

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eric Hsu

**Date Submitted:** 06/04/2020 12:33 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** In regards to Mayor Garcetti's FY2020-21 Budget Proposal for the City of Los Angeles. Please redirect funds allocated to the LAPD of over \$1 billion dollars and implement de-radicalization programs away from the LAPD and any military industrial complex related industry and instead in-acting SWEEPING HEALTHCARE REFORM. There is a public health emergency, and there has been a public health emergency. We are just waking up to those FACTS. NOW is the time to act and to take BOLD STEPS both towards creating short and long term solutions for the city, the state and the USA. This is a moment to overhaul the entire healthcare system to include a mental health task force designed to de-radicalize institutions of power and de-radicalize people from extremist behavior. I make this call now because without proper focus on the health of ones heart and ones mind, it will not matter how much affordable housing, rent stipends, utility stipends and meals/groceries we provide for troubled people. Our government and medical fields are cold and foreboding. We must accept and respect people for there emotions and feelings they contain. People treated like machinery begets abuse. Training programs can be provided by the city to low income individuals who apply. Those who test high in empathic skillsets can be trained with simple de-radicalizing techniques and receive a degree. If we can get American's talking to one another again in this fashion and make it a large part of the economic workforce and provide health services to large portions of the population, I believe it is a big WIN. You won't have to cut services to the homeless community by 6% because this program would pay for itself over a 10 year scale. As you rehabilitate the population, the individuals become apart of a impressive and growing workforce. People just need someone to listen to them. It's really simple America. Not everything has to be so complicated, just like washing your hands, one small act can go a very very long way to saving lives. Do not direct our tax dollars to the LAPD. A bi-monthly education bonus of \$190-\$290 for having a degree is money that needs to be allocated to the public health. The LAPD are complicit in the murder of George Floyd because they also have murderers in there ranks. It's in the DNA of the whole system. You see the LAPD are already radicalized but this madness needs to stop now. Not with guns and violence but with

nice people who just want to help out by working at a public health program to DE-RADICALIZE AMERICAN SOCIETY. Imagine, imagine an America de-radicalized through Americans simply talking with one another. Talk can heal old, hardened wounds. Thank you.

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- Eric Lin Hsu  
June 4, 2020

