

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Diego Gordon

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 08:09 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm a resident of Hollywood CA. It came to my attention that over a billion dollars of the city budget is going towards the police and because of all the real issues going on I feel like it doesn't make sense. There's other industries that need more financial support like the health industry, also one of the biggest problems in Los Angeles is homeless people, after the quarantine is lifted there's gonna be an even bigger homeless problem, therefore please rethink the budget. Police brutality is at an all time high and I find it irresponsible to keep fueling this corrupt system.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Iroquois Pliskin

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 08:27 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** "The Nixon campaign in 1968, and the Nixon White House after that, had two enemies: the antiwar left and black people," former Nixon domestic policy chief John Ehrlichman told Harper's writer Dan Baum for the April cover story published Tuesday. "You understand what I'm saying? We knew we couldn't make it illegal to be either against the war or black, but by getting the public to associate the hippies with marijuana and blacks with heroin. And then criminalizing both heavily, we could disrupt those communities," Ehrlichman said. "We could arrest their leaders. raid their homes, break up their meetings, and vilify them night after night on the evening news. Did we know we were lying about the drugs? Of course we did." ^^how is the drug war still a thing? Nothing will change until we end it. People want to pretend white cops just sign up to shoot black people because they are racist... nope, its because they have to adhere to FUNDAMENTALLY racist policy to get paid. The drug war is a race war, thinly veiled as a war on drugs. It is why police are over militarized. End it now

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michelle

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 08:34 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the police! Re-allocate the budget to services for unhoused Angelenos, including housing in the thousands of empty hotel rooms throughout the city; mental health services; rent suspension and cancellation for the 55% of Angelenos who are currently unemployed; more funding for public schools and resources to ensure all students — regardless of their situation — can continue learning during these uncertain times.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** VN

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 08:47 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers: this budget is ridiculous. It is evidence based that increased policing does not make us safer. It is also evidence based that reform of police does not make us safer. Thanks to the work of Black Lives Matter and dozens of other organizations working in solidarity with BLM, folks like myself, a non-Black homeowner in Eagle Rock, are made aware of the amount of OUR money that is going to fund the police. I have never seen the police in my neighborhood, and we are one of the safest neighborhoods. When I go to work in South LA or Downtown, I see communities (especially Black communities) being heavily policed. I don't feel bad for police officers potentially losing their jobs because if you move the funds to other sectors that ACTUALLY make us safe, like housing, jobs, healthcare (especially mental health care), education, etc. - then those officers who are members of our community as well, can make a healing career change. I stand with Black Lives Matter and the Movement for Black Lives, and I urge you to DEFUND THE POLICE.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christian Baer

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 08:55 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of Los Angeles I demand that the budget for the LAPD be reduced more than the proposed 5%. The most murderous police force in the country needs to be defunded. Reallocate the funds to community resources that actually serve the people of LA. The eyes of the country are on LA. Make Los Angeles a model of reform. Over half of the budget should NOT go to policing and murdering our citizens.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jane Riegler

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 09:01 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Jane and I am commenting in reference to the Mayor's budget proposal. You have failed your constituents. The public overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to the proposed budget and, in particular, to its over-spending on police. Now, that the City Council has failed to do their jobs and the budget is back in the Mayor's hands, I want to make clear that the Mayor must pass a People's Budget. Mayor Garcetti has an obligation to those they represent to consider an alternative that prioritizes the true needs of Angelenos: Care, not Cops. He needs to defund the police.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kelly

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 09:05 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Lapd receiving 3 million for funding is like providing the KKK with 3 million white caps and more wooden crosses to burn. Los Angeles has a serious homeless crisis, failing school systems and doctors are STILL wearing garbage bags for gowns (COVID-19). Covid tests are \$400 each. How about we use that money so the masses can easily get tested without worrying about funds and insurance. Nationwide testing sites and more hand washing centers for the homeless. Can we be smart with that money? How can y'all be so threatened by the masses using their first amendment to vocalize their pain and suffering? Los Angeles police department NEEDS to be defunded. What more do they need? They already have riot shields, unnecessary rubber guns and tear gas launchers.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Adriana C

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 09:27 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** While over 20% of LA is unemployed and thousands of civilian city employees are getting a 10% pay cut. The LAPD union needs to show good faith and submit a new contract forgoing their raise for this year.



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 09:46 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Like the many Angelenos who have called in, tweeted, and marched in opposition, I am demanding the Mayor completely revise his horrific and white supremacist budget. The LAPD is one of the most abusive and corrupt law enforcement departments in the country, and the city is repeatedly sued over the LAPD's abuse of power. We are in the midst of a global health pandemic — thousands remain unhoused and millions are at risk of joining those ranks. Black, Brown, poor, institutionalized and unhoused bodies are at the greatest risk of being exposed to and dying from COVID-19. These are the same folx who are disproportionately impacted by LAPD violence. The People have spoken. And they have marched. And the police have proven just how problematic and supremacist they are. On Tuesday, Commander Cory Palka flashed a white power signal after a TV interview. White supremacists are in positions of leadership on the police force because policing is white supremacist. Folx have demonstrated that they want the city to invest in universal needs like quality housing for all, universal access to healthy food, financial and economic support, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health and mental health support. They want the city to divest from traditional policing. I demand Mayor Garcetti draft a People's Budget that emphasizes Care not Cops and which DEFUNDS THE POLICE. I want to make clear that your failure to listen to your constituents does not mean that we will give up. We will continue to make our voices known, both online and through in-person protests.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Seth Becker

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 10:00 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a citizen of Los Angeles and live in the 11th District. I am constituent of Councilmember Bonin. While it is positive that Mayor Garcetti has announced between \$100-\$150 million in budget cuts for the LAPD, that is an obviously symbolic, hollow gesture in light of current events. In his letter to constituents this morning, Councilmember Bonin said, "I am fighting for a reprioritized budget that invests in our people, our neighborhoods, and our future, and helps us rebuild. We need to focus on keeping people housed, getting them back to work, combatting our climate crisis, taking care of our kids and seniors, and improving our parks, streets, and sidewalks. We can reduce the proposed police spending while maintaining public safety by having the tough conversations to reopen contracts and defer raises, and by cutting overtime expenses." These things are all true, yet again, the statement reads as symbolic and hollow. What we really need the esteemed members of our elected local representatives to do is to follow through on these words. Instead of "reducing spending" we need "divestment." Instead of acknowledging that "we need to focus on keeping people housed, getting them back to work, combatting our climate crisis," and so on, we need clear, specific measures and statements that can be tracked for accountability. The time for platitudes has passed. Platitudes have brought us here. You say all the right things, yet you offer a less than 10% change to the Police budget when it accounts for more than half the proposed spending of the city's unrestricted general fund. Please spend that money elsewhere. Schools need supplies for teachers to teach under the new pandemic induced paradigm. Homelessness is increasing and will soon skyrocket. People resort to criminality when they do not have other options. Give them options by assigning money to systems of care and you will see that the police spending is a vicious, self-perpetuating cycle. But you must know this already. How can you not? Now is the time to act in a meaningful manner. Olive branches, platitudes will not cut it. This pressure will be sustained and continual. Please explicitly engage with the People's Budget. If you will not enact these changes, explain why publicly. I am also calling for the immediate dismissal of Police Chief Michel Moore. His comments and his agency's behavior during this time have been shameful, and he should no longer be in a position to administer

any amount of public money, let alone the shameful quantity  
which you are offering his paramilitary body. Respectfully, Seth  
Becker

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Diana

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 10:47 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is time that the LA City Council adopt The People's Budget, which will fund services for the people living in our communities and not the police. There is no reason for 54% of the City's Funds (around \$3 billion) to be given to the LAPD. And redistributing \$100-150 million is NOT ENOUGH! You must disinvest more money from the police and allocate those funds to services that will help and strengthen our communities. I demand that the Mayor and City Council prioritize care, NOT cops!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Gonzalez  
**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 10:51 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cristina Juneau

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 11:11 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The city council's motion to cut at least \$100 million from the LAPD budget is not enough. We demand the police union should submit a new contract forgoing their scheduled 4.5% raise in base pay for this year. Not a pay cut, just forgoing raises. (We do not object to the education bonuses for officers with college degrees.) As of a few weeks ago, unemployment in LA was at 24%. The new city budget plans for a 10% reduction in hours and pay for thousands of civilian city employees. If LAPD wants to show they're listening, that public welfare is their top priority, and they understand the first thing about solidarity, they should agree to at the very least skipping raises this year.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Al Baker

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 11:22 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Cut the ridiculous budget which militarises the police and reallocate it to black communities in community outreach and investment incentives.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alex Berkmen

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 11:29 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Garcetti's budget gives LAPD BILLIONS of dollars. 54% of this city's funds to be specific, which is FAR too much. As a taxpayer and LA resident for 5 years, I am telling you this is not okay. We need to reduce this number GREATLY, and invest it back into black communities. We need to use this funding to improve housing, healthcare, and opportunities for these communities. We need to lift people up, not bring them down by over-policing. These communities need support and compassion, not racial profiling from police. When I called LAPD last year because a stranger was trying to enter my home, they never showed up - so let's not use the excuse that we need well-funded police to protect people. Because last year, Garcetti gave LAPD an all-time high overtime budget hike — from \$118M to \$165M — and still no one showed up to protect and serve when I needed them. It begs the question - what were they doing instead? How were they using this overtime? We need social workers on the streets, not more police officers. We need systemic change, not racially unjust institutions. I implore you to defund the police, and reroute these funds to black communities immediately. Thank you.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shoshana Zimmerman

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 11:30 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The proposal to reduce the LAPD's budget by \$100 million does not go nearly far enough to defund a department that exists (as evidenced by its actions) to (1) protect the lives of its officers before the lives of the public they are sworn to protect per Chief Moore's recent comments, and (2) to entrench existing inequalities and the values of white supremacy that built this country on the bodies of Black people and on the land of Native Americans. The budget should, at the very least, demand the police union submits a new contract forgoing their scheduled 4.5% raise in base pay for this year. Not a pay cut, just forgoing raises. There is absolutely no reason why the employees of this particular department should be receiving more money when the rest of the budget calls for city employees such as those who provide social services to the under-served populations in the city to receive a 10% pay cut. Money talks. The city's budget says that we as a city, value our ability to dominate our citizens through militaristic force over our ability to feed, educate, house, employ and provide health care for our citizens. Until the budget reflects otherwise, speeches about our core values from our elected officials are falsehoods and platitudes. Action is needed. Although I do have the numbers readily available, I assume if the City stops purchasing stocks of pepper balls, tear gas and other chemicals that would be against the Geneva Convention for a military force to use against foreign enemies there might be more money in the LAPD's existing budget to allocate to things like deescalation training.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Megan Martin

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 11:31 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing about the proposed city budget which allocates a significant portion to the LAPD. As a constituent and resident (I live in Highland Park), I see on a regular basis the injustice and damage that over-policing our city has caused, including the racist and brutal treatment of Black and brown people who are regularly targeted and unjustly thrown into the criminal justice system or worse, physically attacked or murdered. I feel taxpayer's money would be much better spent investing in lifting up our community in positive, constructive ways, including its educational programs, health resources, local infrastructure, and support of the homeless population. -Public education-- elementary, middle, and high schools as well as public libraries. Training programs and adult education for those seeking better employment opportunities, financial support/grants/scholarships for community college and trade schools -Homeless aid and affordable housing-- help get people off the streets and into shelters, build and offer affordable housing rather than pushing minorities and working class folx out of Los Angeles. They are what make this city great. -Universal aid and crisis management-- Free mental health and medical resources, drug rehabilitation programs, women's healthcare clinics, domestic violence support and housing (allowing women and children to escape dangerous situations) -Green/eco-friendly initiatives citywide-- zero-waste approaches, eliminating single-use plastics, more preservation of public parks, beaches, and nature preserves

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Delia

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 11:51 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The LAPD needs to be defunded. The LAPD has a budget of \$3.14 billion, \$1.86 which will be used for policing. Why is it that there will be a budget cut of \$1.2 million to the Housing + Community Investment Department but LAPD officers with college degrees will receive \$41 million in bonuses. How is this serving the residents of LA County? All you are doing is making sure that the LAPD is protected while other programs suffer while people continue to be unemployed. If you can't do your job to represent the residents then somebody else can take over for you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brandon Halverson

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 11:57 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing to request that the LAPD budget be cut and the money redistributed to more effective community based initiatives. The current budget has a 10% across the board for all departments EXCEPT the Police Department. That is absolutely unacceptable. The LAPD needs to work on doing more with less. Rather than investing in expensive equipment and bloated salaries the department should better train officers to deal with situations in less confrontational ways. I'm asking for the LAPD to be defunded by 25%. And that this money be redistributed to youth programs, senior programs, homeless outreach and housing solutions. Thanks, Brandon Halverson Mar Vista

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Claire Clancy

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 02:17 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** To Whom it May Concern (this May concern all of you) : Based on the documentation that is provided on your website, the annual budget for Los Angeles was signed on June 2, 2020. On this exact same day, June 2, 2020, nearly 15,000 people marched in the streets of Los Angeles on behalf of the wrongful killing of George Floyd at the hands of 4 police officers in Minnesota in March 25th, 2020. This was the 7th day of protests. Since these protests have begun, many unarmed protesters have been harassed and attacked with tear gas and rubber bullets by LAPD, most commonly because of violations of an inflicted curfew, a curfew that many times notified LA residences only ONE HOUR before curfew was imposed. This is a call to action to demand the restructuring of the Los Angeles city budget and to defund the Los Angeles Police Department, so as to prioritize more social services for marginalized communities. If there is true dedication to the people of your city, reallocate funds to directly benefit those in need, specifically the communities that have been historically disenfranchised. There are 58,936 DOCUMENTED houseless people in Los Angeles, there are healthcare workers without proper equipment in the midst of a global pandemic and more than 30% of Los Angeles County residents have filed for unemployment. Defunding the police and restructuring the budget could bring positive change and momentum to those that need it most. You have the power to change history, the moment is now. Black Lives Matter

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 02:26 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Adopt the People's Budget LA. The LAPD must be defunded and the funds of the mayor's current proposal must be reallocated to housing, healthcare, mental health resources, education, free public transit and the other proposals put forth by the People's Budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kimberly Anne Free

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please lift up this city by divesting money form the police, and instead invest in LA's education, housing, and health care programs. If we invest in people's lives, rather than punishment, we will create a budget that truly supports equality and set up programs that help give everyone a fair chance. We all deserve a fair chance, and the government should help us create a fair future for everyone. Support the people by investing in the community!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** James Watson

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 02:31 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund The LAPD. You are currently giving 54% of the upcoming budget to LAPD, let's get that number closer to 0 and give the freed up funds to things like housing, healthcare and other community programs for the black communities that we have systemically ghettoized, oppressed and brutalized for decades here in LA.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** David K.

