in LA County since 2012. We implore you to listen to the demands of your constituents. 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. Furthermore, protests in Los Angeles following the murder of George Floyd have exemplified the issue of police brutality, including the indiscriminate use of tear-gas and rubber bullets against protesters, demonstrating the need for an overhaul of the LAPD. We are presented with an opportunity to improve upon the past instead of repeating its mistakes. It is in that spirit that I ask you for a compassionate budget-and through it, for a more just, equitable, and humane Los Angeles. I urge the City Council to adopt the People's Budget LA and amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to shift resources from the LAPD to social services, housing, employment programs, restorative justice programs, rent relief, and public health efforts. Sincerely, Amanda Hauet, resident of District 11



## Communication from Public

**Name:** MW

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:33 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** To Mayor Garcetti, and Council members Krekorian, Price, Koretz, Blumenfield, and Bonin I am a disappointed constituent of Los Angeles and am writing in regards to the Mayor's proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-21 As it stands now, I believe the budget does a great disservice to my fellow citizens by allocating 3.1 Billion dollars to the LAPD. The 150 million cut is a paltry sum in an attempt to appease those of us who are rightly upset by the murder of George Floyd and the past and subsequent behavior of Law enforcement across this country, not least of all the LAPD, and particularly to Black people and other People of Color. Frankly, it's insulting and disgusting. The council needs to defund the LAPD further with more significant cuts invest the money in the publics' universal needs such as housing, childcare, healthcare, infrastructure and much much more. These services are vital to keeping Angelenos safe as well and do not hold less value. I urge all of you to amend Mayor Garcetti's budget and adopt the Peoples Budget LA instead. This city needs restructure and support from the bottom up, not punishment from the top down. Also, rubber bullets and tear gas should be banned immediately from use against the public who have the right to protest. These are not crowd control tools but weapons that can have long term effects and should not be used. Thank you for your time, MW

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anson  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:35 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm for the #defundthepolice movement. It's time that we dismantle racist policies that supports systemic racism

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sarah Aust

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:35 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not defund the police department . Yes changes are needed but taking away money won't work. I want to see a real proven plan that defunding works before making these changes

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:40 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm very much support the move to defund the police. Let's divert funds to programs that will prevent communities from getting to crisis points where police need to be involved. More policing does not equal more safety especially for black and brown residents.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carly Creley

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:48 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** While your constituents marched to stop abuse by the police, you passed a budget that gives 54 percent of the municipal fund to the LAPD. You said you heard us. We will not be fooled by a tiny percentage cut with a huge dollar value. The fact that a 100 million to 150 million dollar cut is only 3-4.5% of the budget shows how inflated the LAPD allocation is, in a time when every other public service is being cut. Thousands of people are protesting in the streets of LA this week. They are risking their jobs, their safety, their right to vote, and their lives. When millions of people have lost their jobs, the police do not need a raise. They do not need to be more militarized. You heard us, so now it is on you to do something about it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jessica Baclesse  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:48 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of Los Angeles, I am writing to support the protests and support Black Lives Matter. We want human-centered services. We do not want more police. I want the council to convene an immediate meeting to set a plan to DEFUND THE POLICE. This issue directly impacts the city's ability to handle all other crises including the pandemic. I want you to follow the example that Minneapolis has set by dismantling the police system. We need a mental health and social service response team. We can't afford that? YES WE CAN. By defunding the police system as it currently exists. We want more low-income housing and more services for unhoused people; More mental health services; Rent suspension and cancellation during this pandemic; More funding for public schools and resources to ensure all students can continue learning during these uncertain times; and Investments directly benefiting Black communities. This needs to be the MOST IMPORTANT issue in front of the council today. Be as brave as Minneapolis Council President Lisa Bender "We committed to dismantling policing as we know it in the city of Minneapolis and to rebuild with our community a new model of public safety that actually keeps our community safe." Sincerely, Jessica Baclesse 1045 20th St Apt C Santa Monica CA 90403