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brian Smee

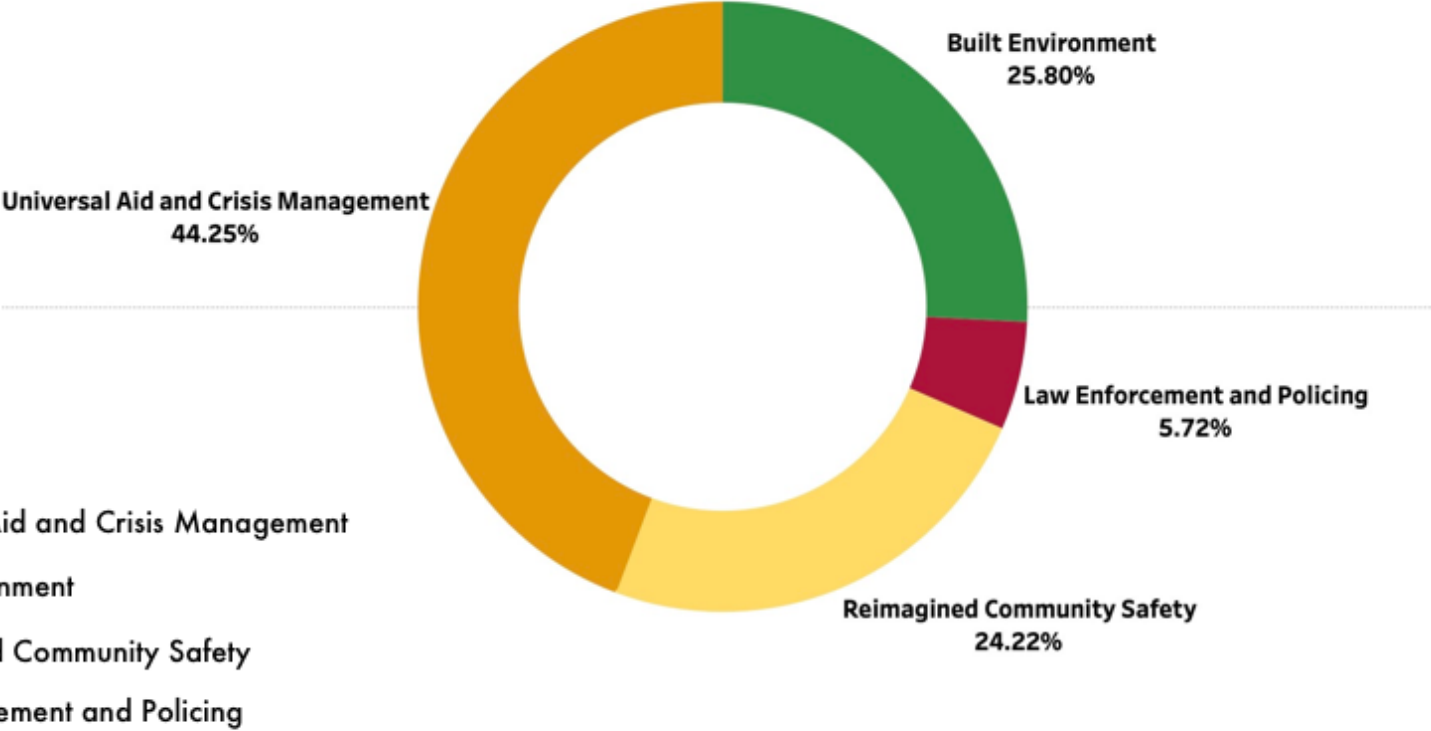
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**Council File No:** 20-0600