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 02:41 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Attn: Mayor Eric Garcetti The purpose of my complaint is the budget cut (\$250 million) you mentioned on the media. I am a citizen and resident of City of Los Angeles. I have a wife and two young children. I'm really concerned about the budget cut, because that will hurt our police department (LAPD). We already don't have enough Officers patrolling our city. I believe this money is very important for our department to hire new Officers and train the current ones. Every Angelino could be effected and become a victim of a crime if our police department doesn't have the budget to man the street. I know as a Nation we are going through a hard time right now with the death of George Floyd. May god rest his sole and the accused will get their punishment, but I don't think it's right for our men and women in LAPD to lose the additional resources to them because of the budget. Being a citizen in the City of Los Angeles, I would like to live without fear and have my children attend school, parks, and walk the streets without fear. We need our police department at full staffed and on our street.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Neil Koperek

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 02:49 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a citizen of Los Angeles I find it abhorrent that such a large portion of the city budget is going to the police force, especially given the lack of procedural oversight. A military prowling the street does not make me feel safe, and the continual funding of the police force at these rates has created just that. Amidst these protests we have seen first hand what this yields: a police force quite literally at war with the people of this city. Rather than investing in this historically racist and problematic militia to punish our citizens - an investment into housing, education and healthcare would all encourage the betterment of citizens lives.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jeremy

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 03:00 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** \$3 billion for PD. Imagine what one million dollars can do for a community. What about TWO million dollars?! Omg so much let me think. No. How about THREE T H O U S A N D MILLION dollars? Which crisis of ours is solved by "more PD"? If we only we had more PD that person wouldn't have lost their home. If only we had more PD our race relations would heal. Can we please have more PD and less crime prevention programs, less outreach, less essential services for the elderly and poor, so more PD can finally fix this city? Because my pride in the US comes from our jumbo military that makes me feel comfy and free while an uninsured vet sleeps on the sidewalk down the street from their exorbitant medical bills. Think global act local? Can we defend LA's priorities to tomorrow's victims of everything that "more PD" fixed? peoplesbudgetla.com

## Communication from Public

**Name:** AMM

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 03:11 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I have been impressed with your leadership as you have steered Los Angeles through the coronavirus crisis. I am calling on you now to step up and set an example for Mayors across the nation by showing real and powerful leadership. I ask you to truly listen by making further meaningful readjustments to the City budget to redirect funds into programs and services that will be instrumental in creating societal changes in Los Angeles — so our City can be proactive in lifting up all our citizens to a better quality of life, which in turn will mitigate the need for reactive policing to deal with the inevitable results of the collective trauma that many of our citizens continue to endure. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Silas Robinson

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 03:14 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am absolutely appalled by the actions of the LAPD this week. I believe they should have their budgets reduced by a much, much greater amount than 5%. The police are supposed to protect and serve. Imagine if the parks and rec department failed so spectacularly at their jobs that tens of thousands of people marched in protest during a pandemic? The idea that the LAPD have earned our trust is laughable. The idea that they have earned 3 Billion dollars is insulting.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer Forsyth  
**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 03:39 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please amend the 2020-2021 budget so we can divest from the LAPD, implement further police reform, and invest in social programs that reduce crime without harming vulnerable communities through over-policing. The initial proposal to divest \$150 million is a promising first step, but that still gives over 50% of the city budget to the LAPD. You can do better. The data are clear that social programs reduce crime without traumatizing our Black and other vulnerable communities:  
<https://www.rootcausecoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Community-and-the-Crime-Divest-The-Causal-Effect-of-Local-Nonprofits-on-Violent-Crime.pdf>. Every 10 additional organizations in a city: 1) Reduces the murder rate by 9% 2) Reduces violent crime rate by 6% 3) Reduces property crime rate by 4% We also know that government investment in the health and education of low-income children, such as increased funding for preschool and K-12 education, supporting college attainment for low-income youth, and improving neighborhoods that low-income children grow up in, yield particularly high returns on tax-payer dollars over time. See the executive report and data here:  
<https://opportunityinsights.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/welfare-executive-summary.pdf> and <https://www.policyinsights.org/>. Tens of thousands in the city and millions in the nation are in an uprising over police brutality and we are in the midst of a health pandemic with severe economic consequences. We cannot accept the maintenance of this system any longer - your budget MUST be updated with the priorities of Angelenos. You can change this system by adopting a People's Budget that invests in the health and education of low-income children, in universal aid and crisis support programs, and in re-imagined community safety policies that invest in mental health and harm reduction strategies rather than over-policing communities. Thank you for your consideration, Jennifer Forsyth, Ph.D.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kari

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 03:51 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The current budget of 54% of the city's funds for cops is WAY TOO HIGH. I don't want my hard earned tax dollars to fund the police that do not give us the right to FREE SPEECH. They are corrupt and many are responsible for the murder of innocent black lives. Please reallocate these funds to more important things, like education, and putting these funds in communities that need them. Not in the hands of more cops that we DO NOT NEED. Cops who are beating us while we protest for free speech and fair treatment of Black Americans. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jess

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 03:52 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jacob B. Steinberg  
**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 04:07 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello - I am a resident of Melrose and I DEMAND that you defund the police and adopt the peoples budget. Jacob B. Steinberg

## Communication from Public

**Name:** William J Potenberg  
**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 04:12 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Will Gong

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 04:16 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** With everything our city has gone through and is going through, it was nice to see the Mayor's office adjust the budget to add beneficial social services, but it feels irresponsible to take 100 to 150 million from other important services, while there are still billions devoted to increasing policing. That is a difficult pill to swallow and one that would go down better with more transparency. I'm definitely not calling to defund the police, because they are important, but a greater balance would put the citizens at ease. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 04:35 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** It has become clear that our great city has chosen to spend too little of its budget on caring for the community and too much of it on supporting a violent and repressive police force. This has only been further evidenced by the antagonistic and heavy handed response by the LAPD to the current protests to end police brutality sparked by the death of George Floyd. Councilmember Wesson's proposal to cut at least \$100m-150m from the LAPD in the 2020-21 budget is a good start but not enough. More funds need to go toward housing, mental health, economic support and outreach for our poorest communities, sanitation and public transit, and making this city an equitable, hospitable, and affordable place to live. I hope the council will do right by the people of Los Angeles and set proper priorities that put the actual citizens health, wellness, and prosperity first. Please make change. Please allocate more funds not to the police but to the benefit of the people. Thank you. Sincerely, David Greening

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Isabella  
**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 04:50 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the police and utilize research-based strategies to stop killer cops. Enough is enough.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 05:28 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please redirect the budget away from the police and towards helping our community during this continued pandemic. As well as education, helping the less fortunate, homeless and prioritizing housing.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 05:40 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, my name is Emily Malig and I would just like to begin by saying thank you for introducing the motion to cut \$150 million from the police budget to instead send it into communities that need it. I am happy that you took the action, as this is the first step in a long fight towards defunding the police and reallocating the money back into communities. Please continue the fight with this request. My request from here is to cut down more on LAPD funding . LAPD has a total budget in the area of \$2 billion, there is plenty of room for cuts. So I implore you, visit [www.peoplesbudgetla.com](http://www.peoplesbudgetla.com) and consider the measures and make cuts and reallocations accordingly. Give the citizens of this city and this nation what they need to survive and thrive. We need housing. We need job security and benefits. We need to eradicate food deserts. We need accessible mental and medical healthcare. We need healthcare responders or social workers entering our Black and Brown communities, not police. We need free public transit. We need equal school district funding. We need small business resources. Most of all, we need the representatives in government to take a stand with the people. Not big business, not the wealthy, but the people of this nation who need it the most. Sincerely, Emily Malig

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alexis

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 06:09 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I do not condone the use of my hard-earned tax dollars contributing to continued funding of the police. I am letting you, my elected representatives, know that I will have my money put towards funding more community focused initiatives. Money put towards housing fellow Angelenos that do not have houses to go home to at night, feeding them, educating them and our children, expanding mental health care, innovating channels to improve efficacy of online education (while schools adapt to covid regulations), any number of similar initiatives would be more useful expenditures than what the current budget forecast outlines. Defund the police! I cannot stand to have another dollar put into a racist and destructive system such as the police force. Fund hospitals, feed our downtown homeless population, donate to funds pursuing justice for our black brothers and sisters. Defund the police. Be an example of justice, equality, and opportunity for all.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Samantha Smart

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 06:22 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Council Members, My name is Samantha Smart and I am a resident of Silverlake, Los Angeles. The "proposed" budget cuts to LAPD are not even close to enough. We need to further defund the police and invest that money in services that actually benefit our communities. It is clear that we do not have enough resources for the homeless, for public health, for transportation, for education and so much more. It is sickening that the LAPD could get more than half of the city's budget. Those priorities are so backwards, you should be ashamed of yourselves. Please step up to re-route those resources into programs that will actually make us safer. Reforming police policy is crucial but it is not enough. We need care, not cops. DEFUND THE POLICE. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Maia

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 06:52 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am asking to please decrease the budget of the LAPD substantially. The proposed \$100-\$150 million proposed by the Mayor and City Counsel is insignificant in comparison to the billions the LAPD currently gets. More funds should be directed to education, housing subsidies, services for senior citizens and the disabled, meal programs for low income children and the homeless, sanitation programs for the homeless, and any programs that uplift black and Latino communities to break the cycles of schools to jails and poverty. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Angelica Garcia  
**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 07:02 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** LA county needs to keep cutting from the LAPD's budget. They should adjust funds to be allocated for disadvantaged communities. As well as reforming police training. Training can not just be done upon entry of position. Officers should be evaluated on a continuous bases on varies aspects that can contribute to police brutality such as use of force, arrests (analyzing demographics) and psychological implicit biases.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Audrey

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 07:12 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I demand Mayor Garcetti draft a People's Budget that emphasizes Care not Cops. That does not mean 50% of funds should be going to the police you need to DEFUND THE POLICE MORE. Take a look at the people's budget and actually consider it. You need to do more.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amanda Goad

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 07:27 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to you to urge you to adopt more policies the decrease police violence. Los Angeles is missing three vital policies that can contribute to decreasing police violence by 72%. Los Angeles must enact policies that require warning before shooting, require that all force be reported, and require an exhausting of all alternatives before shooting. Not only is now not the time to increase spending for the LAPD, due to the global pandemic we are all struggling to navigate and survive, but we have seen time and time again that increased funding has not decreased the harassment of unhoused people, Black people, Indigenous, and people of color. Los Angeles should instead focus on holding the police force accountable to make our communities safer from police brutality. We need to instead turn to investing in our communities. The top priorities for investment should be housing, mental health and wellness, and public health and healthcare. I support the eight policies put forth by Campaign Zero on [8cantwait.org](http://8cantwait.org), and believe they can have a real impact. I would like to see the LAPD finally adapt and make true progress when it comes to caring for our fellow Angelenos. Thank you for your time, Amanda Goad

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Justin ACAB  
**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 12:13 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Disband the police and fund the schools !!!!!!! Then resign in disgrace !!!!!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brian Bianchetti  
**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 12:20 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Members of City Council, I am writing in opposition to Mayor Eric Garcetti's proposed budget. I join the thousands of voices calling for change. Now is the time to show that you hear us. We need to shift our support from the institutions that are repressing, abusing, and killing our citizens. The role of city leaders is to support, uplift and protect all members of the community, especially those of color. I would like the funds to be allocated to community-focused initiatives such as access to equal housing and transportation, community development, education, homeless outreach, and small business development. I work in Council District 1 and own and operate a business in Council District 14.  
Sincerely, Brian Bianchetti

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sean Holloway  
**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 12:23 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** The increase in budget for the LAPD is unprecedented and unconscionable, and must be canceled.



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 12:23 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a medical student at the Keck School of Medicine writing to implore you to redirect the budget from LAPD towards social services for Los Angeles. We need a budget that supports communities and their well-being, that invests in its residents and lifts them up in hopes of a better future, rather one that focuses on fear and threatens to tear them apart. Racial inequality, among many other social issues such as poverty and joblessness, are health issues. In the medical field, we have seen increased awareness of these problems and other social determinants of health. Unfortunately, oftentimes as medical providers, we feel helpless in addressing these issues. We are trained to diagnose and treat disease, rather than assist people in overcoming racism, poverty, and other social injustices, though we try our best. You were elected to office and chosen for this position to do this very thing - please support your people, decrease police funding, and redirect that money to public schools, youth activity groups, food banks and food insecurity resources, homelessness initiatives, organizations that address racial injustice, and other programs to build up the community. Mayor Eric Garcetti, please revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 and fund #CareNotCops.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Graham Dunn  
**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 12:26 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please adopt the people's budget for the city of LA. Defunding the police will allow us to actually address the issues policing purports to exist to solve. Spending money addressing homelessness, food insecurity, and poverty will do a world more good than spending money on the police.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jiseon Kim

**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 12:31 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** In light of recent events—not to mention the history of policing in this country—I am infuriated to find out that over HALF of the Los Angeles budget (\$3 billion) will be directed towards LAPD. This is unacceptable. Angelenos will not stand for it. I demand that at LEAST a third of those funds are redirected towards education, community programs and spaces, and health services. Please reconsider your priorities because history is evidence that policing does not create a vibrant, safe community.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** ML

**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 12:38 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Like the many Angelenos who have called in, tweeted, and marched in opposition, I am demanding the Mayor completely revise his horrific and white supremacist budget. The LAPD is one of the most abusive and corrupt law enforcement departments in the country, and the city is repeatedly sued over the LAPD's abuse of power. We are in the midst of a global health pandemic — thousands remain unhoused and millions are at risk of joining those ranks. Black, Brown, poor, institutionalized and unhoused bodies are at the greatest risk of being exposed to and dying from COVID-19. These are the same folx who are disproportionately impacted by LAPD violence. The People have spoken. And they have marched. And the police have proven just how problematic and supremacist they are. On Tuesday, Commander Cory Palka flashed a white power signal after a TV interview. White supremacists are in positions of leadership on the police force because policing is white supremacist. Folx have demonstrated that they want the city to invest in universal needs like quality housing for all, universal access to healthy food, financial and economic support, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health and mental health support. They want the city to divest from traditional policing. I demand Mayor Garcetti draft a People's Budget that emphasizes Care not Cops and which DEFUNDS THE POLICE. I want to make clear that your failure to listen to your constituents does not mean that we will give up. We will continue to make our voices known, both online and through in-person protests. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** owen  
**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 01:05 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the police. The brutality is inexcusable, you know its wrong.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I have lived in Los Angeles for the past 20 years and I will not stand for the current budget that's been set forth by the city. This budget allocates an inordinate amount of money to a broken police force that is trained to racially profile people of color and dehumanize its citizens both mentally and physically. Over the past few weeks I've seen peaceful protestors pepper sprayed, tear gassed, and physically beaten by the police. This is because the police are doing what they believe they have been trained to do. That is a serious problem. It's a problem that can be fixed by a complete overhaul of the way the city is policed. Instead of using the city's budget on the broken police system and "crime control", it should be spent on social initiatives that can help with things such as better serving youth in the underfunded public school system and spent on the homelessness crisis. I demand that you look towards crime prevention and early intervention instead of equipping police officers with the power to assault people in the name of "protecting and serving."

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Charlie Burke

**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 01:10 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I have lived in Los Angeles for the past 20 years and I will not stand for the current budget that's been set forth by the city. This budget allocates an inordinate amount of money to a broken police force that is trained to racially profile people of color and dehumanize its citizens both mentally and physically. Over the past few weeks I've seen peaceful protestors pepper sprayed, tear gassed, and physically beaten by the police. This is because the police are doing what they believe they have been trained to do. That is a serious problem. It's a problem that can be fixed by a complete overhaul of the way the city is policed. Instead of using the city's budget on the broken police system and "crime control", it should be spent on social initiatives that can help with things such as better serving youth in the underfunded public school system and spent on the homelessness crisis. It should also fund unarmed social workers who are better equipped to not harass and intimidate people but rather help them find the needed resources. This keeps prisons from being senselessly overcrowded and helps not escalate situations that could lead to excessive force being used. I demand that you look towards crime prevention and early intervention instead of equipping police officers with the power to assault people in the name of "protecting and serving."

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Laura Kirkeby

**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 01:20 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We are at a moment in time where we must think about transformational CHANGE. We are asking you to put Black and Brown communities FIRST. I am pleading for this as a white person. It's been a long time coming and the LAPD needs to be completely transformed and more funding must be divested. The People have spoken. And they have marched. And the police have proven just how problematic and supremacist they are. Folx have demonstrated that they want the city to invest in universal needs like quality housing for all, universal access to healthy food, financial and economic support, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health and mental health support. They want the city to divest from traditional policing. I demand Mayor Garcetti draft a People's Budget that emphasizes Care not Cops and which DEFUNDS THE POLICE.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amanda Schlitt

**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 01:22 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Amanda Schlitt, I've resided in Los Angeles for many years now, and I love this city. However, the fact that the budget proposed provides 54% of the city's funding to the LAPD is appalling. Education, homelessness, affordable housing, these are the things we need to spend money on. I am an educator (a school psychologist), I work in K-12 schools and I know how important education supports as well as mental health supports (that most of our children have access to through school) are for the health, safety, and growth of our children. Our city's youth, vulnerable populations, health, should be our priority. I believe in this city and I know we can do better. Please reconsider funding the LAPD to that capacity and instead divert that funding to public works that support our city. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Niall  
**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 01:33 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** This sucks ass and you all know it

## Communication from Public

**Name:** John Gregorchuk

**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 02:45 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please INCREASE the LAPD budget to get more officers on the streets and out of their cars. I've had to call the police about a dozen times this year due to 2 break ins and multiple tense situations with a homeless camp behind my house. The officers were kind, courteous, and professional. They were amazing despite being the scapegoat for politicians, I can't imagine how reducing funding and making officers work harder and longer with less resources is going to help anyone... Please INCREASE the LAPD budget and increase the officers able to walk on our streets. Thanks, John

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Agni Naidu

**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 02:50 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please redistribute funds for the police and give it to education. The city has a tremendous need for resources for K-12 students. Meanwhile, the police force has a far too high budget. The ideal thing to do would be to end the police force and replace them with community elected officials that are trained in crisis handling, particularly for the mental health community.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** avery cimino

**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 02:54 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council Member, The proposed budget cut of \$100-150mil to the LAPD budget is an absolute insult to everyone protesting right now. This year's proposed budget is already up \$122mil from last year's so this proposed "cut" isn't really a cut. Additionally this doesn't make a dent in the percentage of the budget; this would still mean the LAPD budget is over 50%. The LAPD have shown us their true colors time and time again. They continue to be violent and ineffective in doing their job to protect us. This is shown clearly in the number of deaths on their hands over the years. One of the deadliest police forces in America. We need more funding of community programs that will lower the crime rate, not more policing. Invest in the people I urge you to be on the forefront and an example for cities all over the country. We can make our city better with less policing and less mass incarceration and disproportionately affects your black and brown constituents. We elected you to this position to listen to the people, so please do your job. You work for the PEOPLE not the LAPD. Thank you, Avery

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Evan

**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 02:54 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Kudos to those advocating cutting the LAPD budget by \$150 million. This is a great start. But we have to do more. I'm sure you've seen all the same footage I have this week. The LAPD (and police forces across this country) agitating peaceful protests and resorting to horrible acts of violence. I've had friends teargassed and arrested. What's it all for? Who are our police keeping safe? I certainly don't feel safer with the LAPD going around unchecked, hearing sirens and helicopters and sound-cannons from my apartment at night. Counter to what Council Member Krekorian might say, this isn't "budgeting by hashtag," a demeaning comment he should apologize for immediately; these are the concerns of the citizenry and it's your duty to respond. There are real, tangible steps we can take NOW towards regaining control of our city: 1.) Return campaign funds received from the Los Angeles Police Protective League PAC or donate equal amounts to black causes. 2.) Allocate funds towards instituting LA's missing policies of <https://8cantwait.org/> to decrease police violence: - Require warning before shooting. - Require comprehensive reporting. - Require officers to exhaust other means before shooting. 3.) Allocate funds for an independent investigators into review abuses by the LAPD during the protests. 4.) Defund the LAPD and put those resources into the social services that can actually help our community. Today I'm going to start reading 'The End of Policing' by Alex S. Vitale. I'd encourage you all to do the same. Decades of unchecked police violence speak for themselves. The problem is not a few bad apples. It's systemic. Let's end the violence and suffering together. Thanks for your time, Evan

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alexander Vejnaska

**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 02:55 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The current budget does not reflect the will or needs of the citizens of Los Angeles. The police have killed 601 Angelenos in the last 8 years and the city needs services, not militarized police. Please pass a People's Budget and massively defund the police.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anna Gross

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge City Council and the Budget and Finance Committee to support a People's Budget. It is time to move money OUT of LAPD and into human-centered services like housing, healthcare, and public schooling—specifically in communities of color. Black lives matter. This is an actionable and meaningful step you can take to stand with the Black Lives Matter movement. Defund LAPD now!