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:48 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The people of Los Angeles have witnessed the brutality of the LAPD in response to peaceful protests over the last week. The LAPD and Mayor Garcetti claim they were protecting property from "looters", but only 5% of the people they arrested were cited for looting. In many instances there was a clear difference between where the protesting was happening and where the "looting" was happening and the police decided to come out in full force and abuse protesters. They shot a homeless man in a wheel chair in the head, they are beating people, running them over with cars, using tasers, hitting them with "plastic bullets" and tear gassing during a PANDEMIC. There are many accounts of women being sexually assaulted as part of "search protocols" by male officers and STRANDED in the middle of the night with no safe way to get home on the opposite side of town from where they were arrested. This is only a fraction of the truly despicable behaviors we've seen. The police have shown us who they are -- now show us who you represent, City Council Members, by defunding the LAPD and adopting the People's Budget. Giving more than 50% of our city's budget to the police is a slap in the face all the people in Los Angeles who have put hard work into this movement. We are out here on the streets risking contracting a deadly virus to show you how we feel about the LAPD. The LEAST you could do as representatives of the people is allocate our tax dollars in a way that reflects our needs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Daisy Moreno  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:49 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** LAPD's budget is astronomical. LA should defund the police and adopt a people's budget.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Scott Creley  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:05 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Too much of the city budget is allocated to the LAPD. This budget shows that the priority of the city is not with its people. It is directly against the interests of our residents of Los Angeles. It actively supports the long tradition of oppression being protested in the streets today. The current budget, even with recent reductions to police funding, dedicates far too much money to the LAPD. The city is in a state of crisis with COVID-19 outbreak. Regular citizens and small businesses are unable to pay their rents. Unemployment is at a historic high. The city, now more than ever, needs its social programs. Prioritizing the LAPD over these programs is atrocious and will negatively impact the people of the city who most need help. But the fiscal aspect of this issue is perhaps the least important part of the current crisis-- the LAPD has often acted as a force of oppression and terror for the people of Los Angeles. Far too many innocent lives have been ended at their hands. There have been in excess of 600 killings by the police in just the past seven years. Not stopping this budget is an endorsement of the systems that contribute to white supremacy and oppression. Do not ignore the cries of your constituents. Many of us are in the streets to stop the forces you are continuing to fund. Do not worry about the fact that history will remember what you do this year. Worry about the fact that we, your constituents and your neighbors, will remember. Our voices matter, and we will not be ignored. If you can't commit to a better budget for the sake of being decent, do it because it is right for our city. Your citizens do not need an occupying army, we need just leadership. If you can't provide it, we'll find it with our votes.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:05 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As it currently stands, even with the proposed \$150 million cuts, the LAPD would be receiving over \$2 billion. I demand that Garcetti do NOT continue to reward a police department that is deeply, historically racist and refuses to be held accountable.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:06 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am an Angeleno and I live in the first District . I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. I'm asking for a complete dismantling of the police and a rebuild from the ground up, as Minneapolis city council is promising. The city's top spending priorities should be: Housing security; Public health and healthcare; and Mental Health and wellness. The Homeowner fund should be Re-instated immediately. The \$5million spent on police overtime for "Homeless Initiatives" is better spent in the Homeless Support budget. Funds should also be redirected to the Civil and Human Rights Commission and to Gang Reduction and Youth development. I demand more transparency and Impact reports for all no-change budget items.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:06 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please reroute the money going into LAPD into other more productive facets of Los Angeles like housing, community investment, and transportation. Those billions will serve better in those areas to decrease crime and increase quality of life for Angelenos.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Noor  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:08 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** If the LA City Council is actually dedicated to its community, it will defund and abolish the LAPD which has been a destructive and dangerous institution plaguing our streets. Our community services -- education, housing, transportation, healthcare -- have been defunded in the name of "public safety" but all we have seen is more violence. The LAPD does exactly the opposite of protect. Reallocating \$150m out of \$3b is not enough. Reallocate all LAPD funds to spaces that will support your constituents and provide a real non-violent framework to keep Angelenos safe. Follow Black Lives Matter LA's lead and endorse the People's Budget LA.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kristen P.  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:10 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a citizen who is very concerned on how our money is being used. NO CITY'S budget should consist of more than 50% that is geared to police while the rest of the city's categories SUFFER. If that budget from the LAPD was funneled into our city's health programs, homeless programs, education programs, and so many other more deserving programs than we are a city can grow in a profound and positive way. We can take this step and you can help us de-fund the police. We as a city are sick and tired of having to see the LAPD beat our citizens without any consequences. We as taxpayers should not stand to see our tax dollars funneled into an organization that does not serve us well. We are outraged and the protests will continue until we are able to agree on a budget that can help us build and grow as a city. This is not a threat. This is a cry for help after seeing and experiencing so many injustices bestowed upon us just by the LAPD. I love this city and want to see it do good things. We are capable of so much and I am proud to live here. We need your help to push a budget that benefits us as whole, not just ONE ORGANIZATION. I believe in us and I believe in you. We can do so much better than we've been doing. Please help our cause and PROPOSE AND PASS A BUDGET THAT IS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rama Vallury