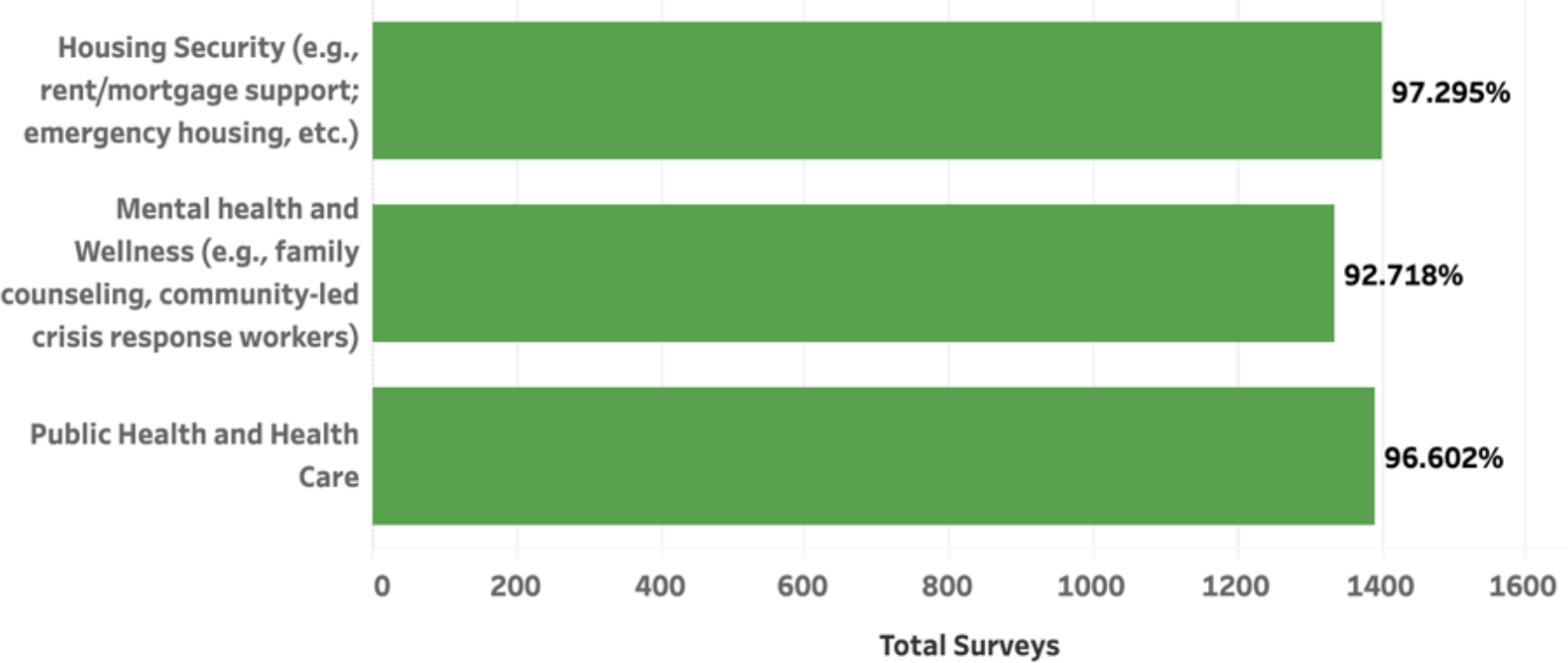
**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello City Council, I am writing you all today to ask you to divest more of the budget from the LAPD into social services like Housing & Community Investment, Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Transportation and Rec & Parks. The proposed 100-150 million cut is a good start but that still leaves the LAPD with upwards of \$3 billion, a massive majority of the budget. That must change. So much has happened over the past week that has illuminated the contradictions between our law enforcement and our city. I've seen peaceful protests met with a hulking and brutal response from the LAPD. I've seen Michel Moore blame the death of George Floyd on protesters instead of the police that shoved their knee into Floyd's neck for 9 minutes cutting the blood circulation into his head and killing him. I've also seen the video circulating of the LAPD voice dissatisfaction with Council member Monica Rodriguez saying that they are the ones keeping the city from being on fire and that they have over time been forced into adopting many jobs and services outside of their primary job of policing, i.e. becoming social workers because people will call 911 expecting that to solve all problems. It is true that it is ridiculous to expect the LAPD to be social workers -- that is why I hope City Council considers divesting more of the budget from the LAPD and apply it toward social services that are appropriate for aiding and assisting those in need rather than calling the police. The taxpayer money invested into our city should reflect the one that we want for our futures. These past two weeks of protest have been extremely educational I hope that you all have seen and reflected on these past two weeks of protest and that those reflections show up in real concrete ways into our future, one that is hopefully less dependent on the LAPD and more reliant upon the people who live here. In that video of LAPD speaking with Council Member Rodriguez, the LAPD officers end with the threat that since these cuts will take "from their families and they put everyone on the line? We are going to fight at the ballot box." I can't stop thinking about how the contradictions that a statement like this makes. The LAPD are given state of the art riot gear while our health care professionals have to wear trash bags. The Police say that these cuts will take away from their families but what about Ryan Twyman's family? Or Kenneth Ross Jr.'s family? Or Kenney Watkins' family? What

about the families who have had their sons, daughters, husbands, wives, loved ones taken away from them unjustly by the police? That video of the LAPD confronting the Council Member Rodriguez underlined and bolden the contradiction within the LAPD and their inability to hold themselves accountable. Do the right thing and cut that LAPD budget and fund the services that make a positive difference in people's lives rather than unjustly taking it away. Thank you for your time, Brian Smee (P.S. Attached below is a pdf of the People's Budget's guide to how the budget could be better, something I'm sure you all are being inundated with)