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 03:23 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the LAPD more than the currently promised \$150,000 in favor of programs that benefit our greater community and do not perpetuate unlawful, lethal force upon Black lives. Let's break down why \$150,000 is not enough. Currently, it costs \$13,452 to put a child through the LAUSD school system. There are currently 734,641 students currently enrolled in the LAUSD system. Mayor Garcetti and his teams must think we're foolish if they think that the cost of less than 10 LAUSD students out of 734,641 is enough of a decrease to drive drastic systemic change. Thank you for your consideration.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jean Burke

**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 03:27 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I have lived in Los Angeles for the past 26 years and I do not support the current budget that's been set forth by the city. This budget allocates an inordinate amount of money to a broken police force that is trained to racially profile people of color and dehumanize its citizens both mentally and physically. Over the past few weeks I've seen peaceful protestors pepper sprayed, tear gassed, and physically attacked by the police. This is because the police are doing what they believe they have been trained to do. That is a serious problem. It's a problem that can be fixed by a complete overhaul of the way the city is policed. We need to invest in our communities, rather than continuing the cycle of mass incarceration. Instead of using the city's budget on the broken police system and "crime control", I believe it would be better spent on social initiatives such as improving how we are serving our youth, already at a disadvantage with the underfunded public school system and responding to the homelessness crisis.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Megan Massa

**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 04:01 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Re-prioritizing our budget As an Angeleno, I am dismayed at how the city has responded to the current protests rocking our city and the nation. While Mayor Garcetti has cut some of LAPD's budget, it is not enough. We demand demilitarization of the LAPD and reconstituting of their funds to serve the communities they've brutalized through education, food, housing, and economic growth initiatives. In the coming years, we will have to re-imagine what community safety looks like. Right now, it looks like taking weaponry and money out of the escalators out on the streets - the LAPD.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Freya Falkenstein  
**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 04:11 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I have lived in Los Angeles for the past 18 years and I will not stand for the current budget that's been set forth by the city. This budget allocates an inordinate amount of money to a broken police force that is trained to racially profile people of color and dehumanize its citizens both mentally and physically. Over the past few weeks I've seen peaceful protestors pepper sprayed, tear gassed, and physically beaten by the police. This is because the police are doing what they believe they have been trained to do. That is a serious problem. It's a problem that can be fixed by a complete overhaul of the way the city is policed. Instead of using the city's budget on the broken police system and "crime control", it should be spent on social initiatives that can help with things such as better serving youth in the underfunded public school system and spent on the homelessness crisis. It should also fund unarmed social workers who are better equipped to not harass and intimidate people but rather help them find the needed resources. This keeps prisons from being senselessly overcrowded and helps not escalate situations that could lead to excessive force being used. I demand that you look towards crime prevention and early intervention instead of equipping police officers with the power to assault people in the name of "protecting and serving."

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Emilia S-DV

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing urging Mayor Garcetti and City Council to DEFUND THE POLICE. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of “reform.” We need to defund the LAPD. We need a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time; and we need a budget that supports communities and supports their wellbeing, not which empowers the force(s) that tear them apart. The billions currently spent on the police department must be reinvested in community-led systems of care and safety. The police cannot be trusted to fill these roles. Listen to Black voices. Listen to people of color. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Neal Mulani

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please commit to substantially divesting from the police and reinvesting in Black & brown communities (through mental health resources, substance abuse intervention, education programs, etc.). The injustices witnessed over the past week make it especially clear that LAPD does not need over 50% of this city's budget. I urge you to adopt a People's Budget to support Black communities instead of further fragmenting them.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 08:31 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The proposed \$150 million in cuts to LAPD is a start, but much more extensive cuts are necessary. With these cuts, the LAPD is still left with 51% of the city's revenues. I implore you to make more significant cuts to the LAPD budget, by reallocating the money going to LAPD to go to human-centered services including housing, healthcare, and transportation. People's Budget LA has created a proposal that allocates just 5.7% of funds to LAPD. It is long overdue for us to re-examine the role of police in our society. Angelenos demand a change. This can't wait.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sunshine Liu

**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 11:34 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Sunshine Liu. I am a resident of Los Angeles County and I am emailing to demand the restructuring of the Los Angeles city budget, so as to prioritize more social services for communities, and to drastically minimize spending on Police. I demand of the mayor, controller, and all city council members to prove their love and dedication to the people of their city and reallocate funds to directly benefit those in need. It is absolutely absurd that at \$1,857,330,549, the police budget is larger than the allocations to the fire department, Office of Emergency Management, Department of Transportation, Bureau of Street Services, and the Housing and Community Investment Agency combined. Defunding the police and restructuring the budget is an absolute necessity now more than ever. There are 58,936 DOCUMENTED houseless people in Los Angeles. There are healthcare workers without proper equipment. More than 30% of Los Angeles County residents have filed for unemployment. While LAPD has more funding than it knows what to do with, there are communities who desperately need funding and every day they don't receive it their quality of life worsens. Thousands have died who did not need to. You have the ability to change this, so do it.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lydia Hunter

**Date Submitted:** 06/05/2020 11:36 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Lydia Hunter. I am a resident of Los Angeles County and I am emailing to demand the restructuring of the Los Angeles city budget, so as to prioritize more social services for communities, and to drastically minimize spending on Police. I demand of the mayor, controller, and all city council members to prove their love and dedication to the people of their city and reallocate funds to directly benefit those in need. It is absolutely absurd that at \$1,857,330,549, the police budget is larger than the allocations to the fire department, Office of Emergency Management, Department of Transportation, Bureau of Street Services, and the Housing and Community Investment Agency combined. The proposed cut of 100-150M is a nice step forward, but, effectively, not enough. We need more substantial restructuring to reflect the needs of the residents of Los Angeles. Defunding the police and restructuring the budget is an absolute necessity now more than ever. There are 58,936 DOCUMENTED houseless people in Los Angeles. There are healthcare workers without proper equipment. More than 30% of Los Angeles County residents have filed for unemployment. While LAPD has more funding than it knows what to do with, there are communities who desperately need funding and every day they don't receive it their quality of life worsens. Thousands have died who did not need to. You have the ability to change this, so do it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kenny Laubbacher

**Date Submitted:** 06/06/2020 09:09 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I would like more of the budget to go to community programs like education and housing rather than go to police. I would love a reform team set up to begin to move away from a 100% police model and create a team of trained social workers who can respond to mental illness outbursts, technicians who can respond to auto problems on the road, etc. The police are too involved in too many things. It needs to change.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Benjamin Banet  
**Date Submitted:** 06/06/2020 09:09 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello and thank you for considering our comments on the budget. As these times have exposed the gulf between citizens and police more than ever, it shows that the city budget of LA is broken. LAPD gets far too much funding and this is clearly not working. Riot gear, tear gas, and police brutality are not the responses needed to the crisis that the city and nation is facing. We need to shift money away from further militarizing the police force and put those hundreds of millions of dollars towards community services that help our communities out. When looking to cut money in the budget, please reduce LAPD's lions share and reallocate it to services that directly benefit citizens rather than tear gassing them and beating them with police batons. The system is broken and budget reform is a great place to start. Eliminating LAPD's grossly inflated budget would end their reign of terror on the streets and give other city programs a chance to blossom and make a difference.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matthew Bedrosian

**Date Submitted:** 06/06/2020 09:44 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** PLEASE redirect funds from the massive police budget to more community-based services. Just a few of the hundreds of directions you could go: free mental health services for all citizens, better bike infrastructure, improved homeless shelters with paths to permanent housing, strengthening infrastructure in historically poor neighborhoods, hiring more firefighters and paramedics to be first responders that can actually help, and allocating more resources / higher salaries to public schools. Also consider ~~DREAMING~~ of better ways to spend this money that you haven't considered before. Some ideas: a fleet of tow-trucks that provide free tows / minor repairs for drivers in need, on-call crisis intervention counselors to de-escalate mental health episodes, paying COMMUNITY MEMBERS to regularly meet and actively engage in neighborhood watch, and building grocery stores with affordable and healthy food to eliminate the food deserts many communities live in. The police force does too much and not enough. Reinterpret their roles with more effective, community-centered solutions. Matthew Bedrosian 13th District, Los Angeles

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jedidiah Jenkins

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I want the police unions to be broken up so that chiefs and mayors have the power to regulate their force. I want police departments defunded significantly. I want non-violent and vice crimes decriminalized. Thank you for your time and working to improve our city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alex Anfuso

**Date Submitted:** 06/06/2020 10:36 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am demanding: - a large, substantial cut to the LAPD budget and reallocation of resources to community building organizations and efforts - decriminalization of non violent and vice crimes - a plan to continue defunding LAPD beyond the initial budget cut, over the next several years, with an end goal of reallocating the MAJORITY of LAPD resources to better equipped, non violent, alternatives

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Maura Peterson

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I want the police unions to be broken up so that mayors and chiefs have the power to regulate their force. I want police departments defunded significantly. I want non-violent and vice crimes decriminalized. I want funds previously given to police to go towards mental health care and after school programs for low income communities. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matt Pham

**Date Submitted:** 06/06/2020 10:59 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi there! As an Angelino who wants to see justice served and more funding for city programs, I hope you will rewrite the city's budget for FY 2020-2021. I am kindly asking that you consider better serving the people of LA and shifting the budget in a meaningful way that will keep peace and action on the current state of matters with police brutality and racism. I know that for a diverse city like LA, there is no reason why LAPD is receiving additional funding while cuts are being made to essential services such as the Public Works and Transportation departments. Instead of more police, the biggest priority should be to ensure the health and safety of LA residence and have the allocation of funds reflect that. Please reconsider your actions and update the budget to make changes and ensure the wellness of Angelinos.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kelly Birch

**Date Submitted:** 06/06/2020 11:01 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** There is no doubt that the Los Angeles Police Department is desperately in need of accountability and reform. The police reform we are used to seeing (e.g. de-escalation training, education on racial bias, etc.) simply does not work well enough to be justified. In fact, Minneapolis police implemented training on implicit bias, mindfulness, de-escalation, and crisis intervention. They diversified the department's leadership, created tighter use-of-force standards, and implemented aspects of community policing. Clearly evidenced by the killing of George Floyd and so many others, these tactics are simply not effective enough and do not change the systemic issues underlying the way policing is conducted in this country - Los Angeles included. This "reform" should predominantly be focused on reducing its the exorbitant budget. Dangerous and unnecessary military-grade weapons. Excessive police response to minor drug offenses, public disturbances, and mental health crises. The residents of the city of Los Angeles do not have to put up with this aggressive and invasive policing to keep us safe. There are alternatives. We can use the power of communities and government to make our cities safer. How many social workers and community-based counselors could \$1 billion mobilize to help at-risk youth? How many EMTs and mental health workers could we pay? How many housing projects could we rebuild? We are calling on the mayor of Los Angeles to drastically reduce the police budget and commit to reallocating those funds to communities. Thank you, Kelly Birch  
UCLA Master of Public Health Student

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Edward O'Connor  
**Date Submitted:** 06/06/2020 11:09 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** DEFUND THE POLICE AND SUPPORT THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET TO DIVEST I'm writing to urge the City Council adopt the People's Budget, in order to make massive divestments from the LAPD, and reinvest that money into social programs that will actually help our community. I have been SHOCKED by Los Angeles's Draconian response to the peaceful protests in our city. Chief Moore and the LAPD have forgotten that they are public servants who work for the citizens of Los Angeles. Our city must become an example for the rest of the country, that America no longer needs to be built on a foundation of violence that systemically oppresses people of color, and our most marginalized communities. We must reinvest in those communities, with programs that will help people get out of poverty, get out of drug addiction, get a job that will last. Because currently we are solving our city's problems by sending the cops. And the cops can't fix these issues. The LAPD offer short-term -- and often violent -- solutions to much deeper systemic wounds. This must change NOW. LA can never again treat its citizens the way it has this past week. NEVER AGAIN. Divest and de-militarize the LAPD NOW.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Whitney

**Date Submitted:** 06/06/2020 11:49 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please support a completely revised city budget. Right now the city budget has 54% of the assets going to the LAPD. We would like to see this percentage dropped significantly to 6%. Of course we would like to see more of the budget ~25% go to reimagined community safety: like civilian-led crisis intervention teams composed of highly trained professionals, including nurses, doctors, psychiatrists, and social workers, to respond to incidents with people who are in mental health crises. We need to end the way we think about police and the racist system that the police have evolved from. We know the LAPPL will be looking to spend \$\$\$\$\$\$ in this fight to secure their own corrupt future. Please step up, stand with us and defund the police

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lacey

**Date Submitted:** 06/06/2020 12:26 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am demanding that the city council go further in their budget changes. In addition to further defunding the LAPD, I would like to insist on the reinvestment in Black communities. Actively reallocate funds for education and childcare in order to disrupt the school to prison pipeline. Our communities become safer through investment, not through the racist implementation of the law as it is carried out by the LAPD.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/06/2020 12:35 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** In this trying time, we should be looking at our LAPD budget and asking ourselves do we want to be an echo of the past, or a new future. If most of the calls LAPD officers deal with are not dealing with high profile violent criminals, can't we create a system that reflects that. Increasing the budget by billions at a time, where we just got a national demonstration that police given tools of violence become the source of violence. Are those cops bad people? Probably not. Are they channeling the pressures of a system that generate a violent result, absolutely. I don't expect every officer to fight the inertia of systemic pressures that are on their back. I do expect that humans are a species who can see the future, look at information and make better decisions. This is an easy thing to say from the outside. My paycheck is not dependent on the system remaining as it is, neither is my core philosophy. As a neutral observer, I watched police react similarly to peaceful protests across the country escalating violence and demonstrating the protestors point. This tells me that it's not any one person, but the context we've created for people. It's not about arresting bad cops, it's about creating a system that puts the winds in our sails that blow us toward our better angles. Budgets, legislation, and hard choices are the only way to do that. If we don't start now in this moment of change, we'll be back to the the slow drip of incremental change that has prolonged this problem for so long. Take a hard look at the People's Budget, and while you may not be able to adopt that outright, you can surely see the spirit of a new vision for policing, and a new vision for our city. I love Los Angeles, because we're a city always looking to the future, striving for more, and making room in the city for every type a of person. Let's live up to that.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/06/2020 07:15 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please amend the 2020-2021 budget so we can divest from the LAPD, implement further police reform, and invest in social programs that reduce crime without harming vulnerable communities through over-policing. The initial proposal to divest \$150 million is a promising first step, but that still gives over 50% of the city budget to the LAPD. You can do better. The data are clear that social programs reduce crime without traumatizing our Black and other vulnerable communities:  
<https://www.rootcausecoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Community-and-the-Crime-Divestment-The-Causal-Effect-of-Local-Nonprofits-on-Violent-Crime.pdf>. Every 10 additional organizations in a city: 1) Reduces the murder rate by 9% 2) Reduces violent crime rate by 6% 3) Reduces property crime by 4% We also know that government investment in the health and education of low-income children, such as increased funding for preschool and K-12 education, supporting college attainment for low-income youth, and improving neighborhoods that low-income children grow up in, yield particularly high return on tax-payer dollars over time. See the executive report and data here:  
<https://opportunityinsights.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/welfare-executive-summary.pdf> and <https://www.policyinsights.org/>. Tens of thousands in the city and millions in the nation are in an uprising over police brutality and we are in the midst of a health pandemic with severe economic consequences. We cannot accept the maintenance of this system any longer - your budget MUST be updated with the priorities of Angelenos. You can change this system by adopting a People's Budget that invests in the health and education of low-income children, universal aid and crisis support, and re-imagined community safety policies that invest in mental health and harm reduction strategies rather than over-policing communities. Thank you for your consideration, Clarissa Cortland, Ph.D.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Allison Michael  
**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 04:32 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello City Council members, I am disappointed in the small and insignificant cuts you have proposed to the LAPD as a part of the LA City 2020-2021 budget. The people of Los Angeles are speaking to you and we want a People's Budget that divests in police, and supports community well-being through housing security, economic injustice, mental and physical health services, prioritizing racial justice in education, and uplifting the communities that have been most affected by COVID and police violence. Revise the city budget. Defund the police and protect and uplift the resident of Los Angeles. This is what you need to do and as your constituents, we will make sure you hear it from us. For more information about adopting a People's Budget, visit [PeoplesBudgetLA.com](http://PeoplesBudgetLA.com). -Allison