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:17 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** In this time of seismic change, we need to rethink how all of our systems work and tear down antiquated institutions that no longer serve the needs of our communities. It is imperative that the City Council adopt the People's Budget over Mayor Garcetti's Draconian proposal. As we've seen, when the LAPD is present at peaceful protests, violence follows shortly thereafter. When the police hasn't been present, the demonstrations have been larger and peaceful. This is just one example of how the LAPD exacerbates problems rather than solves them. We need to shift from a militarized police force to a focus on community. By reallocating funds as outlined by the Defund the Police movement, and pursuing a model built on Care Not Cops, we have seen around the country and the world a decrease in crimes, particularly violent ones. We need to rethink what is a crime and what is a teachable moment. We need to re-educate ourselves and look out for each other. It is time, long overdue, for a model built on community, NOT commodity. Property can be replaced, people cannot. As City Council Members, you have a duty of care to your constituents. As we've seen during the COVID-19 pandemic, you've routinely failed your charge to look out for us, particularly the most vulnerable members of our population. Empty words and performative letters, social media posts, and hollow acts of visible solidarity does not make up for the manifold failures and injustices you allow to continue in backroom dealings while you line your pockets. We demand meaningful change and real action. A return to the status quo isn't enough, when the status quo results in the disproportionate policing of Black and Brown citizens. A return to the status quo isn't enough, when it means we return to upholding white privilege and white supremacy. A return to the status quo isn't enough, when the status quo stunts opportunities for our Black brothers and sisters to engage in the franchise, pursue their dreams, and live in peace and harmony. Business as usual will not get it done. If you pursue the course you've been on, trust us, we'll see you at the polls and vote you out.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:17 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Good morning LAPD, My name is Jane Kim and I stand with Black Lives Matter. Regarding the continuous HISTORY involving police brutality that has yet to be resolved, I want to address to you how URGENT and VITAL of a situation this is. If you understand there has been 600+ police murderers and zero accountability, something is very wrong with this system. It has been more than over 60 years this tension has been known and still no accountability... why is it that we are continuously back here again addressing this issue? I want the City Council to adopt the People's Budget of LA. Mayor Garcetti's budget gives the LAPD 3 billion dollars, imagine if we cut that funding and invested on community growth and how effective that would be. I also demand the resignation of Police Chief Michel Moore. Actions speak louder than words, SHOW US how you will reform it and SHOW US how you will care for the Angelenos. Because of this distrust, there is no foundation. YOU have broken the foundation, it is your responsibility to fix it. Please put trust back FOR BLACK LIVES. Be transparent with us! We demand for more neighborhood cops to be aware of their community they work in. If you are here to serve us, keep black people safe. If you are really here for us, WALKKK WITH BLACK LIVES, WALK WITH US and take responsibility for your actions. Thank you.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Audrey Lieberstein

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:17 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I would like to voice my support for the budget proposed by the Peoples Budget. We need a radical shift away from the amount of funding given to our police. They are doing more harm than good at this point and study after study has shown that the money would be better spent on services for our community. I am calling on you to defund the police and fund our communities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Scott Tammel

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:19 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am urging the city of Los Angeles and all its representatives to consider a massive defunding and re-allocation of the proposed resources that were proposed for the Los Angeles Police Department. Los Angeles is facing a massive budget shortfall due to Covid-19 related job/business/industry losses. There is no reason why the LAPD at this time should be getting pay raises while almost every other Los Angeles city employee is facing either job loss, pay cuts, or pay freezes. The city of Minneapolis and their respective city council just voted to disband their police department. If we look to Camden, New Jersey we know this isn't just an unknown crazy proposal. Angelenos need a functioning city. The city cannot function nor can it be a city hospitable to all of its citizens if we choke resources away from every other public need and funnel it all to the LAPD.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sophie Seng

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge the LA City Council to ensure that the LA City Budget align with the priorities of the people that this council has been elected to represent. The Mayor's budget does NOT represent what the residents of Los Angeles want, as I am sure you are aware from the recent outcry and protests. Policing is not the solution for all of our city's problems - our residents need care and support, not further criminalization. See below for details on the People's Budget for Los Angeles. More than 10,000 people and residents drafted The People's Budget, which prioritizes investment in mental health, housing, public health, and healthcare. It divests from police and parking enforcement. The specifics of this budget are as follows: "Universal Aid and Crisis Management (44.25%), followed by Built Environment (25.80%), then Reimagined Community Safety (24.22%), and finally Law Enforcement and Police (5.72%)." Further details can be found at <https://peoplesbudgetla.com/peoplesbudget/> I love Los Angeles, and I believe that we can be a leader and an example for other cities if we implement this new budget that reflects the actual needs of the people. Please, hear what I and countless others in LA are asking for, and adopt The People's Budget; made by the people, for the people. Thank you.