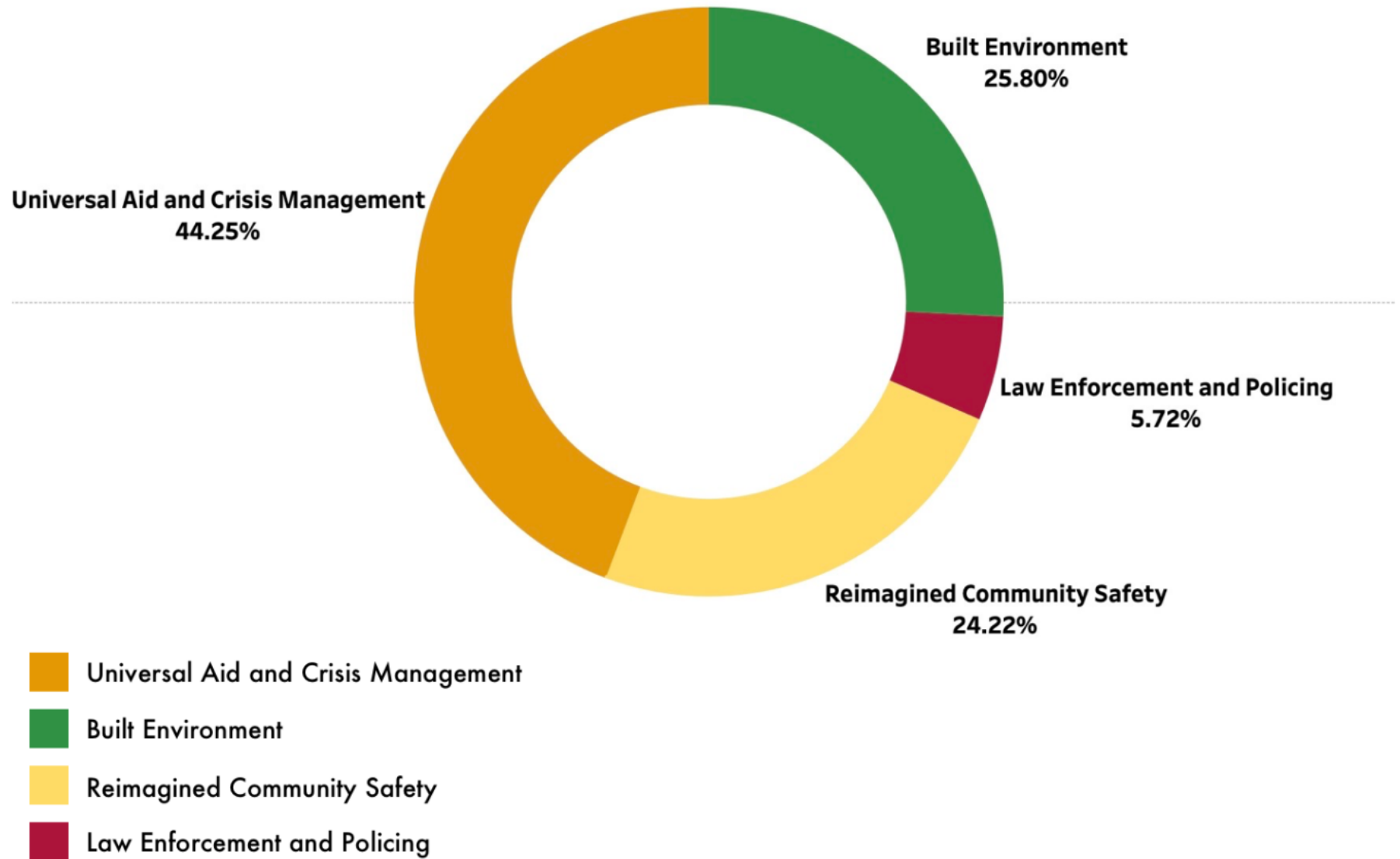
# The People's Budget



# Top Priorities for Investment

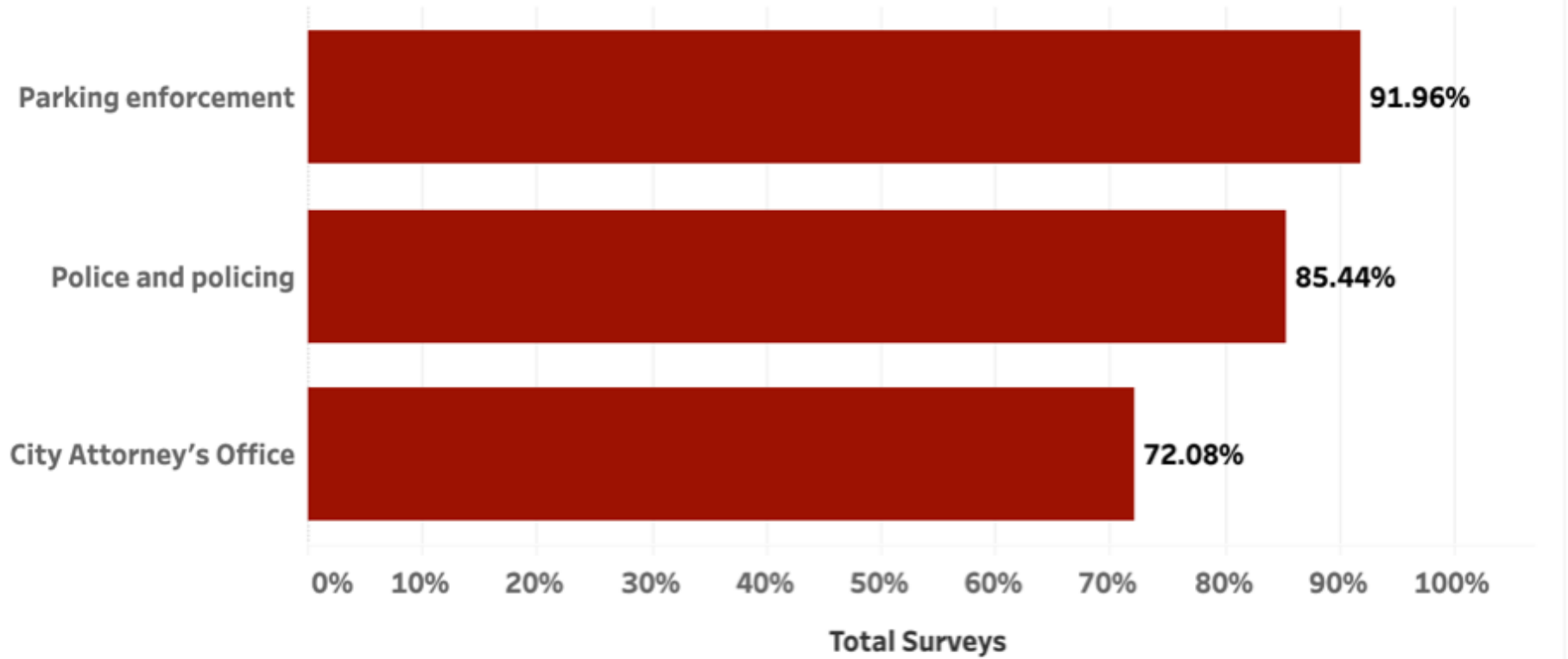


# The People's Budget Priorities

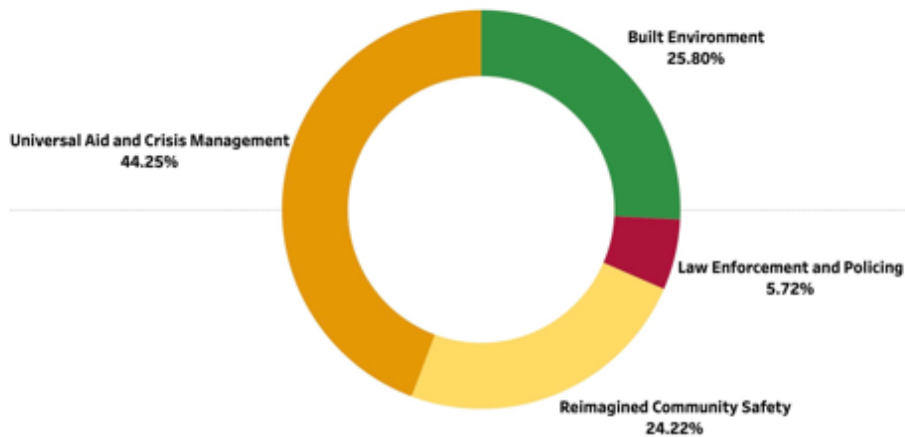




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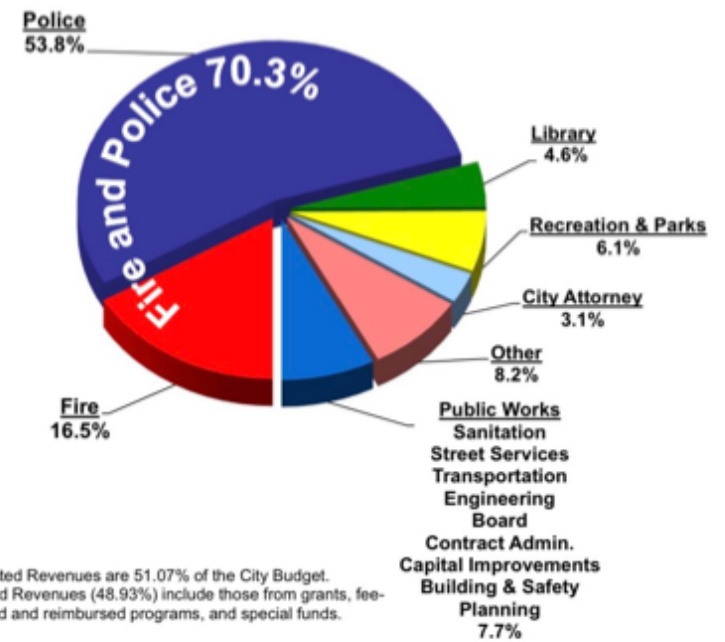


# The People's Budget



- Universal Aid and Crisis Management
- Built Environment
- Reimagined Community Safety
- Law Enforcement and Policing

# The Mayor's Budget



Unrestricted Revenues are 51.07% of the City Budget.  
 Restricted Revenues (48.93%) include those from grants, fee-supported and reimbursed programs, and special funds.

## The People's Budget Allocations

Universal Aid and Crisis Management	44.25%
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Built Environment	25.80%
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Reimagined Community Safety	24.22%
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Law Enforcement and Policing	5.72%
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## The Mayor's Budget Allocations

Police	53.8%
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Fire	16.5%
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Other	8.2%