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Hailey Chavez

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 04:34 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, this is Hailey Chavez from district 4 in Los Angeles, CA. I am demanding that the city defunds the LAPD and redistributes that money to services that help the people such as housing, healthcare, transportation, education and so on. 51% of our budget is unacceptable. Please adopt a People's Budget. I, along with many other voters, are counting on you.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Danny Ducker

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 04:34 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the LAPD and put their massive budget toward services that will actually SERVE the people of Los Angeles. We need housing, healthcare, education, public transit, and so many other things instead of power-tripping thugs with military grade armor and weaponry. If you need an example to follow, look at the Minneapolis City Council. They're listening to the community and doing their damn jobs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:15 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the people's budget. Please defund the police. Re-invest in community programs, health programs and new type of emergency response.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Renee Amador

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:19 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the People's Budget. I want to live in a better Los Angeles that believes in a better future for Angelenos and isn't afraid of police power. We can do better! Please de-fund the police and reinvest the money in new types of emergency response and public investment. Thank you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Natalie Patton

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:23 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a constituent of Paul Krekorian's in North Hollywood. I am sending this letter in regards to the possible \$100 million- \$150 million cuts in the LAPD budget. I, as a resident of Los Angeles, am calling upon your support in reinvesting this money to measures focused on enriching our disadvantaged communities and communities of color. As a city council member for our city that still has a long way to go in providing measures for easier access to affordable housing and public health, this is the very least you can do. Sincerely, Natalie Patton

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Grayson Peters

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:23 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers, As a member of the North Westwood Neighborhood Council and chair of its Transportation and Safety Committee, I strongly urge your support of the People's Budget for LA. In North Westwood, as in neighborhoods across the city, the LAPD has proven itself to be a menace to public health and safety. LAPD's use of rubber bullets, arrests, and prolonged detention in inhumane conditions (without access to water, food, medical attention, or bathrooms) at Jackie Robinson Stadium as a repressive tactic against peaceful protestors in Westwood was deplorable. That this field jail operated at UCLA's Jackie Robinson Stadium, named in honor of the civil rights activist, is offensive. That political prisoners were held in close quarters with no regard for social distancing at Jackie Robinson Stadium, a COVID-19 testing site, in the midst of a global pandemic, is simply unbelievable. Defund LAPD. Sincerely, Grayson Peters

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eric Kubli

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:46 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'd like the council to do everything in their power to push forward the People's Budget. The LAPD needs to be defunded and those funds need to go toward bettering our community to address the housing crisis, better schools, and better infrastructure.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Helen

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:57 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I appreciate the steps you've taken to reinvest in the communities of Los Angeles. You have not gone far enough. Keep going. Don't be shy. Don't have fear. Act on behalf of your constituents.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:59 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need the Peoples budget NOW!



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:12 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is time to divest from violent policing infrastructure and invest in strengthening communities of color. Police have been overfunded, militarized, and have not been held accountable for their violence and brutality. We must do better.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:16 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I respectfully ask, as a resident of the city of Los Angeles, that no additional funding be allocated to the LAPD and that funds already allocated to the LAPD be redirected to other needs of the city, such as homelessness, parks and after school programs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bryan Sih

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:17 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The LAPD, historically, have only protected the property of a white bourgeois class. It is well documented that restrictive housing covenants, white flight, and numerous other predatory housing practices have created a housing crisis for non-whites. Defunding the police is not just about police brutality. It is about comprehensively rebalancing the budget to prioritize deep rooted issues specific to LA, to put more money towards housing specifically, to build sustainable homes for families and working class folks instead of subjecting these communities to the brutality of overpolicing, gentrification, and other forms of state sanctioned violence. There are so many housing tactics yet to be tried to make housing affordable. Hillside villa is on the verge of being bought by eminent domain after the city used eminent domain to displace families at Hillside to build stadiums like the Staples center, or the well documented displacement that happened for Dodgers Stadium. The city has long been on the wrong side of history when it comes to housing policy and the large amount of families living in their cars or piled together in 1-bedrooms or on the street are evidence of this failure, of our collective failure to build a just society, instead opting for sports stadiums and bloated police budgets. Now, with the BLM movement calling to Defund the Police, there is Clarity in our demands and its urgency. Vote the People's Budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:17 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please revise the budget to invest more money in community programs like mental health services, housing, public health, and restorative justice—following the recommendations of the People's Budget. Mayor Garcetti's proposal to reduce police funding by \$150 million is simply not enough. I have watched the LAPD attack and abuse peaceful protestors on camera, and I am outraged. The police have proved themselves to be a racist institution that cannot be reformed. Please follow the lead of Minneapolis, which has committed to disbanding the police department and rebuilding city services to actually serve the city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Theresa Kilcourse

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:17 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Mayor Garcetti and Councilmembers Krekorian, Price, Koretz, Blumenfield, and Bonin, As your constituent, I'm writing to express my wish that you do not "defund the police", as is currently being called for by leaders of the Black Lives Matter movement. Even as a symbolic request, I think the idea is silly. However, I do think that fiscal pressure can be put upon the police department, and that's your job right now. I would like to see a complete dismantling of the police as it is and a rebuild from the ground up, as the Minneapolis city council is promising to do. Your platitudes and sympathy will do nothing whatever to remedy the situation. Sincerely, Theresa Kilcourse

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mike Dickerson  
**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:17 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** It's time for all of us to admit what's happening: the people of Los Angeles are standing up for what they believe in. People who never cared about local government until two weeks ago are researching municipal budgets! So first I'd like to acknowledge how exciting it is to see so many people, and so many new people, getting involved in the budgeting process. As the mayor is fond of saying, "the budget is a moral document." Over a century and a couple of weeks that have felt like a century, the people of Los Angeles have seen time and time again that the LAPD is an organization that holds itself to a low moral standard. This is why this committee should substantially reallocate funding from the LAPD to other departments and programs. These programs must serve Los Angeles's historically underserved Black, Asian, Indigenous and Latinx communities. In particular, I'd like this committee to think about how the committee can transform our city's response to homelessness. I am a cofounder and volunteer with Ktown for All, a group that does weekly outreach with our unhoused neighbors. Right now, when we encounter someone in crisis there is little we can do. Over a third of LAPD use-of-force incidents are against unhoused people, and sleeping in public makes one a target for a number of potential infractions. What we need are people to call who don't come with a gun and a badge and the ability to arrest and abuse with impunity. Mental health professionals, case workers, and medical workers who are properly compensated so they don't burn out at our currently high rates. Removing law enforcement from mental health crisis intervention opens up budget and space to treat workers whose mission is helping people like we do the police. This means acknowledging that they're job is hard, providing the necessary resources and training, and treating frontline care workers with respect when they tell you what they need to do their jobs. I want to know that when someone is upset in the middle of the street that I have an option to call someone who will prioritize care. That person won't carry a weapon, and certainly not a gun. For too long we've expected police to be social workers, psychologists, etc. So let's stop, and let's remove the funding we waste on expecting them to do this work. Let's put people who want to be social workers and don't want to carry weapons in charge of the calls that require care instead force. Finally, I endorse the work of the

People's Budget LA. They've provided a framework for you to understand what our communities need. I'm also declaring right now that one of you will dismiss this group by name during the meeting, and if you do you owe me \$20. Defund the Police and give us a better LA. IYMTFY

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Olga Lexell

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:20 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Re: People's Budget/LAPD Budget. I'm asking for a complete dismantling of the LAPD and a rebuild from the ground up, as Minneapolis city council is promising their constituents. There is no reason that more than half of our city's discretionary budget should go towards the LAPD and not healthcare, homelessness, public transit, and other community initiatives. Defund LAPD now.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Neil D. Richmond, J.D., LL.M, M.A.

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:21 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My entire life has been filled with a constant stream of police-instigated brutality against POC and their communities, implicit and explicit, and simultaneously flanked by reductions in education, community support and health services, and community outreach programs. Time and again, municipal and state governments have been given the opportunity to affect real reforms through traditional policy avenues, and every time they have failed, indisputably. It is clear and requires no further argumentation that effective reforms of a system founded on racism and subjugation of black people are not even possible. Policing has been demonstrated, irrefutably and undeniably, to be an irreconcilably racist endeavor, and police, by carrying out that endeavor, are racists by choice and in deed, and executives and city council members who support the racist institutions without effective criticism and without using their power to upturn them and fix them are racists as well, and will be marked as such by all of us and by history, forever. With the budget and the pittance you "sacrifice" --- it is clear you are more interested at this moment in political balancing and Machiavellian calculus, and so remember that history remembers, above all else, war and shame. You are shameful excuses for human beings, we are ashamed of you, and you should be ashamed of yourselves (likely too much to ask for such craven ghouls as you) for needing so much murder and blood to stain our souls before you would even consider acting. The path forward is clear, de-fund the police, eliminate militarized LE units entirely, eliminate the police union, and fire every single police officer in LAPD. Rebuild, or be remembered honestly as unrepentant monsters.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alexandra Orton

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:21 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I have been a citizen of Los Angeles since 2004, and from 2005-2008, I worked as a student officer at the USC police station, DPS. I enjoyed my work there, and I met some lovely public safety officers, community officers, and members of the LAPD. I say this because I want to make it very clear that I do not believe "ACAB." However, rigorous published histories, reporting, and citizen journalism (especially within the last two weeks) have offered overwhelming evidence that policing in America, and in Los Angeles specifically, is systemically unjust. Police brutality and racism are systemic. The DA's repeated failure to convict killer cops is systemic. The perpetrators are not "a few bad apples." Rather, individual police officers who would prefer to act ethically, non-violently, and de-escalate seem to be either outnumbered or silenced through hazing, pressure, and punishment. Los Angeles has tried reforms and they have failed. The only way to address systemic injustice is sweeping, systemic, structural change. This is why I support the People's Budget. Our tax dollars are much better spent on community care-giving: investing in healthcare, community programs, rehabilitation, education, parks, cultural venues like museums and theaters, fair housing and rent, housing the homeless, minority-owned small businesses, and climate change initiatives. This has always been true, but it is especially true in this era of economic recession - possibly depression - and the Covid 19 pandemic. Despite the pandemic, Los Angelenos have been courageously risking their health and their lives to protest in our streets since George Floyd was murdered by Minneapolis PD. They are risking their lives because they know that the lynching of our fellow Americans has got to end. White supremacy's chokehold on Americans of color, and Black Americans specifically, has been a grave public health threat for over 400 years, and it MUST END NOW. In addition to the risk of illness, protesters have faced extreme and repeated police escalation, including the use of less-lethal bullets, tear gas, beatings, and arrests, which only increase the likelihood of Covid spread and the severity of symptoms. As a direct result of LAPD escalation, a majority of the citizens of Los Angeles agree that Defunding The Police is the appropriate response, and the only way to guarantee these abuses won't happen again. I strongly urge the Council to adopt the People's Budget so that protesters feel

safe enough to go home and ALL Los Angelenos feel protected in this beautiful, vibrant city we call home. If the Council cares about controlling Covid, a People's Budget is essential to securing the safety and health of its citizens. The too-often ignored mantra of police is "to protect and serve." Let's Defund The Police and help our community find a way to REALLY protect its citizens, regardless of race, sex, gender or class. Let's find a way to serve our fellow citizens with compassion, respect, and solidarity. Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** KT

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:21 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Mayor Garcetti and Councilmembers Krekorian, Price, Koretz, Blumenfield, and Bonin, 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 \$150 million, this symbolic gesture is simply not enough. There needs to be a drastic reduction of LAPD funding and an unarmed 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 protestors, 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, KT

## Communication from Public

**Name:** camille mousseau

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:23 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of the Los Angeles Area I urge you to reduce the budget of the LAPD significantly and redistribute those funds to programs which actually help our communities and reduce the rate of crime. More resources for: mental health, public housing, emergency services, education, social services ect. If you choose not to I genuinely do not understand how you can see your city crying out in pain for help, and you choose to do nothing. Stop thinking about your own damn seats, and start acting like you represent this city. Listen.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:24 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the LAPD. The proposed cuts to their budget is not enough. That money can better serve the community elsewhere.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Taylor

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:25 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** There is no going back after witnessing the LAPD abuse their power and be so violent towards protesters. Adopt the People's Budget. Defund the police. Listen to us.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sarah

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:26 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the police. The people have been saying it. If you were there to attend the LAPD Public Hearing you would have seen how many LA citizens have been vocal about it. It's time you do what you're paid to do and listen to the people. We don't need 3 billion dollars flooding into the LAPD.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gabriel Orea

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:32 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** People's Budget/ LAPD Budget: Dismantle the LAPD. They are a racist and violent institution. There is no reason more than half of our vitores discretionary budget should go towards LAPD and not homelessness, health care, public transportation, and other community initiatives. Abolish the LAPD

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gabriel Skora

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:33 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, After the turmoil of the past few weeks I believe it would be a slap in the face to Angelenos everywhere to pass a budget even close to the allocation that I have seen proposed. I believe the operating budget for the LAPD came into this week at \$1.8 billion, before, after days of protest, violence on the part of LAPD towards residents of the city of Los Angeles, and further police brutality across the country, it was reduced by 150 million dollars. Let me be clear when I say that this is a drop in the bucket for the LAPD, and that Los Angeles can and should do more to set an example to the rest of the country about what listening to the people is all about. With outside grants and funds, the LAPD will be able to access closer to \$3bn. 150 million dollars is less than the bare minimum that the city can cut out, and we all know it. We need a people's budget, and one that allocates far less to a police department which over the past week has tear gassed its citizens, has beaten its citizens, has unjustly arrested its citizens, and has shot its citizens with rubber bullets. All for protesting police violence, and systemic racism in the first place. Public trust in the police is shattered. I was privileged enough to have that trust in the first place and no longer have it. The LAPD should be ashamed. I have read accounts of people arrested on their way home from protests, people not being read their Miranda rights, and people being locked up in vans and zip tied like criminals for hours and hours without any communication from the "officers" on why they are being held. I have seen citizens with stitches in their hands from where the police slashed them open while 'aggressively cutting off' ZIP TIES. after ARRESTING these people left and right for nonviolently protesting. It is shocking and disturbing. Further, LAPD Chief Moore had an AWFUL statement on the murder of George Floyd. One that shows his true colors as an "officer" and as a man, and one that he cannot take back . I conclude by saying I believe you are hearing similar things from other citizens. Listen to us. We can imagine a better city and show an example of what a better country can look like. One with less police. Significantly cut the LAPD budget and reinvest the hundreds of millions of dollars into the community. They need it. Not the police.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nathan

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:33 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please defund the LAPD. It is honestly crazy how much money is going towards them when we have so many problems locally that could use attention. Education in underrepresented areas is almost a joke in certain cases. With the current pandemic, many families are struggling with health and business issues, and the City's only focus is on funneling money into government workers and it is simply ridiculous our tax money is funding these decisions that don't represent the voices of the people. Please listen to us; we are hurting and you can help.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Conrad

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:33 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We will not stop protesting, calling, writing, and pressuring until our demands to defund and ultimately abolish the police are met. The \$150 million figure that was floated earlier this week was an insulting proposal given the \$6 billion allocated to the LAPD in Garcetti's proposed budget. We will not be placated by half-measures or empty promises. We are watching closely and we choose CARE NOT COPS. Adopt the People's Budget. Stop killing Black people.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:34 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the LAPD. How many more black and brown people have to die at the hands of the police before you take this issue seriously? Adopt the People's Budget and protect black lives.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shayna M  
**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:36 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** No raises for LAPD, adopt the Peoples budget! Defund LAPD, provide educational programs for officers who opt to leave. Suspend all evictions and mortgage payments through the end of the year.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Morgan

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:37 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Re: People's Budget/ LAPD Budget. I'm asking for a complete dismantling of the LAPD Budget and a rebuild from the ground up, as Minneapolis city council is promising their constituents. There is no reason that more than half of our city's discretionary budget should go towards the LAPD and not homelessness, healthcare, public transit, mental healthcare services, and other community initiatives. Defund LAPD now.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:38 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Unlike the Mayor's budget, which — even with cuts and proposed reapportionments — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the Peoples Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Thank you for your time,



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chris

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:40 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, I am ( like all LA residents) demanding that you what us and adapt a people's budget. Defund the police and stop this system that does not serve us. We can't continue on this broken path. You work for us and need to hear the deafening sound of our anger. Defund the police. 150 million reallocated is not enough. Best,  
Chris Horan

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Barry Steinhauser

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:41 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Reduce the LAPD budget and send it to educational programs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amy DeLuca

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:42 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not spend 1.8 billion dollars on funding the LAPD. The city just spent the entirety of the pandemic claiming we had no money for coronavirus testing, we couldn't keep businesses paid, and a mere \$1200 was sent to those citizens who qualified to receive checks. \$1200, again one-thousand and twelve-hundred dollars, and for a fourth time \$1200. Rent in LA costs more than that and I'm pretty sure you wouldn't be able to live off \$1200 for a month. I am now a college graduate, but my parents are both teachers in LAUSD and for my entire life they have told me about how there is no funding for their schools. Kids are never wanting to go to school, there aren't enough resources for them to learn and grow, and teachers are always getting laid off. My mother is the only female P.E. teacher at her school. There are 2 other male teachers. She has a class of way too many kids and she cannot handle it. These kids also can't handle it and class isn't fun for them because it is so heavily disciplined to keep order as 1 teacher handles 60+ kids. They need more funding. LAUSD needs more funding and we need less police in schools. We need to fund the communities these kids live in so their parents can afford to get them education materials, after school care, and better access to food. LAPD does not need over 1 billion dollars. I can tell you right now for a fact, I know the police do not use their body cams that the city pays for. This budget goes to complete waste when we could be giving better education to our Los Angeles children and better housing and help for their parents. The only thing the LAPD does is incite violence when attending to calls, and who wants to be greeted with violence? We need health professionals, lawyers, social workers, and community members to be the first source our citizens come into contact with. LAPD does not need this type of astronomical funding. Just think of what Los Angeles could be if we supported our communities instead. Let's be the leading city for change. If you truly love Los Angeles and its citizens, do not give this budget to the LAPD. Invest in our communities. It will be the best investment you've ever made I can promise you that. Be the change.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Madeline Cowen

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:43 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm calling for the defunding of the LAPD and support for the People's Budget. The \$150 million cut announced by the Mayor is insufficient. Minneapolis has set a precedent and I urge you to follow. Unlike the Mayor's budget, which — even with cuts and proposed reapportionments — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the Peoples Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. The city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department--needs that have been identified through extensive surveys. 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. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protesters and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. The violence instigated by LAPD is truly horrifying. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chris

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:44 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Re: LAPD Budget. I am submitting that the budget and wages of our county's police force be reapportioned to community initiatives including healthcare, public transit, and fighting homelessness. I am also asking that the duties and responsibilities of the LAPD be reexamined with the intent of lessening the number of violent interactions with innocent individuals.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:45 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to consider The People's Budget. We need care, not cops. The \$150 million budget cut for LAPS is a start, but not nearly enough, especially considering it is a mere drop in the bucket of what they would still be getting. There are so many other places the money could be going to, that would help our city far more than giving more money to the police department. If there is anything we have learned from the highlighted police brutality against protesters exercising their rights as citizens (and of course the history of the police in this country), it is that the police do not keep us safe. They do not keep ALL of us safe. And care and community is what we need. Please put the needs of the people before the needs of this brutal institution that causes more harm than good. The police kill more people in this country than most other countries in the world. Los Angeles is no different. We could try something different. We could lead by example. We know something needs to change. Los Angeles could and should be at the forefront of that change. Please do what's right, and consider the needs of the people in this city. We need affordable housing, medical care, mental health services, jobs, solutions for the homeless population and so much more. We need care. Not cops. Cops are not trained to care, it is time we release that delusion. It is time we imagine something different. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ross Musil  
**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:48 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the police and reallocate those funds to improving social programs and our local communities

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ren Sano

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:49 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** You have irreparably broken the public trust. You have paid for your comfort for with other peoples' lives. It's evil. The only thing you can possibly do is defund the police and adhere to the PEOPLE'S BUDGET. Stop getting kickbacks from the Police Protective League. Fire Chief Moore. Invest back into the communities you've been trying to eradicate. End the genocide.



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:51 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Re: People's Budget/ LAPD Budget. I'm asking for a complete dismantling of the LAPD Budget and a rebuild from the ground up, as Minneapolis city council is promising their constituents. There is no reason that more than half of our city's discretionary budget should go towards the LAPD and not homelessness, healthcare, public transit, mental healthcare services, and other community initiatives. Defund LAPD now.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:57 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The LAPD must be defunded more than the proposed \$150 million budget cut. This is not enough. More money needs to be going to LA communities. The police department should never be able to afford military equipment, tear gas, or rubber bullets. The citizens have spoken and we do not support the LAPD. They are murderers and they must be stopped.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dorothea Rodgers

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:58 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm calling in favor of the People's Budget LA and for a complete dismantling of the LAPD. Their department is grossly over-funded and dangerous to the people of LA. Those funds should go to more low-income housing and more services for unhoused Angelenos; 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. We want human-centered services. We do not want more police.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Josephine Shetty

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:58 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Mayor Garcetti and LA City Council, My name is Josephine, and I am a lifelong resident of Los Angeles. I am reaching out to express that your "work to identify \$250M further investments into community programs" is simply not enough. The people of LA vehemently oppose your budget, which still pours the majority of our funds into LAPD. We are demanding you fire Chief Moore effective immediately. His behavior is abhorrent, and your defense of him is shameful. LAPD is abusive, corrupt and has proven time and time again that they only exist to incite violence and terrorize Black and Brown communities. We demand that you completely restructure the 2020-2021 budget to reflect the goals of the Peoples Budget LA. We want and need our money to go towards quality housing for all, educational enrichment, good jobs, free and quality public transportation, universal access to fresh and healthy food, climate justice, mental healthcare, and small business resources, NOT police. We will continue to make our voices known. Listen to your community. We need CARE, NOT COPS, and we will continue to fight for these demands until they are met. Sincerely, Josephine

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Edward Yerke-Robins

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 10:58 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Mayor Garcetti and Councilmembers Krekorian, Price, Koretz, Blumenfield & Bonin, Like so many Angelenos, I have seen the community come together & make great sacrifices these past few months so we can all stay safe & healthy. I have also seen a week in which protests against police brutality were met with tear gas fired into peaceful crowds, attacks on local journalists, and a homeless man in a wheelchair shot in the face, while we were asked to sacrifice even more by being placed under curfew. If this is how the LAPD chooses to spend half the city's resources, then it is clear they cannot be trusted with them. I'm glad to hear Mayor Garcetti will cut \$150 million from the police budget; but out of nearly \$2 billion that isn't enough. Please consider redirecting more of the LAPD's budget towards public services like housing, parks & health care. We need to rebuild, and know that our sacrifice was for a better tomorrow, not to be beaten while we're down. Sincerely, Ed Yerke-Robins, Sunland (District 7)

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:00 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the LAPD. \$150 million cut is not enough. They should not be able to afford the military gear they have. They are only using it to harm citizens. There should be more money going to communities rather than police. The utilization of rubber bullets, tear gas, and riot gear in response to peaceful protests shows that they do not need or deserve these things. Defund the LAPD. Defund the LAPD. Defund the LAPD. \$150 million is NOT enough.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrew Perkins  
**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:01 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Unlike the Mayor's budget, which — even with cuts and proposed reapportionments — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the Peoples Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Over the past few weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anita Hodges

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:03 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I propose any and all judgements awarded or settled to victims or families of victims of police brutality come from police pension funds and not taxpayer sources. Additionally, immediately divest funds from the police and redistribute to community programs benefiting schools, housing and child care and development.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Caroline  
**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:04 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Settlements and lawsuit payouts should come from police pensions!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lexie Sparrow

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:04 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Good Evening, I am asking for a complete dismantling of the police and a rebuild from the ground up, as the Minneapolis city council are promising. There is a structural systematic disease that the police system is operating off of now. A system that is killing black and brown people in an alarming rate. There is no reason that more than half of our city's budget discretionary budget should go towards the LAPD and not healthcare, homelessness, education, public transit and other community initiatives. Defund the LAPD now. Fire Chief Moore and start righting the wrong that the police have done too many citizens of Los Angeles.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nick Peck

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:04 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The city of LA budget should be using the vast funds they use for the police to instead invest in our communities to reduce crime by building more social programs, better schooling and after school programs, and parks and recreation services. As well as additional city programs to help homeless people and youth with counseling and rehabilitation services instead of crime and punishment.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:07 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The LAPD budget was cut last week by 150 million dollars and I demand we go further. Currently the LAPD has three BILLION dollars-I demand we defund the LAPD (and dismantle it as Minneapolis has done) and put that money where's it actually needed-into housing, healthcare, mental health services,education, ending food deserts, and towards other community services that contribute to making our city better for It's citizens , rather than allowing it to continue as the backdrop to the terror inflicted on Black and Brown communities by the LAPD

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:07 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a Los Angeles resident, I call on you to defund the police - MORE than Garcetti's proposal to decrease by <5%. Use this money to invest in underserved communities. By taking a public health approach, whereby we focus spending on addressing root causes of crime (e.g., addiction, homelessness, poverty, unhealthy relationships, mental health, unemployment) by re-investing this money in organizations and professions that can address these societal problems (e.g., social workers, psychologists, non-profits, parks and rec, individuals in community trained in de-escalation, etc.), we can prevent crime from happening in the first place. This public health approach is in stark contrast to the systemically racist police force, who have needlessly killed multiple Black and other people of color and inflated crime via programs such as the war on drugs. By defunding the police and instead addressing social inequities, conflict will drastically decrease. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matthew Reagan

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:09 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** It's time to realize the solution is obvious. We have a crisis of violence against black and brown people that pervades every corner of this country. We the people are currently funding a domestic militia that has operated with impunity as Black lives are stolen each and everyday. We have a housing crisis where we allow thousands of fellow humans to live on the streets with little to no support or empathy. We have teachers who literally have to walk out of their classes just to get an iota of the resources they deserve. We have a healthcare system which has turned human lives into capital used to make profits. Millions have no healthcare at all. If only we had more money and resources to legitimately address these issues! Oh wait we do. We can stop the slaughter of Black people in this country, we can address the housing crisis in this city, we can invest in our teachers and the futures of our children, we can provide healthcare as a human right, and we can ensure funds flow into Black and Brown by completely transforming, replacing and defunding the police as we know it. We the people have waited long enough for our government to implement obvious solutions to dire issues. Do your job or lose your job.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** RC

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:12 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Mayor Garcetti and Councilmembers Krekorian, Koretz, Price, Blumenfield, and Bonin: The current Mayor's Proposed Budget for 2020-21 is a disgrace. How could 53.8% of a city's budget be invested in the Police, while a mere 4.6% is given to libraries? I urge you to reconsider and amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to reflect the values of Angelenos, who have clearly expressed our desire to invest in public safety--NOT the police force. I am requesting that the City Council adopt the People's Budget LA. Mayor Garcetti, you announced that you would decrease LAPD funding by \$100-150 million dollars, but that is frankly a laughable decrease given that a nearly \$3 billion allocation has been proposed for LAPD. You must drastically reduce LAPD funding and invest that money instead into un-armed, community-based, ALTERNATIVE system that is not based on policing. There have been over 600 Black people killed BY POLICE in LA County since 2012. That means nearly 100 people a year since 2012 have died at the hands of a system that you and others in the City Council claim is in place for the good of public safety. I utterly cannot comprehend that a system intended for public safety could cause so much death. Angelenos are marching through the city and engaging in our right to protest, a right which defines the American spirit, to demand for systemic change and justice for those who this current system is FAILING. And make no mistake that it IS failing. Public safety is no doubt a major concern in a city such as ours, but investment in LAPD is NOT in service of public safety. Investing in housing and job security, mental health services, and after-school care are the true investments in public safety. Our current responses to crime cannot ethically focus on punitive measures when issues of financial security, mental health services, and childcare HAVE NOT been addressed to begin with. Cutting these aforementioned services in order to bolster funding to the LAPD indicates to Angelenos that you are not in service of your constituents and do not care to address our concerns. We Angelenos do not feel safer with the current system in place. Following the horrific murder of George Floyd, we have taken to exercising our right to protest in our city. The response from you, Mayor Garcetti, has been to enact curfews and flood our streets with police and the National Guard. I do not feel safer knowing that the National Guard is

here; I do not feel safer with the knowledge that the LAPD is on high alert to "deal with" protests. We are not simply "protestors"; we are Angelenos and the residents who make up your constituency. Indiscriminate and liberal use of tear gas and rubber bullets against your own constituents is wrong, and you know this as well as we do. Simply training LAPD officers in manners of de-escalating violence (which I must ask: has this not been prerequisite this entire time? To what ends?) is NOT ENOUGH. The fact of the matter is that LAPD officers have the means and the will to use these weapons against their OWN community of Angelenos. In this moment, you and the aforementioned Councilmembers have the power to right the wrongs in this city, our home. I ask that you amend your budget in order for there to be a more just and equitable Los Angeles than there has been in the days past. I urge City Council to adopt People's Budget LA and amend Mayor Garcetti's budget. Shift resources AWAY from LAPD to social services, housing, employment programs, restorative justice programs, rent relief, and public health programs. Sincerely, RC



## Communication from Public

**Name:** John Delaney

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:12 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As an LA resident, I would like to see the continued effort to divert funds from the LAPD to other community services (homeless, schools, hospitals) and pushing to an effort to defund the police department. If this past week has taught us anything, it's there are major racial issues in the LAPD, and the inflated budget can be better utilized to serve our community, not surprises and attack it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:14 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The LAPD must be defunded more than the proposed \$150 million budget cut. This is not enough. More money needs to be going to LA communities. The police department should never be able to afford military equipment, tear gas, or rubber bullets. The way they have utilized these during peaceful protests are indication that they should NOT have them. The citizens have spoken and we do not support the LAPD. They are murderers and they must be stopped. DEFUND THE LAPD.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sohrab Pirayesh  
**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:16 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am asking to completely defund and end the LAPD as an organization and rebuild it from the ground up to serve the needs of the city as mineapolis is attempting to do. It should be staffed, budgeted and organized based on the reality of the city's needs where only 5% of offenses are violent and require armed officers. We don't need a militarized police force. We DO NOT need helicopters flying overhead constantly and at every hour. We need trained social workers and administrators who excel at connecting people to the services they need. Let's build a more just, safer and more equitable Los Angeles.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matthew mead  
**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:21 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please Redirect a significant portion of the police budget to other social services that our city so desperately needs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephanie Ward  
**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:22 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council members, We're encouraged to see that our constant action has pushed Mayor Garcetti and City Council to back up their nice words with some actual action. But we need you to go much further. LAPD is still left with 51% of the city's unrestricted revenues. That's not at ALL acceptable. I demand you to adopt a People's Budget that emphasizes care not cops and defunds the police. Unemployment reached 55% in early May. Many of our ~2 million renters are struggling to pay rent. 58,000 of our unhoused neighbours remain on the streets, despite clear evidence that failing to house them is the equivalent of sentencing them to death in a pandemic. The mayor has failed to commandeer hotel rooms for our homeless despite 100,000 rooms sitting vacant, many that were overwhelmingly built with public money or on public land. Incarcerated folx are not being released, though the risk of contracting COVID-19 is greater in congregate and institutionalized living settings. We need housing. We need healthcare. We need healthy food. We need good jobs. We need educational enrichment. We need small business resources. We need mental healthcare. We need free public transit. We do not need more police. Los Angeles and Mayor Garcetti MUST cut the LAPD budget, especially as its cops continue to meet protests against their extreme state-sanctioned violence with more violence. We demand truly transformational change. I also want to make clear that your failure to listen to your constituents does not mean that we will give up. We will continue to make our voices known, both online and through in-person protests.  
Sincerely, Stephanie Ward

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cala Murry

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:25 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm a Los Angeles resident and I support defunding the LAPD. The recently proposed \$150 million cut still leaves OVER HALF our budget going to policing, which is unacceptable. This budget is looting our city of resources for programs that actually serve and protect our communities. We need more mental health service providers, social workers, and victim/survivor advocates - not more police. Investments in communities is what drives public safety. The City Council should also be advocating for more spending on homelessness, climate change, jobs, education, and transportation. You can only increase spending where it counts by defunding the LAPD.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matt Spicer

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:43 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Re: People's Budget/LAPD Budget. I am asking for a complete dismantling of the LAPD and a rebuild from the ground up, as Minneapolis city council is promising its constituents. There is no reason that more than half of our city's discretionary budget should go towards the LAPD and not healthcare, homelessness, public transit, and other community initiatives. Defund LAPD now.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joseph Karnes