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Public Works	7.7%
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Recreation & Parks	6.1%
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Library	4.6%
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City Attorney	3.1%
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## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 12:46 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a long time resident of District 4, and I am requesting the council immediately defund and demilitarize the police force and adopt the People's Budget. I am also requesting the public flaying of both police chief Michel Moore and Mayor Eric Garcetti. Thank you for nothing, you worthless fucks.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carmen Flores

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** 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:** 06/08/2020 12:33 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a registered voter in Los Angeles, I urge the budget for 2020-2021 to be amended to reflect the desires and needs of our community. Decreasing the LAPD budget by only \$150 million is not nearly enough in the face of the radical slashing of all other budgets for city services. This is a time to invest in our community and drastically reduce the LAPD budget that has a stranglehold over our city. Please enact the People's Budget as you are the representatives of the people, not the representatives of the Police Union.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Manny Gonez  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 12:35 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** please see the attached letter





North East Trees  
Bringing Nature Back



June 8, 2020

Los Angeles City Council  
200 N Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Consideration of the Urban Forestry Budget Motions for the Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2020-21 (Council File: [20-0600](#))**

Dear Council President Martinez and Councilmembers,

**We believe that a healthy urban forest is essential infrastructure to a thriving, sustainable, and resilient city.** Los Angeles's urban forest, if planned and managed well, can protect Angelenos from many of the current and future impacts of climate change including saving lives from extreme heat, capturing and cleaning water, improving human health and wellbeing, and providing many other life-supporting benefits.