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 12:13 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of Los Angeles (90026), I demand that the city divert funds allocated to the LAPD to community funding, particularly Schools, Community Centers, After School programs, reinvestment in the African American communities, reinvestment in communities in poverty, homelessness.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Thomas Lahoz  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 12:20 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am an Angeleno and I live in District 1. I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Unlike the Mayor's budget, which — even with cuts and proposed reapportionments — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the Peoples Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Thank you for your time, Thomas Lahoz.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jacqueline Snyder

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 12:26 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The proposed decrease in funding for the LAPD is far too low. I want my tax dollars to go toward public good in the form of housing, education, emergency crisis aid, medical care for all including mental health and addiction treatment, and NOT on the violent racist unreformable system of police. Please listen to Black leadership and focus on serving the interests of the Black community. District attorney and police chief are failing citizens and should resign. Thank you. DEFUND POLICE

## Communication from Public

**Name:** C. Chavez

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 12:29 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Re: People's Budget/LAPD Budget. I write to express my alarm regarding the Mayor's Proposed Budget for 2020-21. We can do better and we must do better. This City is full of genius, creativity, goodwill, and ingenuity. Let's put that to use and imagine better systems! The proposed cut of 100-150 million dollars is NOT enough. I repeat, IT IS NOT ENOUGH. The money currently proposed for the police department should go towards services that will help the people of Los Angeles, not hurt them. We want more social services, employment programs, public health resources, and not more policing. There must be a more drastic reduction of LAPD funding and an alternative system. We implore you to listen to the voices of your constituents. The clear videos and accounts from Angelenos and press from all over the world present at the demonstrations over the past 13 days shows, without question, that the LAPD is NOT protecting nor serving the citizens of Los Angeles. These videos and accounts exemplify the issues of police brutality. Why were innocent, unarmed, peaceful persons tear gassed; shot with rubber bullets and pepper balls; beaten; shoved; sprayed; cornered (before curfews so they could be arrested); detained for HOURS on buses; denied basic human needs (water, restroom, medical attention); and released into neighborhoods and sarcastically told "good luck getting home"??? Why are people's wrists and arms being sliced when zip tie restraints are cut off and then sent home bleeding? Angelenos have shown up at hospitals requiring medical attention for injuries caused BY POLICE OFFICERS' BRUTALITY. Police brutality is now a public health crisis. Let's start treating this public health crisis with all the seriousness of the coronavirus. Leaders of Los Angeles, I make this plea to you: **HELP YOUR CITY AND HELP THE PEOPLE!** Shift resources from the LAPD to social services, housing, employment programs, restorative justice programs, rent relief, and public health efforts. On Sunday, June 7th, 2020, over 20,000 Angelenos came out into the streets to call out systematic racism, white supremacy, and demand **CHANGE!** Do not let this monumental moment pass you by without action; what side of history will you be on? When your families ask you how you helped, what will you say?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Yaquelin  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 12:46 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, My name is Yaquelin Perez and I live in the City of LA (District 1). I want to thank councilmember Cedillo for his responsiveness to calls and emails about the budget last week and for continuing to uplift the needs of his community across policy issues throughout his career as a public servant. I trust that he will continue to lead with integrity as the rights of our black community members are violated by a corrupt police department while critical community needs continue to go unmet largely as a result of misguided budget priorities. I urge you and the rest of the city council to reject the Mayor's proposed budget. The City's proposed budget does not reflect the values of Los Angeles residents who reject the racist policies that have an adverse and disparate impact on black and brown individuals in this city. The city budget should reflect the values and needs of the people you serve as you fight to dismantle systemic racism. I support the People's Budget LA in calling for the defunding of police, and the HealthyLA Coalition in calling for the funding of these housing efforts: The acquisition and rehabilitation of multi-family buildings & single-family homes. Investing \$310,000 per unit for multi-family units and \$450,000 per single family home, the total program cost would be approximately \$690,000,000 for Year 1 and result in 2,000 units of housing. Invest \$70,000,000 in a fully-funded Right to Counsel and Eviction Defense Program that includes legal defense, tenant outreach and education and targeted rental assistance. Fund HCID to enforce existing tenant protections. This is critical during a time of expected and unprecedented waves of evictions looming. Create a Pilot Social Housing Program. Provide developers with gap financing to ensure affordable housing construction projects are completed in a timely manner. Commit CARES and general funds dollars to finance and operate supportive housing units. Again, I urge you to lead with integrity by adopting the constituent priorities reflected in the People's Budget as well as the housing efforts promoted by the Healthy LA Coalition. Thank you, Yaquelin

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mark Kleehammer

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 12:56 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Your proposed budget to the police is insane. Defind the police, even 1% of that current budget is too much. Police dont create safe communities, police create fear. Everyone is afraid if someone calls the cops on them, in particular People of Color. Cops are tools of violence. How come the cops didn't tear gas the right wing "we want haircuts and economy to open" protests? Police dont need all the armor and guns anand weapons they have. They have them, they will use them. Why do police have all the top protections, but doctors and hospitals dont have enough masks, protective gear and tests for corona virus?

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 12:57 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I've lived in Los Angeles my entire life. I'd never describe myself as "political" before, but the shameful way the LAPD has handled peaceful protesters shook me into action. Yesterday the Minneapolis City Council pledged to dismantle their police department, because reform isn't working, and hasn't worked for some time now. It's time for LA to make the same change. It's time the billions of dollars that would go to the police instead go into our communities that need it the most. I strongly urge you to adopt the #PeoplesBudgetLA. Don't be remembered as the people who allowed LA to devolve even further. Be the leaders who made a compassionate long-term investment in the people of our city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tyler Hutchison  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 01:11 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** This budget is outrageous! If we invested \$3 billion dollars into taking care of our city and it's people every year we would not need the police! Most people in this town are upstanding citizens, it's really just a few bad apples who cause crime... Maybe we should just try to help those few bad apples instead of funding an undisciplined and untrained military that uses violence as the answer and is not accountable to citizens. Seriously, restaurants on yelp receive more scrutiny on their day to day job than police officers. If you get rid of the police, you won't have to worry about the police union anymore.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andy Seymour

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 01:11 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The Minneapolis City Council has now demonstrated that disbanding a city's police department is possible in the immediate term. The allocation of more than half the city's discretionary budget for policing would be obscene under any circumstances, considering that the murderous record of L.A.'s police force is widely known, but it is pointedly cruel in the context of a pandemic, when the mayor has declared a state of fiscal emergency due to declining tax revenues, resulting in cuts that will mar Angelenos' quality of life. While the line for homeless services does not decline in the mayor's latest budget, these services should be expanded at the expense of funding for the police: so far during the COVID crisis the city has managed to house only a trifling fraction of its unhoused tenants, meanwhile the LAPD continues to maim and kill Angelenos with impunity. Line items like urban forestry and transportation should not be cut while funds available for police salaries continue to swell. The sustainable transformation of our city and its atmosphere is an urgent necessity for all its inhabitants, while policing will merely continue to protect the unchecked power of real estate capital and its craven lackeys who serve on the city council. Care, not cops!



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 01:15 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is not enough to cut the budget by \$150 million when you spend BILLIONS on the police still. It is a great disservice to the people in your city and a clear act of fake solidarity. If you truly believe in the safety of the people in your city you would revise this and increase the dollar amount significantly.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrea

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 01:15 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a citizen of the city of Los Angeles, I am asking for the defunding of the LAPD. I am asking that more cuts be made to the 3 Billion dollar budget and that they are allocated in education and healthcare. How is it possible that more than half of our city's budget goes to the LAPD and yet school teachers have to buy their own supplies for their students. It does not make sense to me. This is an injustice to the residents of this city, 250 million is not enough. That is like a slap in the face, more cuts need to be made and more money needs to be invested into our communities. Defund the LAPD!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David S  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 01:36 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello. I want to express my concern regarding the Mayor's proposed budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. I urge you to amend this budget to reflect the values of our community: social services, employment programs, public health resources, rent relief, and restorative justice programs. What has been clear for a long time, and GLARINGLY obvious through the course of these recent protests, is that the Los Angeles community does not need more rampant policing. I am requesting the city adopt the popular and well thought PEOPLES BUDGET LA. Yes, I understand the Mayor recently announced he would decrease LAPD funding by up to 150 million. This is not nearly enough. We need a real shift in how the city of Los Angeles spends this budget, and where these funds are allocated. There needs to be a DRASTIC reduction of LAPD funding. I urge you to consider an unarmed community based policing system. The police unions can scam. We need to rethink this whole system, much like Minneapolis is doing. These marches and protests are how the citizens of this great city have chosen to DEMAND systemic change and justice for the 600+ black people killed by police in LA County since 2012. I'm begging you to listen to the demands of these protestors. We have an opportunity to improve upon the past instead of repeating past mistakes. Public safety, of course, would 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 current budget will not make Angelenos safer. Please, we need a compassionate budget. A more humane Los Angeles. CARE, not COPS. I urge you to make changes to adopt the People's Budget LA and amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to shift resources from the LAPS to social services, housing, employment programs, restorative justice programs, rent relief, and public health efforts. This city is bruised and beaten, and this is what it needs. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jon R

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 01:43 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** DEFUND THE LAPD / ENACT A PEOPLE'S BUDGET / CARE, NOT COPS I've been a resident of LA for 12 years this summer. I've never been prouder of this city than in these last days and weeks as Angelenos have come together in the streets to express solidarity, provide mutual aid, and demand a more just future. We're learning to take care of each other, and we're learning to ask for what we want and need. That imperative of care and healing must include the defunding of the LAPD and the institution of a People's Budget as supported by Black Lives Matter LA and many other grassroots community orgs. Toothless reforms like 8 Can't Wait will not solve the issues of systemic racism in our policing institutions. 7/8 of those reforms were on the books in Minneapolis when Derek Chauvin killed George Floyd over nine long minutes while his colleagues watched. A veto-proof majority on the Minneapolis City Council has now pledged to disband the MPD. Clearly this is a moment of possibility as well as suffering and strife. We can imagine and create alternatives to the broken status quo together. Let's start by slashing the LAPD budget and using that money to do the meaningful care work that keeps our communities healthy and vibrant. This is especially important when huge numbers of Angelenos are out of work and navigating a global pandemic! How exactly do we do that? Fuck if I know, I'm a video editor. That's your job, but luckily there are lots of smart folks who can help guide you! Partner with the people already doing the work on the ground in our communities. Start with the Black Lives Matter LA-led coalition People's Budget LA: <https://peoplesbudgetla.com/> Or we can stay in the streets. 20K tonight in Hollywood and I feel great!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cynthia Valenzuela

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 01:54 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of Los Angeles County, I would like to comment that the redistribution of \$100 million away from the LAPD is not enough. LAPD does NOT need over 50% of the LA's budget. People of color, especially our Black neighbors, friends, and family, are disproportionately harassed and abused by the LAPD. At best, they are inefficient and unhelpful. At worst, they murder and dehumanize us. Defund the police and redistribute the funds to community outreach, ADEQUATE homeless shelters, social workers, education, and other programs that benefit the lower-income and non-white people and communities of Los Angeles.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Emily Altschul  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 02:18 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We, the people of Los Angeles, will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of incremental reform to our current policing system. The Minneapolis Police Department had adopted nearly all of the most progressive reforms being circulated now, and still: Philando Castile, George Floyd, and others are no longer living because down to its core, our nation's policing system is intrinsically and inextricably tied to upholding systems of White Supremacy. That is the conclusion the Minneapolis City Council came to yesterday when they made the pledge to dismantle the MSD and put in its place a “new transformative model for cultivating safety.” That is what we call on you to do today. Adopt the People’s Budget. Divest from the LAPD and invest in community wellbeing. For years, the police have been given more and more responsibilities in our city -- but they are not mental health workers, nor are they drug treatment specialists, social workers, nor de-escalators. We must reimagine what public safety looks like -- if there is a drug overdose, why send an armed police officer? That's the job of a medical first responder. If someone is sleeping on the street, why send an armed police officer? That is the job of a social worker to help find that person housing and get them back on their feet. If someone is having a manic episode, why send an armed police officer? That is the job of a mental health expert trained in defusing that situation and helping that person come back to stasis. Violence, too, is better deescalated with community interventionists - currently unpaid work. Moreover, if we invest in housing, healthcare, mental healthcare, and youth and community programs, crime *\*will\** go down. People engage in crime when they are desperate. Help Angelenos in this time of great need. Invest in care, not cops and cages. Adopt The People’s Budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Karla J.  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 02:26 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am calling on Eric Garcetti and the Los Angeles Police Commission defund the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) budget. Time and time again, the LAPD has demonstrated unjust law enforcement misconduct and racist practices that lack accountability. Black Lives Matter (BLM) supporters and allies responding to the brutal murder of George Floyd are being exposed to unwarranted police violence during peaceful protests taking place in the streets of LA. While the LAPD is armed with an absurd \$1.8 billion budget that equips municipal police with military-grade weapons, overwhelmed nurses and doctors working to combat the COVID19 pandemic have insufficient access to testing kits and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Furthermore, hospitals are being flooded with people seeking treatment for injuries associated with the police brutality prompted by the protests. The LAPD should not be granted nearly half of the city budget when black and brown communities continue to be disproportionately affected by systemic economic exploitation. #defundthepolice Defund the LAPD and increase funding for public services that SUPPORT THE PEOPLE, specifically, public education, emergency management/preparedness, hazard relief, and public health. I demand Police Chief Michel Moore be fired immediately, without pay, for perpetuating institutionalized racism and gross police conduct in the very same communities he swore to serve and protect. I demand that all CA representatives, Mayor Eric Garcetti, Governor Gavin Newsom, Senators Feinstein and Harris, and Attorney General Becerra support the "END QUALIFIED IMMUNITY ACT". Failure to act will force we, the people, to call for your resignation. I am tagging the individuals mentioned in this statement so that you can voice your opinion too. I urge to support the Black Lives Matter movement and stand in solidarity with communities working to rectify civil unrest. BLACK LIVES MATTER.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shelby

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 02:53 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the state sponsored gang that is the police force. Not shuffle money around to police. Not hide it in a secondary shadow budget allocation: defund the police. Take Minneapolis's lead on this at least in having the imagination to at least CONSIDER a city that could thrive without a tax payer funded terrorist organization (LAPD, to be clear) that looves to violate and murder anyone they see fit. Are you scared of the cops, council members? I would be! You remember Moscone and Milk; you've seen that your constituents are ready to take direct actions and remove you from office. But when you're on the people's side then you get the people's protection — but maybe the police union is actually super chill and fun about threats to their money and I just don't know! also, lol don't you care that constituents in your district are willing to put their own bodily safety on the line to try and improve THIS CITY for YOU and everyone in it?? this is not the time for cowardice nor fear; and if defunding the police will cause you bodily harm we will protect you. Otherwise I assume you love that sweet sticky feeling of blood on your hands  
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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Luke Kim

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 03:44 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, Mr. Krekorian, and members of the Budget & Finance Committee. I recall last week you told the people that you won't be "budgeting by hashtag." Which rubbed me the wrong way. So today, I want to play a numbers game with you. You were first elected to City Council back in 2009. You have headed up the Budget & Finance Committee since February of 2012. Recently, back in March of this year, you were officially re-elected for your third and final term as councilmember of Council District 2. I thought the parallels of right now to the first year you headed up the Budget Committee in 2012 were interesting. That year, still under Mayor Villaraigosa, the budget was facing some similarly deep revenue shortfalls. Last week it was mentioned this year's would be AT LEAST \$45 million; back in 2012 to 2013, it was stated, by you, to be \$220 million. So, as a city should properly balance its budget, you and the Mayor approved a budget that cut 400 city jobs. But at the same time, you both approved an \$89 million increase in the LAPD budget, the first truly major increase to its budget in several years. On top of that, you approved an additional \$1 million that the Mayor hadn't even asked for, for LAPD transportation. So that's notable that it seems to be a trend for you, since LAPD budgets have increased by over half a billion between then and now. At this time, I want to note that you, as a councilmember, have been paid \$184,610 per year since 2015, \$10,610 MORE than any Senator AND House Representative. Mind you, Congress hasn't approved a raise for itself since 2009. I should also note that as of 2018, 254,000 residents live in your district, Council District 2. You were only re-elected this year with 30,844 votes. Just yesterday, over 20,000 people showed up to march in Hollywood alone to support defunding the police. The number of people out on the street just grows and grows. I know it's your final term, and you have 4 years that you might feel free to do whatever you'd like. But the game's changed in Los Angeles. With thousands and thousands of more eyes on you now, either you'll do your job and listen to the people, and defund the police, or we'll make sure your entire legacy is of helping destroy a city that deserves better.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 03:45 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The treatment of people of color by the LAPD is beyond despicable. Black communities and latinx communities are terrorized by the LAPD on a regular basis, creating a cycle of racism that harms so many. Our mayor slapping on a curfew when people are seeking to exercise their freedom of speech is deplorable, but just one example of the priorities in this government. While LA politicians say they care about black people, people of color, homeless, etc - what they DO speaks a hole other story. This couldn't be more true for LAPD who are the complete opposite of public safety. Instead the LAPD regularly encourages violence with their aggressive and racist policing leading to the death of many brothers, sisters, children, parents. This council needs to defund the LAPD and dismiss the current police force who are untrustworthy and proven failures to create a trustworthy public safety force. We must rebuild our public safety organizations, require racial bias testing to any who are employed by these organizations, and severely limit the number of armed officers to next to zero.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rivka

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I do not support defunding the police. I do not support police brutality but I want safer neighborhoods and we need the police for that. Thank you to all the great policemen out there.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jesse Keener

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 08:12 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am submitting that the budget and wages of our counties police force be reapportioned to community initiatives including healthcare, public transit and social work. LAPD should be relieved of the bulk of their duties and the budget should be reassigned to departments who could better perform the job.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Adam Fishbein  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 08:19 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a longtime, devoted Angeleno, I wake up every day and see how beautiful this city is. How much potential it has. However, these past couple weeks have revealed that when the golden sheen of the California sunshine clears, there is an underbelly of corruption within this city's government, one that upholds the systemic oppression of our communities of color. I have been so sickened by the city's response to its citizen's speaking out against this obvious oppression, the meaningless platitudes, fake shows of solidarity, and most important unwillingness to stand up to a system that is eroding the possibility of this city. I call amongst the city council to defund the police and re-invest that money, yes INVEST, not just throw pennies at them to make protestors shut up. It's not going to be easy, the police force will likely retaliate and put up a fight but let them. You were elected to serve the people, NOT the police. When I learned about the civil rights movement, the images of civil black protestors getting sprayed with hoses and attacked by dogs at the hands of police shook me to my core. Never would I have imagined seeing that in Los Angeles in 2020 with my own, two eyes, in person. I've been to every day of protests and was so inspired in my fellow Angelenos protesting peacefully; mourning the loss and grieving the loss of the countless members of the community lost to police brutality, only to be agitated and provoked by a police force that doesn't care about them. To see these "officers" act the way they have frankly made me lose my faith in humanity. It is vile and despicable. In my household, we do not reward bad behavior with money. The City Council of Minneapolis' recent announcement to defund the police was a message to the world — listen to the people who elected you and be on the right side of history. We are watching.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Julian Axelrod  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 08:21 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am encouraged that City Council President Nury Martinez has introduced a motion calling for up to \$150 million in cuts to LAPD to be redistributed to communities of color. But this is just a start. Much more extensive cuts to LAPD are necessary. Martinez's proposed budget is virtually the same as last year's budget. Even a cut of \$150 million would still leave LAPD with 51% of the city's unrestricted revenues. The People's Budget allocates just 5.7% to traditional law enforcement, with much more money going to human-centered services such as housing, healthcare, transportation, parks, and schools. The fact that the Mayor and City Council are content with cutting funding for these essential services while increasing the police budget is extremely troubling. The safest communities do not have the most cops; they have the most resources. If Mayor Garcetti wants to talk about being "anti-racist", he needs to back up his words with funding. The people of LA demand investment in care for our communities, and defunding of the city's racist, violent, and deadly police force.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nicole Plescia  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 08:26 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** The \$150 million Garcetti has offered is a pitiful consolation prize to merely appease the masses. This chump change will not affect the systemic change we are looking for and we will not fall for it. The atrocities the LAPD has committed against the peaceful protests over the past 2 weeks will not be rewarded. We tried it your way, and you lost. We'll take it from here.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alexandra du Manoir  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 09:10 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please adopt The People's Budget. It is vital that the Los Angeles City Council reallocates the majority of the funds that it spends on policing into Universal Aid and Crisis Management (which includes food, housing, healthcare, and other necessities); The Built Environment (which focuses on our city's physical infrastructure); and Reimagined Community Safety (which prioritizes community-led restorative justice rather than police intervention in order to ensure safe communities). Crime rates in Los Angeles are especially low, and devoting more than half of our city's budget to policing will only harm communities of color who have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and by police brutality and violence. The Los Angeles City Council needs to prove to its citizens that it is first and foremost committed to keeping us safe, and adopting The People's Budget (built and put together by Angelenos) is a pledge to our safety and well-being.



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 09:59 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers, I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Mayor's proposed budget for 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 funding for police. As demonstrations over the last few weeks have shown, police do not serve the people of Los Angeles, they do not protect the people of Los Angeles, and they do not value the lives of our Black and African-American community members. I request that the City Council adopt the People's Budget LA. While the Mayor recently announced that he would decrease LAPT funding by up to \$150M, this gesture is just symbolic. It is not enough. There needs to be a drastic reduction of LAPD funding and the implementation of an un-armed, community-based, alternative policing system that prioritizes social and community support. 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. I implore you to listen to the demands of your constituents who are speaking out as one clear voice across Los Angeles and adopt the People's Budget LA. Sincerely, Alison Fedyna District 10 Resident

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:03 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is deplorable and wrong for our city to dedicate 54% of our budget to the police, knowing what we know about police brutality and that this system is not working. Please, let's change this together. Let's invest in our communities instead of in police. Let's listen to the organizers who dedicate their lives to informing us about these issues. Let's build a better tomorrow.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Serena

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:04 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Why are we only reallocating \$150m when the city budget is \$10.5 billion? We must do more. Please stand with your black & brown residents and reallocate money away from the LAPD and into mental health, homelessness, and education programs. Let's set an example for the rest of the country to do the right thing. Thank you for your consideration.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mireya M.

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:05 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** To allocate such a large portion of the city's budget to police enforcement in these times of crisis is irresponsible leadership and an active step into holding the city and it's residents, from progress. It is an investment in a system that is broken when we need an investment in housing, education, health care, financial security, and community led initiatives. As a city we can do better and we should do better but that is going to require new strategies and investing the city's budget in non traditional ways. I trust the city council will make the right choice for its constituents.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Katie Goldston

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:09 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please, for the love of God, amend the current budget proposal to reallocate funds to services that actually help our community. Defund and abolish the LAPD who have been tear-gassing and shooting non violent protestors. The LAPD are KILLING people. I don't believe a community is healthy when we normalize police KILLING people as part of the job. Mass incarceration IS NOT NORMAL. Let's invest in rehabilitation and hire mental health professionals instead of putting LAPD into our elementary schools. INVEST in education, trained social workers, and public health services. We don't need more cops in full riot gear, we need shelter for our unhoused neighbors. Join the people and adopt a peoples budget! DO BETTER. We're watching. Black lives matter! Xo Katie

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Aaron

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:11 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I demand the defunding of the LAPD from the proposed budget and that those funds be allocated into resources associated with housing, education and mental health. These are things that help build and sustain better communities- not further policing. We demand care not cops.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elizabeth Rodriguez

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:13 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I want to see the budget's focus shift from funding a bloated police force to supporting our communities in Los Angeles. Defund the police and adopt A People's Budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:14 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need a budget that raises up all Angelenos. Education, public transit, housing, mental health services, health care, environmental protection: these are our priorities. Devoting half the city's budget to policing is actively hurting Angelenos, both through over policing and through under investment in vital services. Enough is enough.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gloria Gutierrez  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:15 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a life long Angeleno and I live in District 14. I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Unlike the Mayor's budget, which — even with cuts and proposed reappropriations — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the Peoples Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Catherine Schetina  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:16 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to urge the City Council to make the morally correct choice to amend the proposed city budget. Putting billions of dollars toward the LAPD while countless La residents are unhoused, without medical insurance, unemployed, or otherwise affected by the Covid-19 pandemic is not only irresponsible, it's cruel. The people of this city have shown over and over that a more militarized, larger police force does not make us safer, it only leads to more harassment of people of color, more senseless violence, and more cycles of abuse, poverty, and destruction. The money must be redirected to fund public services, not create a hyper weaponized private military of white supremacist bullies for the city of LA to use without oversight. Directing funds toward immediate housing and homeless relief, education, and other public service programs is the only way to protect the people of our city. The people of Los Angeles demand CARE NOT COPS. And we are watching closely to see who rises above the pressures of the police union and strikes out as a clear, moral voice in this pivotal moment.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elizabeth Walle  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:18 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** When police chiefs make racist remarks, when police officers don't report each other's crimes, when police departments are self-regulated and feel empowered to act however they please, and when mayors of the biggest cities in the country are clearly frightened of their police departments, then we must acknowledge that the system of police is corrupted to the core and cannot be reformed. We must start defunding now, to the fullest extent possible, as we recognize that imagining a new way of caring for our community will take time. I am demanding these immediate changes: no cops in our schools, no military grade weaponry for cops, no taxpayer dollars paying for police brutality settlements, and as much defunding as is possible. We do not want money taken from other services in the general fund like parks & rec, education, homelessness, public health, etc. to reinvest in Black communities and other marginalized and oppressed communities. We want money taken from the LAPD budget. I would also like to see a full and detailed LAPD budget so the community can fully understand what we are currently paying for. Finally, I look forward to a transparent process of what the reinvestment in Black and other POC communities will look like. If members of this council are afraid of what will happen if you take funding and power away from the police, then let that spur you on even more to rein in the authority of the most dangerous gang in the city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elyse Graham

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:19 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** So much of policing is attending to quality of life issues. This is NOT the job of the police. I urge you, City Council members, to DEFUND THE POLICE! Instead please vote to allocate those funds to HOUSING, EDUCATION, COMMUNITY OUTREACH and MENTAL HEALTH services for communities that are over policed and AFRAID FOR THEIR LIVES! No more POLICE BRUTALITY! NO more VIOLENCE! No more MURDERS!! NO MORE SETTLEMENTS FOR POLICE CORRUPTION! STOP KILLING BLACK PEOPLE! STOP TERRIFYING OUR COMMUNITIES! E N O U G H !!! BLACK LIVES MATTER.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sara Schaefer

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:21 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Sara Schaefer and I am a resident of Los Angeles. I am calling on my City Council to defund the police and FIRE Chief Michael Moore. Cutting the police budget by \$150M is not nearly enough. Don't let this opportunity to make a REAL change pass us by. Ask yourself what kind of city you want to live in. Let's rethink the meaning of safety. Let's divert resources away from a violent police force entrenched in white supremacy and use the money to ensure the actual safety of our community. Let's spent our tax dollars on what counts: housing, mental health support, healthcare, education, small business support, and more. Do what's right and adopt the People's Budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lisa Wu

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:23 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am submitting my comment as a former resident and as someone who will be residing either in/adjacent to the city of Los Angeles for the rest of my foreseeable future due to my career in animation. I urge you as many others have over the past few weeks to consider defunding the LAPD in favor of the People's Budget- one that would redirect funds towards housing the homeless, economic relief in the wake of COVID-19, and education and other programs that support more equal opportunities for underserved communities. All the money in the world could not begin to reform a police force whose fundamental trust with the public has been broken. All the implicit bias training, de-escalation training and diversity hires in the world do not undo the fact that since its inception, policing as an institution is meant to protect property and wealth over people. LAPD has had several of the policies touted by reformists for years, but that has not stopped police violence or police killings, nor has it encouraged any accountability for officers who commit misconduct. We ask that Councilmembers who are worried about their communities suffering under more violent crime with a smaller police presence re-think what their definition of crime and violence is. Violence is state-sanctioned brutality in reaction to peaceful protest. Violence is being thrown into a punitive, non-rehabilitative system in reaction to actions taken due to suffering from poverty and lack of opportunity, while corporations that cause massive social harms through wage theft, corporate poisoning etc. are not criminalized. As an additional action item, I hope that the LA City Council takes specific steps to disband or at the very least rethink the LA School Police Department as well as any other police presence in LAUSD schools. Currently 25% of all students arrested are in elementary school. Please ask yourselves how this is justifiable. Children do not need to be policed; they need too be encouraged, educated, nurtured and uplifted. Please follow in the footsteps of Portland and Minneapolis and end all school police contracts as a small step to dismantling the school-to-prison pipelines. Thank you for your consideration in such an important juncture in our history and our lives as Angelenos. -Lisa Wu

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tracee Johnson  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:23 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** We demand the reallocation of LADP funds to better serve the people of Los Angeles. Please allocate more funding to the city's Rec & Parks, Cultural Affairs, Universal Aid and Reimagined Community Safety. We, the people, demand re-allocation and a larger reduction of the LAPD budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Corey Chappell  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:25 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I read an article today that 6.1 million dollars is being spent on bullets and another \$500,000 on gun racks while only \$39,000 is being spent on education & training to help de-escalate situations. These numbers are staggering! Do you need more than 7 bullets per every man, woman, child in Los Angeles? Please think about how funds are being spent. More police on the ground does not stop crime. More resources in neighborhoods help prevent crime much more effectively.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Leily Arzy

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:25 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the Mayor's proposed \$150 million cut from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), but it is not nearly enough. Angelenos deserve a budget that effectively meets the needs of black and brown communities. I want to see my tax dollars go to healthcare, housing, mental health services, and public education. It is an unacceptable misuse of funds that over 50 percent of our city's budget was set aside for law enforcement - especially amid the COVID-19 and homelessness pandemics. Proposing to reduce LAPD's budget by less than 5 percent is also inadequate, and we expect a significantly greater reduction. Budget cuts will likely necessitate a reduction in police personnel. This should be an opportunity for LAPD to rid itself of the numerous violent and abusive officers that have been recorded on camera and/or have had numerous complaints filed against them. Along with budget cuts, we must also see the demilitarization of the LAPD and legal accountability for law enforcement officers who use excessive force and violence against civilians. To be clear, I respect law enforcement officers who do not abuse their power and use their role to ensure public safety for all. However, the status quo is clearly producing irreparable damage for our minority communities and resulting in the constant degradation of black and brown lives. If Minneapolis' city council can "disband" the police, you can certainly use this political moment to create systematic change in the LAPD.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Arjun Gadani

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:25 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to #DefundLAPD immediately. The public does not see 5% cut to be efficient at all! We are demanding that you defund the department as a whole just as they are doing in Minneapolis. Even a blind eye could see the treacherous acts and behaviors LAPD has committed this past week and has been doing so for countless year. We the public will not stop at all until we get what we deserve and that is not to be illegally interrogated by the LAPD and to feel like our lives are at stake each time a POC is pulled over. What we need is a community policing solution. I hope you see the injustice the LAPD as a whole has caused to the good people of LA. #BLM #Blacklivesmatter

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Allison Adamonis

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:51 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am an Angeleno and I live in District Culver City. I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Unlike the Mayor's budget, which — even with cuts and proposed reapportionments — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the Peoples Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sharif

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:51 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The budget for police represents 17% of the total. However, Police consume 53% of the city's taxes that are not earmarked for special purposes or certain fees, fines and grants. The 17% budget would appear to be a significant misestimate if the police consume an additional 53% of funds - why is the initial police budget for the city NOT calibrated for this significant misestimate in operating expenses? In my experience as a finance professional you can not appropriately hit stated goals and targets when budgets are severely misstated and not rectified or calibrated.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:51 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge the Council and committee members to reject the Mayor's proposed budget. The City's proposed budget does not reflect the priorities and values of Los Angeles residents. In this time of global pandemic and the fight to end systemic racism, the city budget should invest in communities, not policing. As someone who formerly worked in constituents services for the City of LA, I can assure you that the majority of calls and emails I received were related to issues that stemmed from lack of funding (tree trimming, street humps, sidewalk repair, the list goes on). I support the efforts of HealthyLA and the People's Budget Coalition in uplifting the many other priorities the Council should prioritize. Prioritize your constituents who are suffering under historically racist systems and need more relief. Namely, I support the People's Budget LA in demanding the defunding of police, and the HealthyLA Coalition in calling for the funding of needed housing programs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Samantha Lentsch

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:52 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of LA, am urging the city council to adopt the LA People's Budget to defund the LAPD. Cities around the country are taking action to ensure the safety of their residents and preventing the needless and violent deaths of black men and women. Let's make sure LA is a part of that movement and sets an example for the rest.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Travis Diehl

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:52 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear LA City Council Members, I want to express my strong support for significant cuts to the LAPD's funding. I urge you to pass a budget that reallocates those resources to more urgent and human needs such as affordable housing, especially for those residents currently living on the sidewalks during a pandemic. Thank you for your time. Travis

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Heather Roberts  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:53 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Mayor Garcetti and LA City Council Members, I am a voting resident of Los Angeles living in Echo Park, and I am demanding that you defund the LAPD, and redistribute the majority of their massive funds to community programs that approach homelessness, healthcare, education, criminal justice, mental health, poverty and other pressing issues with compassion. The 5% reduction of LAPD funds proposed by Mayor Garcetti earlier this week is insulting to the people of Los Angeles. This is not a time for toothless, placating political gestures. This is time for real change. The citizens of Los Angeles believe there is another way. We have showed up in the tens of thousands to tell you that the LAPD's issues cannot be solved by their own organization. They have been given chance after chance, and dollar after dollar to weed out the systemic racism and violence in themselves, and they have failed at every turn. We demand at minimum that 50% of their funds be redirected to other social services immediately, and that plans be enacted now to completely dissolve them in favor of other social service organizations. We also demand immediately that you remove the assault weapons and military equipment from their arsenal that allow them to militarize themselves during peaceful protests, promoting fear, violence, and the degradation of the basic fundamental rights of every US Citizen. This is non-negotiable. These protests and this unrest will continue until these changes are enacted. And I guarantee that none of you will be re-elected if the LAPD remains so highly funded. Thank you. Respectfully,  
Heather Roberts



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Corey Klemow  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:53 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of Sherman Oaks. I am writing (or rather, writing again; in this climate you can't repeat yourself too much) to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. 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. Demilitarize our police. Stop spending so much on weapons. Spend more on community services. Spend more on preventing the root issues of crime so we need less officers and less armed response. 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 for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Yehoshua

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:55 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I am a very concerned citizen with this crazy proposal of de-funding the LAPD. It is known that the LAPD is already understaffed, we need more LAPD not less! Besides, "greedy people are never satisfied" they will still complain no matter how much you "give in"! Please stay strong and don't buckle under pressure! Thank you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gregory Smith

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:55 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I beg of you to please continue defunding the police from the budget and divest it into resources that desperately need it. Keep it up. Go more dramatic than you think you need to. Adopt a People's Budget. Help save our lives. Please. Best, Gregory Smith 90039

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tania Romero

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:57 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Our community urges you to defund the police. Within the city of Los Angeles, there are far more pressing issues that need immediate attention including but not limited to homelessness, outdoor green spaces, gentrification, mental health, public health. Money would be put at better use elsewhere and it is ridiculous for half of the city's budget be allocated to LAPD. Police reform is not working. Follow Minneapolis foot steps and disband the police. Let the city of Los Angeles put people first and protect them instead of upholding white supremacy. Lastly, I urge the city to fire the police officers responsible for the actions within the following article. It is their duty to serve and protect, not further criminalize.  
<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-8393309/USC-grad-details-horrific-arrest-LAPD-cops-peaceful-protest.html>

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Hannah

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:57 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please Please Please don't lower funds to the LAPD this is very scary for me and my family who as it was felt unsafe and was hoping for more police presence. Thank you so much and may G-D bless you and our entire city with safe, loving citizens!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Natalie Guerrero  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:58 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please reallocate funds from the police towards education and low income communities. This is how I want my tax dollars spent.  
Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lucia Aniello

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:59 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of LA (90068) I demand we defund the police and adopt the Peoples Budget of LA. Our communities are struggling and there's absolutely no need for our police to be receiving such an outrageous percentage of our city's budget. I will continue to take to the streets until the allocation is fair.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sarah Roethke

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:00 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The city of Los Angeles is exhausted. We're tired of seeing billions of dollars funneled to LAPD. Not only is this money wasted but it is harmful to the residents of LA county, over 600 people have been murdered in recent years but, areas of social services that would reinforce a strong community that can keep itself safe and provide care has gone wildly underfunded. This city needs to redirect these funds going to the LAPD to education, housing security, public health and health care, and mental health and wellness. The People's Budget LA lays out a clear plan for where funding can be redirected as you defund the LAPD. Try to imagine a city that takes care of those experiencing homelessness, offers services to sustain safe, educated, and healthy communities for the people of LA to exist and thrive in. The city of Los Angeles is tired and we are asking you to do something about it, we've even made it simple for you by offering The People's Budget LA so you should have no problem understanding how and where to make change. I implore you to listen, the people are watching and will hold you accountable to make these changes. Thank you.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Peggy Lee Kennedy, Venice Justice Committee  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:01 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** The Venice Justice Committee supports peoplesbudgetla.com and Black Lives Matter. We want the LAPD budget shifted away from using Law Enforcement as a response to poverty, homelessness and mental health issues immediately. And not shifted to other Law Enforcement efforts or training. A very specific way can be to use LAPD budgeted funds for purchasing motels or using existing public owned land and converting them into community based Board & Care facilities for people with mental illness -- RIGHT NOW -- done in partnership with nonprofits like Step Up On 2nd. These funds can even be matched with LA City Prop 63 funds. Do The Right Thing Peggy Lee Kennedy

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jess A  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:16 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Like the many Angelenos who have called in, tweeted, and marched in opposition, I am demanding the Mayor completely revise his horrific and white supremacist budget. The LAPD is one of the most abusive and corrupt law enforcement departments in the country, and the city is repeatedly sued over the LAPD's abuse of power. We are in the midst of a global health pandemic — thousands remain unhoused and millions are at risk of joining those ranks. Black, Brown, poor, institutionalized and unhoused bodies are at the greatest risk of being exposed to and dying from COVID-19. These are the same folx who are disproportionately impacted by LAPD violence. The People have spoken. And they have marched. And the police CONTINUE to prove just how problematic and racist they are. We acknowledge the \$150M in diverged funds from the LAPD. While that is a great start it is simply not enough. Angelenos have demonstrated that we want the city to invest in universal needs like quality housing for all, universal access to healthy food, financial and economic support, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health and mental health support. They want the city to divest from traditional policing. I demand Mayor Garcetti and the LA City Council draft a People's Budget that emphasizes Care not Cops and which DEFUNDS THE POLICE. I want to make clear that your failure to listen to your constituents does not mean that we will give up. We will continue to make our voices known, both online and through in-person protests. We're also happy to Recall Garcetti. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jackie Y  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:42 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** 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 by up to \$150Million, this symbolic gesture is simply not enough. There needs to be a drastic reduction of LAPD funding and 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 LA following the murder of George Floyd had exemplified the issue of police brutality, including the use of tear-gas and rubber bullets against protestors, 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.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Miriam Hutchinson

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:42 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm reiterating what my son already wrote because his generation are the new adults inheriting our mess - I agree with him 100%  
"I'm native to Los Angeles and disappointed with the city budget allocated to LAPD. Not only is it grossly disproportionate to other expenditures, it simply does not serve the citizens in need of support. We need subsidized therapy, family assistance, housing assistance, subsidized food, and other social services to provide the security required for all constituents to flourish. In addition, a bump to park maintenance and non-car infrastructure would provide more accessibility to the wellness of time spent outside. We demand you redistribute the budget! Garcetti's 1% reduction is lip service, plain and simple. I would like to see 50% or greater, on principle and in modeling the comprehensive services provided by forward thinking nations in Europe. How it got this far is beyond comprehension, but it's always the right time to change course — A BIG change, for the good of all Angelenos!"

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cornelia Clarke  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:42 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** To the members of the Budget and Finance Committee- Paul Krekorian, Curren D. Price, Jr., Paul Koretz, Bob Blumenfield, and Mike Bonin: I am calling for the City Council to adopt the People's Budget. As a lifelong Angeleno, the People's Budget centers what the city and its people want and need. Unlike the Mayor's budget, which — even with cuts and proposed reapportionments — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the Peoples Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be dissolved. Minneapolis is on the path to dissolving its police and instead building a system of and for the community. Los Angeles can and should do the same. This is the time to reimagine what the police should be and what the police should do. This is the time to investigate just and equitable systems to promote public health, safety, and community. Defunding the police and putting those funds into social workers, mental health professionals, and community organizations can help this city become what its people want. Thank you for your time, Cornelia Clarke

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jo Zeitouni

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:43 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am against defunding the LAPD, we actually need to give them more funding. We need our streets and neighborhoods safe, this will do the opposite. It is your duty to keep our city safe.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ezinne Egbo

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:43 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to defund LAPD. Period. I called the Mayor's office last week to report the disgusting misconduct of the LAPD in this video: <https://twitter.com/nickhamiltonla/status/1268023885665992704?s=21>. I attend USC and work with South LA youth in multiple on campus organizations and my blood still boils a week later anytime I think about that video. That could have easily been my kids out with their friends in their neighborhood, just hanging out and the LAPD decides to do a rubber bullet drive by on them. There is no good reason to do that. Does the City of LA not realize or do you guys just not care that experiences like these are what sows discord between communities of color and police? Like congratulations, now those kids, rightfully, for the rest of their lives are probably going to say "fuck the police" because you just traumatized them for no good reason. You guys probably don't care about that though, because LAPD was never meant to protect and serve kids like them. How about instead of LAPD doing drive bys like the "thugs" they condemn and being allowed to commit 600 un-prosecuted murders over the span of 7 years, the mayor's office defunds the police and gives some money to LAUSD. I've seen firsthand that those kids do not get the resources they need and they deserve, but because they're Black, Brown, and generally poor you all are leaving them behind. TLDR; Black Lives Matter. Fire Michel Moore. Defund the police.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Isabella glaudini  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:46 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm hoping that measures can be put into place to grant less funding to law enforcement and more towards actions that uplift community healing / educational growth. I support the PEOPLES BUDGET. There is a global movement right now, it is in your power to usher in new methods of "law enforcement". The old ones haven't worked. Throwing people In jail, heavily policing minority communities, using violent tactics. Let's leave these in the past. I understand it is complex, difficult work, but please don't shy away from it. Work together with these grassroots community activists to figure out a better system of "law and order". And Thank you for the hard work that you do, I know it is not easy— especially right now.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nicole Groton  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:46 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** To Whom it May Concern: I am an Angeleno and I live in District 2. I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. This city wants to unite and live peacefully as the great city that it should. We need to see real action in our representatives in order to feel like our voices have been heard and our concerns are valid. It is for this reason that I urge the LAPD be defunded, now. Please consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and reunite this great city filled with diverse and empathetic voices. Thank you for your time, Nicole Groton

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dalena

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:48 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Council President Martinez and the rest of the sitting LA City Council: I urge you to defund the LAPD full stop. The police have NEVER made me feel safe, and the abysmally small 5% cut you and Mayor Garcetti have proposed is lazy appeasement. We do not need more cops! We need COMMUNITY CARE. We need investment in social workers, mental health professionals, EMTs, bridge housing. We need to focus on the houseless residents of LA, LGTBQ+ youth, climate change and transportation. What the hell is putting more killer cops going to do to address ANY of this?! Black and brown communities do not feel safer with cops. Domestic abuse victims do not feel safer with cops. Individuals suffering from substance abuse and addiction do not feel safer with cops. CHILDREN DO NOT FEEL SAFER WITH COPS. DEFUND THE POLICE. CUT THE FAT AND DEFUND THE LAPD. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Taylor K  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:48 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council Members and Mayor Garcetti, I am an Angeleno and I live in District 4. I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Unlike the Mayor's budget, which — even with cuts and proposed reapportionments — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the Peoples Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chase Engelhardt  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:51 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers, I wanted to take today to reiterate my support of defunding the LADP. I urge you to reject the Mayor's proposed budget. The City's proposed budget does not reflect the priorities and values of Los Angeles residents. In this time of global pandemic and the fight to end systemic racism, the city budget should reflect the values and needs of the people you serve. The police don't need more funding, your constituents who are suffering under these racist systems do. I support the People's Budget LA in calling for the defunding of police, and the HealthyLA Coalition in calling for the funding of these housing efforts: -The acquisition and rehabilitation of multi-family buildings & single-family homes. Investing \$310,000 per unit for multi-family units and \$450,000 per single family home, the total program cost would be approximately \$690,000,000 for Year 1 and result in 2,000 units of housing. -Invest \$70,000,000 in a fully-funded Right to Counsel and Eviction Defense Program that includes legal defense, tenant outreach and education and targeted rental assistance. -Fund HCID to enforce existing tenant protections. This is critical during a time of expected and unprecedented waves of evictions looming. Create a Pilot Social Housing Program. -Provide developers with gap financing to ensure affordable housing construction projects are completed in a timely manner. -Commit CARES and general funds dollars to finance and operate supportive housing units I have worked with Bonnin's office a number of times on housing/houselessness issues on the Westside and very much appreciate their commitment to solutions. Seeing firsthand the violence with which the LAPD has responded to protests about police brutality, and seeing the police union openly threatening Councilmembers and the Mayor on Twitter has solidified for me the need to disarm this agency and open the door to substantive progress. Thank you, Chase Engelhardt, CD 11

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Collin B

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:51 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Council Members, Today is the start of what could be a better Los Angeles. We need you to take a step forward and side with the folks you represent to commit to creating a budget that works for the people, not the police. If this past week of protests has shown anything, it should be that we have the numbers behind our movement. To claim now that you don't have the power to defund the police has been proved wrong by the Minneapolis City Council as they've made clear their intent to begin cutting police in favor of services. You have the power and the moral obligation to put an end to over-policing and brutality of the underserved communities. The video of the LAPPL confronting Council member Rodriguez should show that they are scared of the voices that have been rising up, which had previously been kept down for so long. They resort to intimidation tactics and the willful spreading of false information because they know their position within the status quo is finally being challenged and that they must now confront the history of prejudice and violence in which they've been complicit. Take this as a sign that you are doing the right thing when you choose to defund the police.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brooke Nosratian

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:58 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I demand racial, social, and economic justice in Los Angeles. We need further divestment from the LAPD, greater than the proposed \$150 million, and that money should be invested in education, and other community programs, in communities of color and black communities instead. The harassment of communities of color by police officers must end, and law enforcement officers must be held legally accountable for their actions. Remove their protections. Make all records visible to all.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Harrison Givens  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 12:01 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Re: People's Budget/LAPD Budget. I'm asking for a complete dismantling of LAPD and a complete rebuild of policing in LA from the ground up, as Minneapolis city council is promising their constituents. There is no reason that more than half our city's discretionary budget should go towards the LAPD and not healthcare, the unhoused, public transit, and other community initiatives. Defund LAPD now. Adopt a People's Budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jana Whalley

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 12:01 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Honorable Councilmembers, My name is Jana Whalley, and I work with the Immigrants' Rights Project at Public Counsel. We are writing to say that the current budget proposal to decrease LAPD's budget and reallocate City dollars to communities of color is a step in the right direction but it is not enough. To effect true transformative change, the city needs to go much further than this given that it is still pumping \$3 billion (51% of the city's unrestricted revenues) into a machine that we know murders Black people. We need you to support the People's Budget and ensure it fully reflects our values and to ensure that any City action must underscore the fact that black lives matter. Los Angeles must come together to condemn and take action in concrete ways to end the unjust and racist system responsible for the attacks, murder, and mass incarceration of black people, as well as the racism that fuels this administration's mass deportation machine, which is attacking and tearing apart immigrant communities, even while COVID-19 rages on in California's detention centers. That is why we also urge you to take a stand against racism now by renewing the LA Justice Fund (LAJF) once and for all. The Los Angeles Justice Fund team has proven its commitment and power to rise to the occasion in the most difficult of times, providing a concrete legal safety net for immigrant communities. Our communities deserve a full and just recovery -- a true transformation to a just and equitable system -- where no one is left behind, where our collective and individual healing and well-being are centered, and our families and neighborhoods are stabilized and kept together. This safety, stability, and a sustainable & just recovery is achieved through due process for all, equitable access to healthy affordable homes, health, jobs, community-based prevention, essential services, and an end to the policing and incarceration of black and brown communities. It is not achieved through false choices, where the system tries to pit us against one another for our basic needs. Our communities deserve justice, now more than ever. We are Angelenos and we must stand together. Invest in Community. Divest from Policing. Give us a People's Budget. Thank you, Jana Whalley



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lola Dompe

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 12:01 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I know it is probably very tricky to completely redraft a new budget and reimagine public safety. So thank you for being open to new ideas and I hope you all will see that this will all be worth while in the long run! Innovation is all about taking risks! It is time to completely innovate the public safety infrastructure, because it is not working and its causing harm to our communities. The whole system should be more preventative and less reactionary. I envision a Los Angeles that has trauma informed crisis intervention specialists trained in behavioral and mental heath preventative measures. I envision a Los Angeles that prioritizes funding towards making communities more livable and less oppressive, so that crime is no longer relevant. If you divest funding into communities, it will provide more opportunities for people and they won't have to revert to crime to fulfill their basic needs. Your citizens will be able to afford mental health, they will be able to get an education, achieve goals and feel good about their lives. We're not asking you to get rid of policing... were asking you to reimagine it, innovate a century old system that just isn't working anymore. Don't just divest money from the police system... instead, divert it into creating a new public safety system and more opportunities for minority communities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nora Fujita-Yuhas  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 12:04 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am an Angeleno and I live in District 14. I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. This revision is absolutely necessary to the health and wellbeing of LA residents. Unlike the Mayor's budget, which — even with cuts and proposed reapportionments — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the Peoples Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and 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. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Take action now.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Seth

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I expect our city to be leading on the issue of police violence. Please propose some significant, meaningful change and adopt the people's budget proposal. The proposal by Mayor Garcetti & the police commission to reduce the budget by only \$150 million is not enough. This is a cut of less than 5% and is ridiculous.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Peter Hawks

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 12:11 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a voter and a taxpayer, I'm urging the City Council to immediately and dramatically reduce LAPD funding and reinvest that back in the community. Follow the lead of Minneapolis, our law enforcement desperately needs to be reinvented from the ground up. Police reform has been attempted and proven not to work. The way this city gets good police 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. 150 million is not satisfying anybody. There are 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 demand that this council removes any funds going towards LAPD for covering settlement costs. The taxpayers should not be paying their own settlements for suffering abuse at the hand of institutionalized power. Police have no incentive to stop brutalizing citizens when they are literally not held financially responsible 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 have to.