While we recognize the unprecedented budgetary challenges due to the pandemic that may be exacerbated by the daily protests permeating the City, it is important to protect and expand on the critical urban forestry gains that the City has made. Alternatively, all of the progress achieved over recent years could be wiped out in just one budget cycle -- an unacceptable and destructive outcome that should be avoided. **To align with the Green New Deal and to better serve Angelenos, especially during this difficult time, we strongly support and urge you to join in supporting the following urban forestry related [motions](#):**

- **Motion Number: 12 (B20F 013-MSR):** Presented by Councilmember Blumenfield, 3rd District  
*"I MOVE that the Mayor's Proposed Budget for 2020-21 be amended to exempt the Bureau of Street Services from the hiring freeze, so long as hiring stays within budgeted levels, and authorized the use of grant funds to offset furlough days, in order to help ensure that projects do not experience delays."*

- **Motion Number: 14 (B20F 016-VD):** Presented by Councilmember Koretz, 5th District  
*“I MOVE that the Mayor’s Proposed Budget for 2020-21 be amended to add resolution authority without funding in the Board of Public Works for one Management Analyst position for their Grants Unit.”*
- **Motion Number: 28 (B20F 026-JWD):** Presented by Councilmember Blumenfield, 3rd District  
*“I MOVE that the Mayor’s Proposed Budget for 2020-21 be amended to add resolution authority and 9 months funding for seven positions in the Urban Forestry Division of the Bureau of Street Services consisting of two Tree Surgeon Supervisor I’s, three Tree Surgeon Assistants and two Equipment Operators, add resolution authority and 9 months funding for one Management Analyst position in the Board of Public Works to lead a Grants Unit focused on seeking funds to implement various community beautification and tree management initiatives, provide \$400,000 in the Board of Public Works to continue the development of the Urban Forest Management Plan, and, to instruct the City Administrative Officer to identify additional options to avoid cuts to the Urban Forestry Division.”*

Thank you for your leadership and support for Los Angeles’s urban forest. We look forward to working with you on this critical issue to achieve a greener, healthier, and more climate-resilient future for all Angelenos.

Sincerely,

Manny Gonez  
 Director of Policy Initiatives  
 TreePeople

Jamie Hall  
 President  
 Laurel Canyon Association

Jeanne McConnell  
 Co-Founder  
 Angelenos For Trees

Mark Kenyon  
 Executive Director  
 North East Tree

Gerry Hans  
 Vice President, Science & Conservation  
 Friends of Griffith Park

Ellen Evans  
 President  
 Doheny Sunset Plaza Neighborhood  
 Association

Cc:

Nury Martinez, Council President - Council District 6

Joe Buscaino, President Pro Tempore - Council District 15

David E. Ryu, Assistant President Pro Tempore - Council District 4

Gil Cedillo, Council Member - Council District 1

Paul Krekorian, Council Member - Council District 2

Bob Blumenfield, Council Member - Council District 3

Paul Koretz, Council Member - Council District 5

Monica Rodriguez, Council Member - Council District 7

Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Council Member - Council District 8

Curren D. Price, Jr., Council Member - Council District 9

Herb J. Wesson, Jr., Council Member - Council District 10

Mike Bonin, Council Member - Council District 11

John Lee, Council Member - Council District 12

Mitch O'Farrell, Council Member - Council District 13

Jose Huizar, Council Member - Council District 14

Jennifer Pope McDowell, Associate Director of Infrastructure, Mayor's Office of City Services

Rachel Malarich, City Forest Officer, Board of Public Works

Adel Hagekhalil, Executive Director and General Manager, Bureau of Street Services

Michael A. Shull, General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks