

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Osorio
Date Submitted: 06/03/2020 10:15 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a lifelong resident of the City of Los Angeles. I am writing to say that I vehemently oppose the budget proposed by Mayor Garcetti for fiscal year 2020/2021. We cannot provide the LAPD with over \$3 billion, including raises for LAPD officers, while we make cuts to every other department in the city. In fact, we do not need such a large police force in the city that then has a consistent record of abuse of power on the people it has been hired to serve. LAPD has murdered over 600 people over the last four years. Where is the justice for murder of city residents by LAPD officers? You must make substantial budgetary cuts to the LAPD for the coming fiscal year. Use those funds to support public health measures during the pandemic, support affordable housing, support effective efforts to address homelessness in our city, support recreation and parks to keep our city healthy, public works to keep our city improving its infrastructure, and make public transportation more accessible to all. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. The people of the City of LA demand that you meet this moment in history with profound changes to our budget to allow for the construction of a city rooted in justice.
Jessica Osorio

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Name: Mariah

Date Submitted: 06/03/2020 05:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I hope you will rewrite the city's budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 to better serve the people of LA and be less tone deaf to current state of matters. There should be no reason why the LAPD is receiving additional funding while cuts are being made to essential services such as the Public Works and Transportation departments. Rather than more policing, your biggest priority should be to ensure the health and safety of LA residents and have your allocation of funds reflect that.

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Name: Enriquetta Navarro

Date Submitted: 06/03/2020 05:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The policing of peaceful protests in these past few days are horrific. The citizens of Los Angeles county should be able to protest without fear that they be terrorized by the people that are supposed to protect them. LAPD needs to be held accountable for what they have done. Defund LAPD and fire Police Chief Michel Moore.

Communication from Public

Name: Mieko Romming
Date Submitted: 06/04/2020 12:01 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to ask that you defund the police. Our communities require care not cops.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/04/2020 12:29 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Let's rewrite the city's budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 to better serve the people of Los Angeles and to be less tone deaf to current state of matters. It is absurd for the LAPD to be receiving additional funding while cuts are being made for essential services such as the Public Works and Transportation departments. Your biggest priority is to ensure the health and safety of Los Angeles residents and have your allocation of funds reflect that.

Communication from Public

Name: Emma

Date Submitted: 06/04/2020 12:31 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I hope you will rewrite the city's budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021 to better serve the people of LA and be less tone deaf to the current state of matters. There should be no reason why LAPD is receiving additional funding while cuts are being made to essential services such as the Public Works and Transportation departments. Rather than more policing, your biggest priority should be to ensure the health and safety of LA residents and have your allocation of funds reflect that.

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Name: Dillon

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

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Communication from Public

Name: Jeannette Montee

Date Submitted: 06/04/2020 01:07 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am resident of Pacoima City. I believe it will be in the best interest to have the budget proposal spent on recreational parks and school districts to provide a better education for the future of this country which is our childrens.

Communication from Public

Name: Phoebe Kiekhofer
Date Submitted: 06/04/2020 05:32 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. Mayor Garcetti's revised budget still allocates over \$3 billion to LAPD, and that is way, way too much. Our money can be much better spent. 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: Madeline G Chin

Date Submitted: 06/04/2020 06:07 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am writing to ask our City Council members to please reject Mayor Garcetti's current budget proposal, which allocates 54% of funding to the LAPD. Los Angeles needs to take major action to defund the police. This \$3 billion is desperately needed for housing, health services, and other social services that will greatly improve the lives of Angelenos. Thank you, Madeline Chin

Communication from Public

Name: Spencer Paez

Date Submitted: 06/04/2020 07:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The statistical research and public outcry is overwhelming and undeniable: Police aggression is exacerbated by inflated funding and excessive, inhumane equipment. Instead of wartime weaponry (and even weaponry banned in war), consider providing police with a clearer role. Clarify the role as one of peacekeeping, care, safety, and outreach. This will cost less, engender community trust, and offer an opportunity for innovations in support for officers who are clearly being pushed to the edge. Reduce the budget as much as possible, in accordance with the recommendations of the most reputable and impartial reforms experts, and redirect what will surely be the hefty remainder to community development. Think COVID relief, public education revamps, the Green New Deal, child care, civil engineering improvements, reparations to Black and Native American people, reforms for the social re-integration of the recently incarcerated. The list is endless! LA needs better from its leadership than maintenance or responsive action. We need leadership to take the initiative to build toward the vision described in the collective voice of its constituents. And it must be emphasized that I mean ALL constituents; not only those you have the easiest personal access to. This work cannot be easy. We ask much of you. But every government official is elected or hired on the presumption that s/he assumes the responsibility. Please step up to the task.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/04/2020 07:45 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to demand that you revise the budget NOW to reduce LAPD funding, and to voice your support for the firing of LAPD Chief Moore. The budget is a moral document, and if this budget goes into effect as it is, it will be a moral stain on Los Angeles and on each of your legacies. That you would allow such a misguided budget in our current context of pandemic emergency and police killing is unconscionable. Black lives matter, and if this budget passes, it suggests that you do not agree with this extraordinarily simple assertion. This is a national issue, but it is also a local issue. The blood of Ezell Ford, Kenney Watkins, and Redel Jones remains on the hands of the LAPD. That you would permit billions of dollars to flow into the LAPD while other city services, not to mention emergency needs regarding coronavirus, are left with scant funding is not acceptable. I demand that you revise the budget to reallocate a significant portion of this funding into other city services, such as health services, housing for the homeless, arts and culture, parks and recreation, and infrastructure and the built environment. We are supposed to be living in a global city, not a police state. That the LAPD would have the lion's share of our budget is an utter embarrassment. I fully support the requests of BLM-LA and the People's Budget: the LAPD budget must be cut by far more than the meager \$100-250m that has been proposed. Furthermore, this spending, as recent events have shown, is more than unnecessary: it is actively harmful. If you have not already watched the recent Police Commission hearing via zoom, I encourage you to do so. While the commissioners were clearly not paying attention -- at one point, a speaker asked the commissioners to raise their hand if their volume was up, and most did not, suggesting they simply had zoom open while they left it on mute -- Angelenos eloquently voiced their anger at a broken system that is unjustly killing Black people. Most protests against police violence have been peaceful, and only escalated into looting and violence because of the active antagonism of police forces. We have all seen either firsthand or from shared videos the numerous instances of police forces, under the direction of Chief Moore, fire teargas (designated a war crime by the Geneva Convention) and rubber bullets (which are supposed to be fired onto the ground, not directly into bodies which can be lethal) into demonstrators. These actions suggest that the LAPD is

either grossly incompetent or actively waging war on the very people it is supposed to “protect and serve.” Either way, it is obvious that Chief Moore must be fired, and the officers that carried out these illegal orders should be held to account. Regardless of your action or inaction, these events will likely be an enormous weight on our city budget for years to come because of lawsuits brought on by the criminal acts of these police forces. I demand that you defund the LAPD and speak out TODAY to voice your support for the firing of Chief Moore. Anything less is unacceptable. Sincerely, Christie Sentner

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Latin-Kasper
Date Submitted: 06/04/2020 08:23 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Gil Cedillo's district and I am furious about the City Council's refusal to discuss the People's Budget. In this critical moment we have a huge movement from the people in this city saying exactly what we want, but you won't listen. I have been listening and watching the city council meetings from the start of Covid-19 and every meeting sit in disgust as you fail to take any meaningful action that actually benefits those in your districts. You always give all the reasons you can't do something or tell us how hard it's going to be or just don't address matters at all. Defund the police. There are plenty of resources available for how to do this and make a meaningful impact that rebuilds our broken communities. Join us in calling for Mike Moore to be fired for his violent remarks and to return the money he stole from the people in this city for his "severance" only to be re-hired. This is abhorrent. Garcetti's announcement to cut 150 million from the LAPD budget is a joke. It's an insult to us and you know it. 150 million dollars is a drop in the bucket. We see you! If you don't start listening to the people who put you in office, we will remove you from office. It's that simple.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/04/2020 09:03 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am outraged and against Mayor Garcetti's comments that he will defund the Los Angeles Police Departments budget. I suggest if he wants to do that, he should immediately get rid of his security detail first. He took an oath to up hold the law and constitution but I don't know how he can do that without the LAPD. From what I have witnessed the past nine days, he can't stop the looting and burning of our city with the police he has now, so how is cutting their budget going to help anything? I for one support the Los Angeles Police Department and really hope the Mayor will rethink his position to defund them. If not I will rethink my position to live in Los Angeles.

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Name: Ricky Phung

Date Submitted: 06/04/2020 10:01 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Laine
Date Submitted: 06/04/2020 10:01 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I politely request that the proposed LAPD budget be cut. The LAPD have a strong history of police brutality and racism. They act unlawfully, use force where unnecessary and are ill trained to be given the power that they currently have. They do not protect the people and they do not quell unrest. The LAPD have incited violence, assault and use over zealous force in protests that have otherwise been peaceful. The LAPD do not represent the people, they do not protect the people and they need to be held accountable for their actions. The proposed funding should be instead spent on community based resources, social workers, mental health support services, education, support and education for people of colour and employment opportunities for people of colour. Now is not the time to give money to an institution that FAILS to do its job. The police force must be held accountable for their actions. They must be forced to read the room. Be quiet and you will hear that the people are calling for change. It is your job to represent those people #DEFUNDTHEPOLICE

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Communication from Public

Name: christine chen

Date Submitted: 06/04/2020 10:29 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Rachel Lutack

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 07:17 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The revised budget for LA City needs to be revised once again. Mayor Garcetti proposed to reallocate only \$150 million of the \$1.8 billion LAPD budget to communities of color. This is not enough and is a mere bandaid on the urgent issue. Communities of color want and need CARE, not COPS. The week long protests that have been held In Los Angeles following the murder of George Floyd have called for systemic change. Barely making a chip in the police budget is the complete opposite of that. If the police need \$1.8 billion to function, imagine how much your struggling communities need, and NOT in the form of police intervention. We need transformative change in our education, mental health, employment, public works, and community programs. \$150 million is not enough and we see the empty gesture. Let's make an actual difference in our city and be a shining beacon for the rest of the country to follow.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 07:31 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: You need to adopt a People's Budget and defund the police. We are in the midst of a health pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed — and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of this city is renters — and if people are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, there were around 60k unhoused people; after evictions and economic insecurity due to COVID-19 and its fall out, we can expect thousands more. In this context, the Mayor is proposing an increase to LAPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. LAPD has seen a rise in overtime which, more often than not, is paid out to officers harassing unhoused people, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. The proposed \$100-150 million on cuts is not nearly enough (2% of the budget) and proves there's an insincere commitment to keeping our community safe and thriving, by choosing to instead hold up the racist and white supremacist system underpinning the LAPD. This was made even more clear with the violence, intimidation and unlawful conduct displayed in this weeks protests. The police didn't keep us safe, didn't prevent any crime, costed tax payers thousands and failed to protect our first amendment right - WITH NO ACCOUNTABILITY. I am urging you to publicly support the People's Budget. The Mayor's disastrous proposal MUST be updated with the priorities of Angelenos. You need to Adopt a People's Budget which defunds the police. We need disinvestment from the police, and investment in community- and health-centered services. I urge the appropriation of funds be directed to impact the people of Los Angeles in the areas of health, education, culture, arts, housing, and to provide immediate resources for small businesses and the arts — especially given the pandemic.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeremy Belanger

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 08:49 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 budget. The Mayor's \$150 million is simply not enough. You must divert more funds away from the LAPD. 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 folks who are disproportionately impacted by LAPD violence. People 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: Scott Anderson

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 09:26 AM

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

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

Communication from Public

Name: Marie Lu

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 10:26 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: What we have witnessed across the country, and indeed the world, and especially right here in our hometown of Los Angeles, is the latest of what have been many, many wake-up calls for us to reform our broken police department. Our police force looks like an army. It shouldn't. The world should not be watching in horror at the videos of police brutalizing peaceful protesters. 54%--54%!!!!--of our city's budget should not be going to our police departments; it needs to go to our homelessness crisis, our social services, our mental health services, our hospitals and hospital workers' equipment, and our safety nets for our city's inhabitants. It should be used to uplift the systems that can prevent many of the petty crimes that take up so much of our police departments' time in the first place. These changes should have happened a long time ago; they should have happened after the 92 riots. But they have not, and as everyone can see with their own eyes, growing our police budget is failing our city and the very people that the police are sworn to protect. Most of all, they are failing the Black community of Los Angeles as well as our most vulnerable citizens. I implore Mayor Garcetti, with every fiber of my being, to take a close look at this budget, search your soul, and ask yourself what matters the most to Los Angeles: continuing to fund police brutality, or funding your city's most essential services.

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Name: Sean McOmber
Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 10:36 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 10:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The people of Los Angeles know without a doubt that our current system does not serve or protect us. If we are going to enact real, tangible change, we have to start with how we allocate our fiscal resources. Even if the city does re-allocate \$150 million from the LAPD budget to black and brown communities, BILLIONS of dollars would still be going to the police. 600+ murders later, why hasn't LAPD money already been used for effective and mandatory de-escalation training? We are still in the middle of the COVID pandemic, why are healthcare professionals struggling to get safety equipment, but police have enough money to show up at peaceful protests en masse with face masks and rubber bullets? LA residents deserve access to mental health care from educated professionals BEFORE a crisis happens, not retroactively from trigger happy police. Why aren't we investing more money into the Department of Mental Health, and expanding their services? I recognize that being a police officer is a difficult job, but you know who else has a difficult job? Teachers. And they aren't getting a fraction of the funding the police are. Why are we giving so much money to the police, when our people need healthcare, housing, jobs, clean air and water, education, and community resources? Overfunding the LAPD does absolutely nothing to improve the quality of life of our residents. The LAPD cannot solve or effectively address the aforementioned issues. We need to put sufficient funding into the state departments and organizations that can. I implore you to familiarize yourself with the People's Budget, and prioritize care over cops. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Wittenberger

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 10:59 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: To the LA City Council - reinvesting \$150 million from the LAPD budget to communities of color is not enough. It is a drop in the bucket considering that LAPD is already getting 3 BILLION DOLLARS in funding in the midst of a pandemic. This is wholly unacceptable. I know I'm not alone when I say that I want to see this money divested away from the police and put towards combatting homelessness, providing essential health and mental health services for our communities, re-invigorating our schools, beautifying our parks, investing in critical infrastructure and emergency funds, as well as the cultural development of our communities. You argue that you need this money to combat crime. Well, most crime is not random. Many crimes are the result of our communities lacking things, most often their basic needs. If you want to keep communities safer, give THEM the money and funding that they need to not just to barely get by, but thrive. Invest in social workers, mental health professionals, and other positions that could help reduce our need for an aggressive, violent police force. Lives are at stake. Do the right thing. Adopt the People's Budget in lieu of what the Mayor is proposing.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 11:03 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I understand that an initial promise has been made. \$150 million is a lot of money. But the Police Department's budget is still over 50% of the Mayors proposed budget. Do you think it is fair to allow our tax dollars to pay for a department that has been brutalizing and killing black citizens for DECADES? Do you think it is fair to give billions of dollars to a department that has met protests on police brutality with even more violence? Do you think it is fair to keep a police chief that has in the past participated in police violence and has continued to turn a blind eye to the violence committed by his officers? I sure as HELL do not. I am ashamed at the response of this Police Commission. Hollow words of condolence and empty promises do not save lives. Action does. Act to reduce funds to police and invest in systems that are PROVEN to benefit black communities. You have the chance to make history. You have a chance to lead the nation and become an example of a city that actually cares about its citizens and not just the rich who can line your pockets. Stand up. Make change. Don't be a coward.

Communication from Public

Name: Anna Lockhart

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 11:16 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles. I stand with Black Lives Matter, Reform LA Jails, and Justice LA, and I support the People's Budget. I want to begin by echoing what Isaac Bryan said on Thursday during his meeting with Mayor Garcetti and Chief Moore: I recognize that the distance between our demands and what is allegedly "feasible" might seem vast, but we're asking you to stretch your imaginations a bit. What seems COMPLETELY infeasible to me is 54% of the General Fund being allocated to the LAPD while a large population of Angelenos continue to live unhoused, 55% of the city's residents are unemployed, and public schools are asking for additional resources to ensure that all students can continue learning during the ongoing pandemic. This is no time for half-measures, although Mayor Garcetti's proposed reduction of \$150 million to the LAPD budget isn't even a half-measure -- it clocks in at closer to a 5% measure, which is a paltry attempt at appeasing us. It's a step in the right direction, sure, but we're asking for a leap. The council needs to acknowledge the role that the LAPD has played in furthering white supremacy, institutionalized racism, and fascism, having murdered 601 people in the past 7 years. Is this really the best use of the General Fund? Right now, you all sit in positions of power and have the ability to enact real, quantifiable change. Please don't waste this opportunity, and consider the following budget reforms: --Reduce the LAPD budget and reinvest in programs that support your Black, Brown, and Indigenous constituents --Fund public education, mental healthcare, public access and resources for the differently-abled, drug treatment, affordable housing, and other community programs that offer alternatives to incarceration --Refuse to budget for civil litigations against LAPD employees. Taxpayers should not have to cover those fees; the cost of the litigation should come out of the LAPD's pensions --Suspend the use of paid administrative leave for cops under investigation (and on that note, officers who witness crimes perpetrated by other officers yet do nothing to intervene should also be held accountable) --Withdraw participation in police militarization programs --Reduce the size of the police workforce The influx of feedback you're receiving is an indication that the People's Budget is indeed supported by the people you intend to represent here in Los Angeles. We're going to keep pushing back, because \$150

million in cuts isn't good enough in the grand, 3-billion-dollar scheme of things. To quote Isaac Bryan **directly** this time, "When we invest in institutions like the LAPD at the same time that 16 thousand civil servants are being furloughed... we are investing in the criminalization of the poverty that we are creating." It's time for all of us to think critically about where our money is going, and what that says about our priorities. I would like to be a part of a city that prioritizes investing in its community, not punishing it. Let's hold ourselves accountable here, and DEFUND THE POLICE.

Communication from Public

Name: Cricket Arrison
Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 11:33 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: During the June 8th budget hearing, please approve the motion to re-open labor negotiations with the LAPD, as a first step toward dramatically changing the way the city spends money. Two years ago the budget for the LAPD was half a billion dollars lower than the current proposal - the small cuts proposed by Eric Garcetti are not enough. As a supporter of organized labor in general, I would like to register my disgust that studies show that when police unionize, MORE civilians - especially black civilians - die. (There is no corresponding increase in the safety of officers, the ones who take an oath to protect us.) This is a time when we can fundamentally transform the way our city works, to prioritize the people who make Los Angeles the amazing city that it is over a militarized force that makes our streets more dangerous. Please do everything in your considerable power to seize this moment, defund the LAPD, and direct resources towards trained mental health urgent response, housing all Angelenos, and other community priorities which are outlined in the People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 11:35 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police now. Adopt the People's Budget now.

Communication from Public

Name: Wyatt Fair

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 11:40 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: During the June 8th budget hearing, please approve the motion to re-open labor negotiations with the LAPD, as a first step toward dramatically changing the way the city spends money. Two years ago the budget for the LAPD was half a billion dollars lower than the current proposal - the small cuts proposed by Eric Garcetti are not enough. As a supporter of organized labor in general, I would like to register my disgust that studies show that when police unionize, MORE civilians - especially black civilians - die. (There is no corresponding increase in the safety of officers, the ones who take an oath to protect us.) This is a time when we can fundamentally transform the way our city works, to prioritize the people who make Los Angeles the amazing city that it is over a militarized force that makes our streets more dangerous. Please do everything in your considerable power to seize this moment, defund the LAPD, and direct resources towards trained mental health urgent response, housing all Angelenos, and other community priorities which are outlined in the People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Naari Jeong

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 11:57 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I work in a high school here in LAUSD. My students are extremely bright, creative, and caring individuals who deserve every opportunity and resource to support and encourage their success. Unfortunately, the current services we can offer our students does not reflect this desire. At my school, we only have one part-time Psychiatric Social Worker supporting a student body of approximately 800. Our teachers are continuing to teach in classrooms of 40+ students with little to no support from the district. Many of our students do not have reliable access to technology and I worry about how this affects their learning during this time. I have been at several protests and seen LAPD officers actively incite violence on peacefully protesting civilians that are unarmed and unprotected. Not only has LAPD actively harmed public citizens, but they offer no accountability in protecting and treating the health of those injured. I am urging our city government and elected officials to support the People's Budget and defund the LAPD who has shown during this time that they are not committed to our citizens safety. Please put this money back into our education system and in universal aid and care management. We do not feel safe and we do not feel protected.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 12:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE, RADICALLY REDUCE THEIR BUDGET

Communication from Public

Name: Su
Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 12:07 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: BLACK LIVES MATTER ABOLISH THE POLICE
GARCETTI, START ENACTING REAL CHANGE WE ARE
WATCHING

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew Jay
Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 12:09 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Chelsea

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 12:11 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: PEOPLE’S BUDGET LA — DEFUND THE POLICE 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: Jaimie Joseph
Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 12:12 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I demand my tax dollars be re-allocated back into the community as opposed to the LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew Hoodhood

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 12:13 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a citizen and taxpayer of the city of Los Angeles I am baffled by the amount of funds being allocated to police. I firmly believe the proposed budget is detrimental to the progress of our city. The people want to prioritize our investments into public health, mental health resources, small business resources and creating jobs, housing the unsheltered, rehabilitation for ex-offenders, cleaning up the environment and the city, better schools and youth development. All of these are better investments than simply dumping half of our entire funds into more police maintaining the status quo. If you really want to improve our city then you will adopt a people's budget and invest in the people, NOT POLICE. The way you have been using our money isn't working for the people and all eyes are on you to do the right thing.

Communication from Public

Name: Jordan Maranto
Date Submitted: 06/06/2020 12:44 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, My name is Jordan Maranto, and I'm a resident of Los Angeles. I'm writing in regards to your upcoming City Budget Meetings. Currently, 3.15 billion dollars are being allocated to the LAPD. I'm aware that a 150 million dollar cut has already been made to directly aid disadvantaged communities of color, but considering that is a mere 5% reallocation, I urge you to reconsider the budget once more. The LAPD funds could be given to universal aid crisis management, programs emphasizing community involvement in public safety, and rebuilding and restructuring our city to put all residents of LA on an equal playing field, like sheltering the homeless. The latter I personally believe to be of the utmost importance considering 1 in 20 children in Los Angeles are homeless. That needs to change, and it's something the LAPD simply doesn't have the capacity to do. Thank you, Jordan Maranto

Communication from Public

Name: Adriana

Date Submitted: 06/06/2020 05:41 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am extremely disappointed at the proposed budget which would give the LAPD \$3 billion dollars when they've shown that they can't sufficiently do their jobs. This is 54% of the city's funds are ridiculously bloated given their lack of understanding of what it takes to be a police officer. The entire world is watching and standing in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and against police brutality. This city has a seriously scarred history of police officers abusing their power and failing to protect its non-white citizens. I implore you to vote against this proposed budget and force a deeper investigation into this department and reinvest in where it matters; the people. Protect your citizens and reduce the budget. We will NOT sit silently and allow the police to further terrorize this city. We will continue to fight for justice and for our black community. Be on the right side of history.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Members of the LA City Clerk office: I am urging you to further reduce LAPD funding. The new proposed budget to allocate 5% of LAPD's budget to community programs. Is. Not. Enough. Our communities need safe *preventative* care: funding for social services at schools (think school counselors and social workers), medical and crisis funds (Covid-19. Is. Still. Here). We need preventative proactive programs that keep our community safe. I urge you to drastically defund LAPD. They have lost the public's trust and we the public are urging you to support educational and medical funding. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Grace Campbell
Date Submitted: 06/06/2020 06:51 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Grace Campbell and I am a lifelong resident in the City of Los Angeles. Today I am demanding that the Budget and Finance Committee overhaul the Los Angeles City Budget and reallocate a substantial portion of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) funds to social programs that support communities like low-income housing, public schools, and mental health services. 54 percent of Los Angeles' general fund (over 1.8 billion dollars) is allocated to LAPD, an exorbitant and unnecessary amount. Reallocating funds to social programs will render funding the police obsolete because most crimes are committed by people who cannot have their basic needs met in this country. I want to see this city support and grow its communities and lift its citizens up. Arrests and racial profiling in our police system hurts Los Angeles. 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. Let's see this city reinvest in its citizens to make for a better future. Thank you for taking this time to read this comment.

Communication from Public

Name: Arashdeep Dhaliwal
Date Submitted: 06/06/2020 08:16 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I fully and ardently reject the mayor's budget and instead support a redistribution of wealth back into the community - to health, education, housing, and arts services. I support the #peoplesbudgetLA, #carenotcops, and will not vote for officials in future elections who did not call for a vote and vote against the budget as proposed. The mayor announced a \$100-150 million cut off the LAPD budget but that is from a budget of \$1.8 billion. We are watching you-we see your performative ways of pretending to care about communities of color. If you want to see safer streets, better education, and better housing then you will rewrite the budget. If you want to address crime, then you have to address poverty. Stop taking money away from our education, our housing, our parks, our people. Stop investing in the LAPD- mind I remind you that it is a department responsible for police brutality against people of color, no accountability for violent cops who MURDER innocent people, and it has NOT made our community safe. As the people, we are telling you the LAPD IS NOT KEEPING US SAFE. It is terrorizing communities of color, focusing on petty crimes, and is not what we want more invested in. We are watching you and we will hold you accountable. I urge you to do the right thing-invest in education, actual public safety, housing for the homeless (you say you have no money yet please remind me how much the mayor was planning on giving to the LAPD again?), and invest in those you PRETEND TO CARE ABOUT. We do not want cops. We want actual change.

Communication from Public

Name: Hanna Samad

Date Submitted: 06/06/2020 09:45 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I support the People's Budget - specifically I would like to see the following areas prioritized: housing security, mental health and wellness, public health and healthcare. The people's budget allocates 5.7% of the budget to police & law enforcement - we need to invest in and commit to community-based solutions and response to non-violent community-problems.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexandria Lewis
Date Submitted: 06/06/2020 10:30 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council, The people of this country have spoken. Gone are the days when police brutality against people, particularly people of color, is something we can turn a blind eye to. We have turned a blind eye for too long. Thanks to the hard work of organizers and activists we know that an entirely new world is possible. A world without brutal unnecessary policing and a world with services and resources that would fundamentally alter the trajectory of marginalized communities for the better. The only way to get that money is to DEFUND THE POLICE to 5% of the annual budget. The time is now. Not incrementally over the next ten years. It is now in 2020. The livelihood of generations of people are in your hands. Thank you for your time, Alexandria Lewis

Communication from Public

Name: Sage Lewis

Date Submitted: 06/06/2020 10:54 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please reduce our tax dollar allocation to fund the police force by 50%. If you do take this bold and courageous stand you will go down in history as a great leader who changed the world for the better during one of America's darkest eras. Los Angeles is always on the forefront and what we do gives the courage, permission and vision to other cities across the planet, even NYC. We must do more and start now to finally end racism and inequality and use our resources to lift people up, especially those who are most disadvantaged.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Permenter

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 08:51 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am concerned about my city's priorities and demand we take an honest look at ourselves. We currently have people living unhoused, and yet the police budget has increased substantially (220% since 1977). The police budget makes up over half of our city's budget! Imagine the programs we could support by shifting our priorities. Imagine if Black communities could feel supported rather than forced to live in fear. Take a look at the budget again. You got it wrong.

Communication from Public

Name: Annie Truscott
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 09:33 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am commenting to urge you all to DENY Mayor Garcetti's budget proposal, which does not reflect the needs of our city nor the safety of the people by overfunding the LAPD. Instead, I ask that you support the People's Budget LA. It is appalling that many people cannot afford their rent, healthcare workers have had to use fundraising to acquire PPE yet Mayor Garcetti wants to spend over half of his budget to fund the LAPD. There is no other direct and immediate answer to the uprising against police brutality than to defund the department and redistribute that money into community services--education, health care, arts, etc-- for black and brown communities.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 09:45 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the LAPD by more than the \$150m proposed by the mayor. Reinvest these funds into housing & community projects, emergency mgmt and other more dire needs than policing. LA has a homeless problem and it won't be solved by the police.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 09:46 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE LAPD and use the 1.8 BILLION dollars at their disposal to invest in necessary community programs that take care of Los Angeles in a compassionate way. We ask too much of our cops, nationwide. This movement will improve their lives and the lives of all Angelenos.

Communication from Public

Name: Elle Chimiak

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 09:56 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: While I appreciate that we are no longer increasing the law enforcement budget for 2020-2021, I am opposed to the proportion that it currently uses. We need a smaller police force that has a limited scope--namely enforcing the laws in select dangerous situations (break ins, violent crimes). For this, they do not need the high amount given for equipment since the number of officers and scope will be reduced. Instead of putting officers in charge of situations for which they are not trained (mental health/homelessness/school protection), we need to alter the budget to hire professionals who trained in non-violent tactics to help these populations rather than restrain them. Police also have shown total ineptitude at keeping protesters and the city safe--the tactics of tear gas and rubber bullets (both of which need to be banned and were used incorrectly at that) will surely increase COVID-19 as people had to aid one another and the gas leads to coughing and irritation. If anything the departments in charge of protest response should have budgets cut dramatically and staff greatly reduced so that the cuts can be redirected to the likely surge in cases from their actions. Officers who participated in this violence against us--your constituents--should be fired without pension. We will not pay for people to injure our community. Los Angeles makes most of its revenue from taxes, not fines (ref: your Proposed Budget), so we do not need a large force. If we are going to support anyone's jobs, I would like to support the jobs of our citizens who abide the spirit of the law and do not need qualified immunity, the coercion of the city through a corrupt union, or overly lenient DAs. We spend 94% of the police budget (nearly 50% of the city's) on the officers' salaries--why don't we use this money to support people who can address the same problems of homelessness, mental health, and school protection without killing our community? I would, therefore, again ask to dramatically decrease the police budget (starting with any departments that have multiple misconduct reports) and redirect it towards social and community services.

Communication from Public

Name: Betsy

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:05 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles Council members and reps, PLEASE DEFUND THE POLICE ACCORDING TO THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET A 5% cut is a soft bandaid to put on top of a gunshot wound and 100s of years of systematic racism. LISTEN to the people, their message is clear. We want change. Big change. And we want it now. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Casey Kolodin
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:08 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a long time resident of Los Angeles. I grew up in a law enforcement family. My mother worked as a CAHP dispatcher for over 30 years. I am calling on the Mayor and this city council to defund LAPD and LA Sheriff. The Mayor's proposed cuts are not enough; it is an outrage and a failure of leadership that this budget still proposes siphoning half the city budget to a lawless police force. I call on this council to adopt the People's Budget. The taxpayer dollars which Mayor Garcetti intends to disproportionately lavish on a corrupt, lawless Sheriff and police department can be more responsibly invested in communities in this city. Investments in public services, public education, healthcare, and housing will do far more to protect public safety and improve the lives of the people of LA County than further arming and emboldening corrupt law enforcement entities that must be defunded, dismantled, and replaced. We need highly trained social workers, healthcare workers, public programs, and public servants, not militarized killer cops sanctioned to violate your constituents constitutional rights with impunity.

Communication from Public

Name: Zack
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:11 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: please give funding to more of the organizations that need the money. Not LAPD

Communication from Public

Name: Angi Brzycki

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:17 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I would like the City Council to further reconsider the proposed 2020-21 Budget by Mayor Garcetti. I think that allocating 54% of General Funds to LAPD is unnecessary. I also think that the new proposal to cut an additional \$150 million from that proposed budget to LAPD is not enough. From my understanding, \$3 billion is going to LAPD and \$150 million is a tiny fraction of that gigantic budget. I would like the City Council to take a further look at the People's Budget and use more of money for crisis management, mental health, parks, and reimagining public safety.

Communication from Public

Name: Aleth Romanillos

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:18 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: You need to adopt A PEOPLE'S BUDGET and DEFUND the Police We are in the middle of a health pandemic with severe economic repercussions. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed and over 50% are renters and everyone needs help. We need more money invested into the community and not law enforcement. 150 million is NOT ENOUGH. The Mayor's proposal need to me updated with the priorities of the community. Thank you for your time, Aleth Romanillos

Communication from Public

Name: Mia Cardenas

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:30 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: 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: Carmen

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:36 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Members of the LA City Council: We demand that you adopt a People's Budget that redirects the extraordinary amount of money given to the LAPD towards specific social services. While we've been spending more than half our city's general fund on policing, we have not seen improvements to safety, homelessness, mental health, or affordability in our city. Instead, we see wasteful and harmful actions of our police. We call on you to meaningfully defund the LAPD. We must instead use those staggering resources on solving homelessness, which is felt most by our black neighbors and veterans. We implore you to give every member of our community experiencing homelessness a place to call home and the treatment they need. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empower the police force that tears them apart. It is your duty to represent your constituents, and public opinion is with me. We can be a beacon for other cities to follow if only we have the courage to change. Thank you for your time, Carmen

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 12:53 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I would like for Garcetti to defund the police force and out the money back into the communities that will help those in need. There is no reason for the world to be in lack and increase the level of security when the people in need can get help and maintain the level of security we already have. Plus I do not want my tax dollars to keep supporting a system that will keep, incarcerating and killing my people's. Defund the police. We need help in our communities first and foremost.

Communication from Public

Name: Ella Jayes
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 01:16 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: \$150M is not enough. We demand that the LAPD budget is moved toward community initiatives!

Communication from Public

Name: Zoe Axelrod

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 01:20 PM

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:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 01:25 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 continue to revise his budget. 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. 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 ask Mayor Garcetti to continue to redraft a People's Budget that emphasizes Care not Cops and which DEFUNDS THE POLICE. We will continue to make our voices known. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Marisol Sanchez

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 01:26 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police department, prioritize housing for the homeless and homeless prevention for those at risk of losing their housing. Re allocate funding to the dept of aging, community development and help serve families struggling to pay rent and food.

Communication from Public

Name: Laurel Randolph

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 01:45 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: City Council Budget Committee, I was encouraged to hear that the city budget is being reevaluated and that a portion of the LAPD budget might be moved into other areas. I am writing as a concerned Angeleno to encourage you to push for more cuts to the LAPD so that these funds can be moved to areas that have a greater affect on your citizens. Angelenos are hurting right now, and the city council must listen to their outcry. We want care, not cops. Don't listen to the bullies at the LAPD or Chief Michel Moore. Listen to your constituents and make sure the money gets to them, not to tear gas canisters and rubber bullets. Thank you, Laurel Randolph 371 1/2 N Avenue 52 LA, CA 90042

Communication from Public

Name: Zachary Marcus
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 01:54 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am disgusted by the actions of LAPD against my fellow Angelenos expressing their constitutional rights. What's more I'm mortified that what would amount to war crimes in any other country, Mayor Garcetti is rewarding with BILLIONS of dollars in funding. Over the past weeks LAPD has shown its true face and proven itself to be a corrupt institution that lies to the public and cares not for the public safety. I have seen countless videos and photos of violence and rights violations against peaceful protests, News Media, the homeless, and bystanders, I am disgusted. Chief Moore should be fired immediately. The entire department should be defunded. Angelenos deserve better. THE LAPD IS NOT PROTECTING AND SERVING ANYONE BUT THEMSELVES.

Communication from Public

Name: Lindsey Esplin

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 02:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Lindsey Esplin and I urge the city council 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. Prioritize your constituents who are suffering under historically racist systems and need more relief. A 5% reallocation of the 3 billion earmarked for the police is insufficient. Over 800,000 people in LA are struggling with addiction, over 30,000 children are in foster care in LA, over 35,000 Angelenos are unhoused and 57% of renters in the City of LA being rent-burdened, withing 7 miles of DTLA there is a food desert: we are in desperate need of community investment. If Angelenos are going to thrive we need investment in services that foster growth, development, and community. The police budget needs to be more significantly reduced, and more money needs to be reallocated to: Economic and Workforce Development, Housing and Community Investment, and Neighborhood Empowerment.

Communication from Public

Name: Geoffrey KixMiller

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 02:16 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello Council, I am a business owner in the City of Los Angeles and I am writing with deep concern with regards to the future of this city. I am extremely troubled by the inaction from the Mayor and LA City Council around the proposed budget and in response to the clear calls of the people of this City for structural change and a dramatic shift in the City's priorities. As the Mayor said: "The budget is a moral document". Raising LAPD budget while making steep cuts across the board is an acknowledgment that these steep cuts to social programs, city services and lack of support for renters will lead to crime. The LAPD is a corrupt and racist force which furthers inequality. Why then are we prioritizing policing over city services and resources that support and uplift our City. The City and County has failed time and time again to hold this out of control police force accountable and with excessive use of force and wanton violence documented daily in response to peaceful protest this face has never been more terrifying. The time is now to prioritize care and services for communities of color, public health and our unhoused population. When social programs are funded, when people have jobs, when communities are supported then there is a decrease in crime and police presence is not needed. 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. More extensive cuts to LAPD are necessary. Martinez's proposed Police budget is virtually the same as last year's budget. Even a cut of \$150 million would still leave LAPD with over half of the city's unrestricted funds. 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. If the City Council wants to talk about ending racism in our city, you need to back up those 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. I hope you can find the courage to stand up to the LAPD and do what is right for the people of LA. DEFUND LAPD FOR A MORE HUMANE, EQUITABLE AND MORAL BUDGET! Thanks, Geoffrey KixMiller

Communication from Public

Name: Jordan Boeskin
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 02:18 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I think this week has been proof enough that more policing of neighborhoods will not keep those neighborhoods safer. I want to live in a city that has the courage to do away with antiquated systems of crime and punishment and re-examine it's priorities. Giving 3 billion dollars to police and scraps to social programs such as mental health services, education, affordable housing, health care, etc not only shows that this city doesn't believe in the capacity of it's residents to build up communities, but it also shows that it has little interest in their well being. If anything it indicates that it only is interested in serving the interest of it's wealthiest residents. I love Los Angeles and i want us to be bolder about our way forward. Us tens of thousands of protesters out daily in the streets have made it clear that we believe in the strength that can be cultivated in communities that are given the necessary resources and that crime will be dramatically reduced when we invest far more in our low-income neighborhoods and our unhoused community of skid row. 150 million dollars is not nearly enough. We need more. Thank you for your time

Communication from Public

Name: Dave Hess

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 02:33 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: What on Earth are you thinking? In the middle of a pandemic, slashing important programs while giving LAPD \$3 billion? Passing this budget would be one of the most shameful acts this increasingly out of touch council has done yet. Who do think you represent? Get it together folks. People are being killed by police (601 since Jackie Lacey took office) with zero consequences. LAPD has been militarized. They're tear-gassing LA residents in the streets. They are a terror and MUST be defunded.

Communication from Public

Name: Chris Kolodin

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 02:36 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am calling on the City Council to divest from the Police and reinvest in our communities. We can no longer direct funds to an organization that routinely brutalizes Angelenos. We should adopt a people's budget as described at <https://peoplesbudgetla.com> and invest in public housing, public education, and public health.

Communication from Public

Name: Ben C

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 03:02 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We demand you immediately adopt the People's Budget and defund the racist, militarized LAPD. We need community-based approaches to public safety & public health that are universally implemented regardless of income or race. Be on the right side of history and follow in the Minneapolis City Council's footsteps by defunding the police department now. You must give back to the impoverished, homeless, black and brown communities of LA County that have been historically neglected and terrorized. No more prioritizing greedy real estate developers and multinational corporations. Until these wounds are healed there will be unrest on the streets. Defund police now and invest in the people.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 03:09 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: In solidarity with the people's movement to Defund police and redistribute the city budget, I'm calling for a further reduction in the LAPD's budget for next and for that money to be put to use to fund community programs, teachers and schools.

Communication from Public

Name: Gabrielle Hansen

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 03:25 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD has been doing more harm than good recently, and the fact that the majority of the city's funding is going towards our police is unacceptable. How is it that Los Angeles cannot provide the necessary resources or testing to its citizens during a global pandemic, but can immediately arm their officers like soldiers so that they can hurt the very citizens that are protesting their brutality? The \$3 billion going towards LAPD is unnecessary, and we'll be keeping an eye out for anyone who decides otherwise once it's time to vote.

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Blue Ward

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 03:27 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: RE: LA City Budget I hope that you will consider reallocating a percentage of the money currently planned for police to creating programs that can assist communities in a more meaningful (and LESS DEADLY/DAMAGING) way. For example, a Mental Health Task Force, a Domestic Violence Task Force, or a Drug Rehabilitation Program that could assist citizens in a crisis, rather than calling in the police and entering those citizens into criminal system. This would be a better use of our tax monies, both from a fiscal perspective (if you help people in crisis in a meaningful and impactful way, it lessens the economic burden overall) and a HUMANITARIAN and EQUAL RIGHTS perspective (because the majority of people getting arrested and sentenced are people of color). It's time to start making significant and lasting change, and it starts with the money. Let's start to rebuild our city's priorities to where they should be: equality and justice for everyone. Let's make L.A. an *example for cities all over the country.* We can lead the way. But only if you, our City Council, are strong enough to take this first step. (And spoiler alert: YOU ARE. I know you are.)

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Nash

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 03:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The police have the majority of the city's budget. We need to defund the police and reinvest in the community. Public schools need more funding. Affordable housing needs more funding. Infrastructure needs more funding. The police have too much funding.

Communication from Public

Name: Dan Samiljan

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 03:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: City Council Budget Committee, I was encouraged by the budget cut for the LAPD, but I urge you to keep going and find a way to divest more funds into areas that would impact Angelenos in a more productive way. Arts! Social services! Mental health services! Dan Samiljan LA, CA 90042

Communication from Public

Name: Chanina Katz
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 03:46 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD should be defunded. A \$150 million is nothing when the LAPD gets billions in funding.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexander
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 03:47 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: You need to defund 1 billion dollars more

Communication from Public

Name: Alyson

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 03:57 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council I'm Alyson, a resident of District 10 Los Angeles and I'm writing to you to defund the police and invest the city's budget into emergency resources and affordable housing. The \$150 million cut from the \$3 billion dollars going into the LAPD is the most paltry fraction that barely makes a dent into the police funds. We are in the midst of a health pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed — and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of this city is renters — and if folx are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, there were around 60k unhoused folx; after evictions and economic insecurity due to COVID-19 and its fall out, we can expect thousands more. The Mayor is proposing an increase to LAPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. LAPD has seen a rise in overtime which, more often than not, is paid out to officers harassing unhoused folx, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. As a citizen of Los Angeles I'm urging you to reconsider what LA need to prioritize. We should be investing in affordable housing and emergency funds for the immigrants and homeless individuals who haven't been helped by the government. We should divest from the LAPD and invest in better social works and healthcare workers to help deescalate situations. We should invest in better education and schooling, providing more counselors for students and taking the police out of LAUSD.

Communication from Public

Name: Susanna Battin

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 03:58 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: In regards to the proposed city budget, which the council will be meeting to discuss Monday June 8th. It is an egregious offense to give the LAPD over 50% of our cities funding. I urge you to defund and demilitarized our police force, and divert funding which supports people in the ways they need support: housing, community and cultural programming, health care, environmental quality, education and access to parks and recreation.

Communication from Public

Name: Eloise Madsen Borden

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 04:17 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD continues the disenfranchisement of black Angelinos and has done nothing but escalate non-violent protests and cause harm. This is our city, we deserve to use their funds for constructive and productive means. We want to elevate our community, not terrorize it. Defund the LAPD!!

Communication from Public

Name: Agathe Panaretos

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 04:57 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am asking that the council approve a city budget that defunds the LAPD and invests that money in Universal Aid and Crisis Management, Affordable Housing, and Reimagined Community Safety.

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin Bailey

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 05:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We must defund the police! Police are a violent presence in our most vulnerable neighborhoods. We must invest in people and programs that directly influence housing and welfare. Police should not be a military force in their own neighborhoods. Massively defund the police and allow for a more peaceful resolution of issues through community support.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Bitely
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 05:05 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I demand that you defund the police and fund our community instead. I fully support The People's Budget LA.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 05:30 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please stop cannabis sales from funding over-policing.

Communication from Public

Name: Joanna Ramos Patrick

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Look to the Minneapolis city council and follow their lead, then we can actually start helping the citizens of our community. You can protect our vulnerable citizens without police with guns. You can protect them with access to mental health resources so that they can have the tools to contribute to society. You can protect them with free transit so they can get to their jobs and contribute to society. You can protect them with access to housing so they can rest at the end of the day so they can wake up tomorrow and contribute to society. Hopeless and oppressed people are too broken to contribute to society, lift them UP, don't beat them DOWN.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 06:48 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: please defund police and out money towards public education and mental health support

Communication from Public

Name: Alicia Peterson

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 06:53 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Garcetti's pledge to reallocate \$150 million from the LAPD does not go far enough. We need to adopt a People's Budget for Los Angeles, investing 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. We need to divest from traditional forms of policing that have proven time and again to be ineffective at protecting and serving. The People have spoken. And they have marched. And the police have proven just how problematic and supremacist they are. We need to DEFUND THE POLICE and fund the real services that make our communities healthy and safe.

Communication from Public

Name: Tyne
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 07:10 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 that the City Council completely revise Mayor Garcetti's horrific and white supremacist budget. Reallocating \$150 million of a \$3 billion budget will not stand. 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. The police have abused protestors with rubber bullets, tear gas, pepper spray, wrongful arrest, and more. It is unacceptable from an institution that claims to "protect and serve," and proves that the LAPD does not "protect and serve" at all. 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 in favor of these more impactful solutions that will actually keep communities safe. I demand the 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. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Joana

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am in support of defunding the police, and reconsidering the budget in favor of the PeoplesBudgetLA. I urge the City Council to 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. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Bridger Winegar
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 07:20 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND LAPD

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please urge and vote to divest law enforcement immediately. Los Angeles MUST lead the world in adopting a People's Budget, investing in and empowering our communities to rise to meet the challenges of COVID-19, poverty, racism, and capitalism with its continually evolving environmental consequences. Adopting a People's Budget and abolishing the police is an ESSENTIAL FIRST STEP. Communities are begging all levels of leadership, please be our voice; anything less is violence against the public.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Doiron

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: At least 10% of the police budget should be reallocated to promoting and empowering people of color through PUBLIC EDUCATION resources (directly increasing the LAUSD budget), and social services to support the LAUSD system, so we can remove police from our public schools. Black children deserve equal if not GREATER access to educational resources, given they have statistically less access to these resources. We are RELYING ON YOU to make this change NOW.

Communication from Public

Name: Gary Mairs

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: While last week's reduction of police funding was welcome, it is not nearly enough: the current, profoundly militarized LAPD must be radically defunded and that money diverted to schools, social services and infrastructure. The events of the last week have made perfectly clear what should have been obvious decades ago: our police force is oversized, overarmed and insensitive to the community that it putatively serves. I urge the city council to take seriously the calls to defund the LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Katja Farin
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 08:01 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I have lived in Los Angeles for the past 23 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. Maybe there is a way to have an incentive program to give good behaviors rewards. 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:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 08:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It has come to light how much LA's budget was going to be allocated to LAPD. I am voicing my concern with such an act, when there is a larger need for those same funds to go into community programs (education, homelessness, etc.) that will benefit much more from them. I strongly implore you to reconsider and allocate ALL that money to the community, where CHANGE stems from.

Communication from Public

Name: Kayla Jones

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 08:29 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The police budget is ABSURD. Why are we not putting more of this budget into education and social services?!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted:

06/07/2020 08:29 PM

Council File No:

20-0600

Comments for Public Posting:

While Mayor Garcetti is cutting \$100-\$150 million dollars from the LAPD budget, that is not nearly enough. More of the LAPD's \$1.8 billion dollar budget MUST be redirected back into the actual Los Angeles community through social services to address root causes of inequality in Los Angeles. Such services must prioritize children, disadvantaged communities, and of course, minority populations. Funding schools, hospitals, housing, food services, social services, and local non-profit organizations is ESSENTIAL in providing an environment of safety and growth. The budget should reflect the wants of the people - actually, it MUST. This country and this city is supposed to be a democracy where our representatives REPRESENT THE PEOPLE. This is what the people want. Not more funding for the police:
<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/2/#inbox/QgrcJHsBpWMzqNZLGDfNVGRDvqIVmNNsDCg?projector=1>

Communication from Public

Name: Cornelia Burleigh
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 08:32 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

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

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

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 08:33 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a citizen of Los Angeles for 25 years, I do not remember my beloved city in a worse situation than it is in today in regards to housing, homelessness, education and community care. This is in spite of Los Angeles' growth as an international cultural, technology and business center over the last quarter of a century. How is it that this has not resulted in an improved standard of living for its citizens, who continue to believe in Los Angeles? Look no further than this year's proposed budget for the answer. City government would rather police and manage its citizenry than house it, educate it and care for it. It would rather keep its population productive than healthy and empowered. If this city must be approached as a business (which it shouldn't be), then You must invest into its citizenry. This means funding Care, not Cops: taking the long view, displaying some imagination, and refocusing on providing SERVICES to the city's inhabitants in the form of incredible schools, humane solutions to housing, a superior social care approach to its challenges. So start defunding the police and appropriately funding schools and social services. Overwhelm homelessness with resources. Stop tasking police officers with resolving social and mental health issues. They can only make things worse. Revisit this medieval budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Derek

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 08:34 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and invest in systems designed to help those in need, not merely punish them. More social workers and teachers help lift up a population to reach their potential... the police are doing nothing to achieve that goal. Defund them. Adopt the people's budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Kera Schulze

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 08:56 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is imperative that the LA City budget reflects what the PEOPLE want, NOT what the Mayor wants. We want a budget that reflects our priorities and needs. We want more services for unhoused Angelenos, including housing in the thousands of empty hotel rooms throughout the city; more mental health services; rent suspension and forgiveness 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. More spending on POLICING means less money on HUMAN-CENTERED SERVICES. We need housing, healthcare, good jobs, healthy food, mental healthcare, free public transit, educational enrichment, and small business resources. WE DON'T NEED MORE POLICE. We demand that city council call a special council meeting and make a people's budget.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 08:58 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The police alone are ineffective in serving the community alone. We need to restore the mental health of the city and have outlets for people other than calling the police. Seems like we need a fresh start to a failed system

Communication from Public

Name: Nathanael Jones
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 09:00 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles, I'm writing to express my disapproval of the Mayor's budget. Even with a 150 million dollar cut to police spending, the amount allocated to police is outrageous. Those funds should be redistributed toward proactive resources that will directly benefit the residents of Los Angeles, education, housing, services for the homeless and those suffering from drug addiction. These funds should NOT be used to fund a militarized police force that has a history of violence, primarily against BIPOC. Please allow conscience and common sense to guide your actions in using the city budget to make our city more peaceful, healthy, educated and safe for ALL.

Communication from Public

Name: Adam L

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:00 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Clerks Office, Please consider looking at alternatives to spending a majority of the city's budget on Policing. Many areas are underfunded and could use the money to help the underlying issues that end up on the LAPD's plate later on. Please consider the proposal of the People's Budget as a template for this kind of reorientation of the community's priorities. Thanks for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Luke Freitag

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:00 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD's budget is out of control and we need the immediate demilitarization and defunding of the police. The money would be much better spent on school, mental health and homelessness programs rather than establishing a tyrannical regime that claims to "Protect" us even though all evidence from the past weeks shows that they bring nothing but harm to any non-affluent white community. Defund the police and give us the people's budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Luke Elderkin

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:01 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: To Mayor and Councilmembers, I am writing to express concern with the LAPD budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Los Angeles must take the lead among American cities in defunding and demilitarizing our police. I suggest a reduction of at least one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) in the police budget. These tax dollars would be better spent investing in education and after school programs, affordable housing and rent relief, healthcare and public health, public transit and infrastructure, employment programs, and restorative justice programs. Policing does not make our communities safer. Rather, it is robust social programs and meeting the basic needs of citizens that reduces crime and increases public safety. We are told over and over that we cannot afford social programs and public transit while the police department budget continues to balloon. The public demonstrations we have seen in the wake of the murder of George Floyd have made the feelings of your constituents crystal clear.
Regards, Luke Elderkin

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:02 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD have acted like a domestic terror group and should clearly not receive any sort of raise. I also recommend they be disbanded and a new form of public assistance should take their place. Something that actually helps the community and makes the community feel safe. Let me be clear, the Los Angeles Police Department makes NO ONE feel safe. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:02 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Cancel rent and mortgage. Defund LAPD. Adopt the People's budget. Garcetti must fire Police Chief Moore and resign! This city has failed its people. Stop bullshitting us with meager proposals of "police reform". Of past reforms have worked we wouldn't be where we are right now. These so called reforms only strengthen the police, who has and will continue to harass and criminalize us. We're not buying your bullshit "21st century policing" narrative — police are the problem, not the solution. And we're not gonna wait another 20 years! We've been waiting 400 years for justice already and we're fed up!

Communication from Public

Name: Jorie Das

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:08 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Committee, I respectfully request that you hold on pay raises for the LAPD at this time. The public deserves to have a full picture of city finances and police spending before a decision should be made. This decision should be tabled to at least 2021. Please postpone this vote. The taxpayers are on the hook, and citizens are angry and distrusting of votes being made at the table. Please put all future contract discussions ON HOLD for at least one year, also because we do not know the complete financial impact of the COVID19 shutdown to our city.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:08 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am speaking in support of my black and brown brothers and sisters of Los Angeles who have been and continue to be brutalized, dehumanized, terrorized and murdered by the utterly unaccountable and out-of-control LAPD. I am also speaking out in support of my houseless neighbors who are regularly subjected to the same by the disgraceful police officers of this city. The leadership of this city on every level has revealed itself to be utterly incompetent and has completely lost the consent of the citizens over the past week, as murderous and unhinged LAPD officers beat, gassed and shot munitions at peaceful protestors. The only conceivable steps that this city could take to put itself on a path towards redemption would be for our embarrassing disgrace of a mayor, Eric Garcetti, to immediately fire Police Chief Michael Moore, who is a vindictive scumbag and utterly incompetent clown and deserves to live the rest of his days facing the contempt and scorn of the public his department has failed to protect. Garcetti must immediately thereafter resign and should never show his weasel face in public, let alone in politics, ever again without being shamed and humiliated by the citizens who rightfully hate him. Finally, frankly the city council's leadership has also been lacking during this pandemic as well as during this civil unrest over police brutality and oppression. The city council has left its poor and houseless citizens to fend for themselves and has offered basically nothing in terms of relief for them. You all should be ashamed of yourselves. Council members should immediately move to defund the LAPD, taking its murderous and incompetent thugs off of the city streets, and pass the People's Budget, as demanded by Black Lives Matter and the people of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Jocelyn Coffman

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The people demand a People's Budget, and that specifically means defunding the violent, bloated LAPD and spending money on services that actually benefit Angelenos, especially giving the devastation of the COVID-19 epidemic. Funding the LAPD with 3 billion of our funds while people are hardly able to pay rent in a crippled economy. 3 billion! Enough to house the unhoused several times over and again! How do you not understand how absolutely infuriated we are, already being abandoned in our fight against the pandemic while the LAPD beats its own citizens in the streets, shoots rubber bullets at the unhoused, innocent, and unarmed. Absolutely disgusting. Defund the LAPD. Invest in community care. Do the right thing. You've seen the crowds, if you fail us we will be voting you out of office.

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew Pardue
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:10 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to make a comment on the Mayor's proposed budget. I hear that he now proposed to adjust his original budget by taking \$150 million out of the police budget, but that simply isn't enough. The redundant attempts of trying to reform law enforcement in this city that have failed. It blows my mind that Mayor Garcetti still wants to spend over 50% of the general fund of the budget on policing. I participated in the Peoples Budget LA process and it is clear that the priorities of Angelenos are 1) in housing security, ensuring that people have housing and can stay in housing. There are enough empty units in this city for our unhoused neighbors and they don't deserve to be policed and criminalized by law enforcement. 2) Another top priority, healthcare and wellbeing. Supporting healthcare and mental health needs with counseling and community-led crisis response. There is no point for a police officer with a gun to be helping with issues related to mental health, non-violent crime in general doesn't need to be enforced by police officers. We will not continue to accept that more training and small reduction of \$150k will make this problem go away. 3) We need to invest in the environment and make sure that we are providing clean air and clean water to Angelenos. This is one of the most polluted cities in the world and we are investing tiny amounts of money on renewable energy in compared to the police force. In the midst of recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, and the fact that scientists are telling us that we don't have much time to act before we can't reverse the effects of climate change, It is clear that we should be investing in housing, healthcare, clean air & clean water, and last but not least 4) youth development/after-school programs. This youth help should include jobs, after school learning/practice of trades and/or art and creativity. Also, youth development centers where children and young adults can go practice/play sports together, work on homework together, build community together. These priorities should be focused on benefitting black and brown communities that have been terrorized and left out for too long. It's time that the hard working citizens of this city get to have a piece of the pie. We are tired of the "community investment" going to law enforcement which has proven that they fail at their jobs of community safety time and time again. Im urging you all to do the same as Minneapolis city council and dismantle the

city's police department and invest in community lead public safety. It's time that we see what city of Los Angeles is capable of, if we follow the calls in Minneapolis this city could be an incredible example for other cities across the country. I think that would be a wonderful thing if we could work together to make that happen. I urge you to adopt the Peoples Budget. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: William Janes

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my deep concern with 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 \$150M, this symbolic gesture is not enough. There needs to be a drastic reduction of LAPD funding and an un-armed, community-based, alternative policing system on top of more funding for social programs. People are marching through the entire city demanding systemic change and justice for the 600+ black people killed by police in LA county since 2012. We implore you to listen to the demands of your constituents. Public safety should no doubt be one of the City's highest priorities. But investments in housing and job security, mental health care and after-school programs are investments in public safety. By cutting these services, this budget will not make Angelenos safer. Furthermore, protests in Los Angeles following the murder of George Floyd have exemplified the issue of police brutality, including the indiscriminate use of tear-gas and rubber bullets against protesters, demonstrating the need for an overhaul of the LAPD. We are presented with an opportunity to improve upon the past instead of repeating its mistakes. It is in that spirit that I ask you for a compassionate budget -- and through it, for a more just, equitable and humane Los Angeles. I urge the City Council to adopt the People's Budget LA and amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to shift resources from the LAPD to social services, housing, employment programs, restorative justice programs, rent relief and public health efforts.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:50 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We need to put funding into public education and social services instead of the police department. Let's dismantle and rebuild the police department so that it's responsive to the people. Let's fund public education - not through income tax, which perpetuates inequality based on neighborhoods. Let's tax the corporations, billionaires, and industries that call LA home. I believe we can make a better world possible.

Communication from Public

Name: Jordan Wong

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:50 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi! I am an Angeleno and I live in District 13. I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. The Mayor's budget, even with cuts and proposed reapportionments — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD which is OBSCENE. 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:

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD must be defined 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: Jason Ma

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:55 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Good Afternoon, I am writing to add my support for the People's Budget that slashes the LAPD's funds much more than what the mayor has proposed, while restoring money for vital social programs. I would also like to urge the committee to find money in the LAPD's budget or pension to pay for the flood of police brutality lawsuits that are coming from protesters and journalists who were exercising their First Amendment rights. Money that could go to other city services should not be siphoned off to pay for LAPD misconduct. Sincerely, Jason Ma

Communication from Public

Name: Luke Shneour

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:55 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 toward the LAPD and not healthcare, homelessness, public transit, and other community initiatives. Defund LAPD now.

Communication from Public

Name: Rosemary Locklear

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 11:25 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. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jon Mackey

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 11:26 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: By now it should be clear to every member of our city council that we, the citizens of this city, have no interest in spending over 50% of our budget on a police force that terrorizes and dehumanizes our population. I support the push to fully dismantle and rebuild the law enforcement infrastructure in this city from the ground up, and the first step of that is investing in CARE not COPS. I call on the city council to defund the LAPD, and redistribute those funds into community programs designed to tackle the core causes of crime, instead of continually throwing money into a a militarized and racist police force. Do better.

Communication from Public

Name: Rebecca Lee

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 11:28 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The Mayor's budget proposal is abysmal and needs to be rejected. Councilmember Martinez's proposal to cut 3% of the increase in funding to LAPD proposed in the Mayor's budget is a good first step but even if passed that would still leave a 51% raise to the LAPD's finances. You've seen our protests these past few weeks; you know what a majority of Angelenos are telling you, both in the streets and during Council meetings: You must reject the increase to the LAPD's funding and in fact defund the department. It is unacceptable that Black people are being killed by police over and over again for no reason and our city's leadership is doing nothing to stop it from happening. Activists and organizers have given you a plan and you'd do well to follow it. Pass the People's Budget, defund the LAPD, and do right by your constituents. If not, we'll know you for the useless cowards you'll have shown yourself to be and vote you all out of office.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:05 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Re: LAPD Budget. I demand that the city council dismantle the LAPD and adopt a new model for public safety in our city, one which works with the community and provides funds for care-based initiatives, not unlimited spending for cops. It is not enough to simply cut \$150 million from the LAPD's budget, we have to imagine a new way to keep all people, especially black people, in our community safe.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Varvitsotis
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:43 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: We need to redirect funds to better our healthcare system, education system and community programs.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Sakay
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:54 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, My name is Stephanie Sakay. 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. 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. Defunding the police and restructuring the budget is an absolute necessity now more than ever. 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. Sincerely, Stephanie

Communication from Public

Name: Turner Lott
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 06:36 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: We need to defund the Police and, similar to what the Minneapolis City Council has proposed, need to create a new system of ensuring public safety. We need to adopt the People's Budget and fund other areas like affordable housing, public education, and public transit.

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Paterno
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 06:44 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of LA District 13. I am writing 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. 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, Robert Paterno 138.S Westmoreland Avenue 409.692.2287

Communication from Public

Name: Renzo Heredia

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Re: People's Budget/LAPD Budget. I'm joining in agreement with Black Lives Matter LA for the city of Los Angeles to adopt The People's Budget as a positive alternative for what services are funded for us. 51-54% of the budget being allocated to the LAPD will harm citizens, as we've seen countless instances of the police instigating further harm and violence among citizens, before and during the George Floyd protests. We want the budget's focus to not be on police, but essential services that provide care for Angelenos. We want more low-income housing, more mental health services, rent suspension and cancellation during the COVID-19 pandemic, more funding for public schools and students to continue their education during the pandemic, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. Instead of investing in police services, we want community-driven services. You can view the proposal for the budget here:
<https://peoplesbudgetla.com/peoplesbudget/>

Communication from Public

Name: Alfredo

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We as a city are fighting and will continue fighting for a truly transformative change and won't be bought off with the minimal amount of money Major Garcetti has promised to relocate. Please adopt a Peoples Budget that further divest from police and invest in community/health services. Police are more a liability for the city than ever before. Settlement after settlements for deaths, violence, breaking the law, misconducts and plain recklessness. City has to get bonds with high interest to pay the excess in the settlements. How about instead of using that money towards the community. We as Angelenos have been footing the bill year after year. We Angelenos are not allowing this any longer.

Communication from Public

Name: Gabriella Almanza
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 06:57 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles. I am reaching out to express that your “work to identify 250 million in further investments to community programs” is simply not enough! The people of LA vehemently oppose your budget, which still pours most of its funding in the LAPD. We’re demanding you fire Chief Moore, effective immediately. His behavior is abhorrent, and your defense of him is shameful. The LAPD is abusive and corrupt and has proven time and time again that their more harmful than helpful. We could easily solve so many problems Angelenos face like substandard education in schools, housing homeless, using funds for mental health resources, poorly maintained housing and limited options for healthcare! Please listen and take our comments seriously. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 07:17 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, a resident of Sherman Oaks here. The budget allocation going towards police is insane even after the breadcrumb percent tweaks that Garcetti made last week. We are NOT falling for small gestures like that, or even the potential firing of Michel Moore and Jackie Lacey. The problems go beyond them. What we want is what was just announced in Minneapolis yesterday: we want the police department disbanded and for those LAPD funds to be invested in community-led public safety, education, housing, mental health. We want care, not cops. Protests will not stop. Be bold and make the change.

Communication from Public

Name: Jake

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 07:21 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: 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 more than half of our city's discretionary budget should go toward the LAPD and not healthcare, homelessness, public transit, and other community initiatives. Defund LAPD now. It's time we face the realization that over-policing of our black and brown communities has not led to the public safety outcomes its proponents suggest, but has led to state-sponsored violence and oppression. We can rebuild law enforcement in a more fair, equitable, and racially just way.

Communication from Public

Name: Katie Thoma

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 07:27 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I still hold out hope that our elected officials will hear their constituents. While I applaud your recent pledge to redirect 150 million dollars from the LAPD to other community services, it feels like a drop in the bucket compared to the remaining 1.6 billion dollar budget. As a voting and tax paying angeleno I ask that you redraft the proposed budget, further defunding the LAPD in favor of other vital social programs. I strongly support the People's Budget and urge you to consider smaller initiatives like Oregon's CAHOOTS program which uses specially trained responders and operates on a 2 million dollar budget. Let's follow Minneapolis's lead and work to dismantle a broken, racist system and reimagine a better trained/specialized and fiscally responsible model.

Communication from Public

Name: Hailley Field
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 07:34 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Reduce the police budget and out that money where it belongs!! Schools, arts programs, homeless outreach, mental health!!! Also stop using tax payer dollars to fund police activity!!

Communication from Public

Name: Linnea

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 07:55 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD does not need military-grade weapons, especially when they are turned against our citizens. We already have a homeless crisis on our streets. We need to defund the police and put that money into counselors and community programs. People need help just as much, if not more, than they need protection.

Communication from Public

Name: Benny Jacobs-Schwartz

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I propose that any and all lawsuit awards and settlement awards made to police brutality victims, should come from police pensions and not tax payer dollars. Also, please reduce the policing budget to go towards other things that will serve to reduce crime, such as, funding more schools, housing, after-school programs and community gardens!

Communication from Public

Name: Amanda Ruiz

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund and dismantle the Los Angeles Police Department. There are countless videos of police officers abusing citizens with little to no consequences. The LAPD is too far gone for reform.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Vecchi

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We must defund the LAPD drastically as a first step in dismantling violent law enforcement in Los Angeles. Redistributing the budget to ending homelessness, helping domestic violence victims, and putting this money back into our public schools will improve our city! Our community needs these resources desperately. The LAPD has caused destruction, violence and pain in black communities for way too long. How many more Angeleno's need to be killed by LAPD before you take action? It is time to show up and be the progressive city we claim to be. The people are ready.

Communication from Public

Name: Marian Gonzalez
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 08:44 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: More police, and increased funding is not the answer for community safety. The LAPD is an organization designed to protect property and the wealthy, rather than protect citizens. Increasing their funding to a billion directly harms this city's citizens by divesting funds from programs that would actually help. Community-based drug and mental health treatment, education, job growth, housing, and small business recovery. Please, in the interest of public safety do not increase funding to an organization that saw fit to induce coughing in hundreds of our citizens while they were in close quarters. Hey, these kids regularly violate the Geneva Convention, let's not give them more funds to increase their ability to do so. One has to give their name and contact information to leave a public comment, and I can imagine this might lead to retaliation for many commenters. And it is not great that the LAPD feels this would be a fine and good thing.

Communication from Public

Name: GG

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. Our communities were already facing the nation's worst housing and homelessness crisis before the COVID-19 pandemic; 36,300 unhoused Angelenos within the City of LA, 57% of renters in the City of LA being rent-burdened, with the median renter income in the City of LA at \$48,253. I'm asking the city council to reject the mayor's budget and to pass a budget that prioritizes the housing and homelessness needs of Los Angeles residents that includes funding and resources for building affordable housing and ensuring tenant protections. Further, I ask that these efforts be concentrated in the communities that have been subject to systematic racism and disinvestment for decades: communities of color, particularly for Black and Latino neighborhoods. Our housing and homelessness crisis is at the root of so many other issues in LA -- addressing the problem at its root is ultimately a more effective and cost-saving strategy than to continually fund band-aid solutions to the negative outcomes. Prevention is key. Please pass a budget that addresses the social determinants of health, including housing and homelessness. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisset

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police now! A 150 million cut to the LAPD funds is laughable and insulting. LAPD is terrorizing Black communities and peaceful protestors, and you are all complicit in these civil rights violations. Los Angeles should follow the example of Minneapolis's city council and pledge to gradually dismantle LAPD. This is MY tax money and I want it rerouted back to underserved communities, transportation, health and housing resources. Los Angele's city budget should fund essential services the way it funds the police department. Adopt the People's Budget NOW.

Communication from Public

Name: Matt McRee
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 08:54 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Adopt the People's budget and defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: ERIC SHEEHAN

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:00 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: If you want the marching to stop, you need to do more. Minneapolis city council has decided to look at dismantling their police department and rebuilding a new way for communities to keep each other safe. Defund the LAPD by a billion dollars now. Put that money into first responders without guns. People trained in de-escalation, therapists, and people who live in this city. No more cops from out of town. No more outside agitators.

Communication from Public

Name: Lindsey

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:01 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Adopt the people's budget for the city of Los Angeles. Defunding the police needs to happen NOW! Reallocate funds to POC-led organizations, to education, to healthcare reform. It is time to listen to the people you represent.

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Ryan

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:01 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, Please adopt the People's Budget and defund the police.
Thanks.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Eggert-Crowe
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:01 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in District 13. 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. Thank you for your time, Lauren Eggert-Crowe

Communication from Public

Name: Francesca Sonara

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:03 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The people of Los Angeles demand more than a symbolic gesture honoring our dire need to defund the police and reinvest in our community. \$150 million dollars taken from the police budget is analogous to the FTC's laughable penalty on Facebook. In short, it is not nearly enough to uproot the current, rotten system and replace it with one that actually serves this community. If the city actually cares about its residents and would like to show that through its action (which by, the way is the only acceptable method), they must work together to DEFUND the police. How many more lives must be lost to police brutality, homelessness, mental illness and improper healthcare before this is fixed? We do not want police in our streets, we want streets and a city that is safe for ALL OF US. Reinvest in your people, not your police.

Communication from Public

Name: Jacqueline Rose
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:54 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear council members, As a resident I urge you to re-direct funds from the police department to be redistributed to social services, education and healthcare. The LAPD does not serve and uplift our community as well as alternative programs can. The LAPD is severely OVER funded receiving a disproportionate percentage of the over all budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Aaliyah Williams
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 10:42 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a tax paying citizen of Los Angeles, I demand that the City Council and the Mayor of Los Angeles work expeditiously to DEFUND THE POLICE. \$100 - \$150 million of the LAPD budget that have been redistributed to support the Black community is a start but it is woefully insufficient. Let us defund the police and reimagine how we utilize funds for services and support that can actually nurture and sustain our communities. It is absolutely astonishing and enraging that the Los Angeles Police Department has \$3 BILLION allocated to them when we have been systematically defunding education for far too long, when we do not invest in proper public health and mental health support. How does the LAPD have \$3 BILLION and our front line health workers don't have enough PPE?! This is illogical. It is immoral. I demand that the City of Los Angeles adopts the Peoples Budget LA IMMEDIATELY. Please go to www.peoplesbudgetla.com for details. Here are pertinent excerpts: This report details our findings and presents a People's Budget alternative to the Mayor's proposed 2020-21 budget. Our document and data both reveal a clear referendum: invest in universal needs (e.g., housing security, public health/health care, mental health and wellness, etc.) and divest from traditional forms of policing. Here's a summary of our methodology and results: More than 10,000 people were engaged in the drafting of the People's Budget. This includes 1,470 Angelenos who took our survey, 3,300 participants who engaged in our participatory budgeting process in real time on May 24, 2020 (via Zoom and Facebook Live), and 10,000 viewers who have watched the session after-the-fact. The top priorities for investment include housing, mental health and wellness, and public health and healthcare. The top priorities for divestment include parking enforcement, police and policing, and the City Attorney's Office. The People's Budget allocates just 5.7% of general funds to law enforcement and policing – just about one-tenth of the 54% given to the LAPD in the Mayor's proposed budget. The People's Budget allocates the largest amount of money to Universal Aid and Crisis Management (44.25%), followed by Built Environment (25.80%), then Reimagined Community Safety (24.22%), and finally Law Enforcement and Police (5.72%). Let us look to the Minneapolis City Council as an example of courage and a

practical path to radical action to actually CARE for our communities. This must happen NOW.

Communication from Public

Name: Alex

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 10:44 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Reducing funds to the LAPD is a great start...but \$100M is a joke. That's just you trying to put a pacifier in the mouths of those who want change, thinking that will shut us up. Absolutely not. Again, \$100M is a joke compared to the overall proposed +\$BILLION budget. Let's see some real reductions and let's see that money go towards building up other resources in our communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Randolph

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 10:44 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE. This doesn't mean leaving holes in a system ultimately meant to serve and protect our citizens, it means to allocate the overly inflated police budget to better serve our community. Spend money on health services so people experiencing outbursts due to mental illness can get the care they need, instead of arrested and charged. Spend money on housing people experiencing homelessness so the police aren't called when someone is sleeping outside of their home or business. Spend money on trained mitigators or crisis professionals so they can arrive at a domestic violence dispute or public disturbance, instead of the police who will respond with force and only escalate the matter. As a white woman, I have no reason to fear police, but I do. When police are around I do not feel safer, they cause anxiety and stress. I cannot even imagine how much stronger that anxiety and fear would be if I were a Black person. Our society has raised generations to be fearful of the very people who are supposed to be protecting us. Reforming our system is not the answer. We've tried reform, and it has not worked. It needs to be dismantled, defunded, and the policing system as we know it must look completely different moving forward. Put money back into education. Our school systems are failing, and that is at the fault of the city. Our teachers don't have enough funds, our schools are crumbling, and the money our LA County schools do see are disproportionately dispersed - favoring white schools and white communities of privilege. DEFUNDING THE POLICE IS WHAT WE WANT. The peaceful protests in the streets aren't going to stop because you've told us about your plan to remove \$150 million dollars from the police budget - didn't the police budget get raised \$165 million dollars last year alone? That is not enough. When an LAPD officer shot in to a Trader Joe's and killed an innocent employee, your officer was following protocol. Asking to hold police accountable for their actions isn't enough, because the system is flawed and wrong. It was a civilian woman who talked with the suspect, tended to his gunshot wound, treated him like a person, disarmed him, and walked out with him in handcuffs. The police murdered someone by following protocol, and a citizen arrested the suspect. THIS is what could be happening if we had CARE NOT COPS. Policing is not the answer. Armed officers are not the answer. We are paying

attention, and we demand defunding and dismantling of our current system. Spend our tax dollars in a way that helps our community.

Communication from Public

Name: Paul Grether Stainier

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 10:45 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am a concerned Angelino, worried about the impact that the LAPD has on our communities, especially black and brown communities. Too many deaths, and too much violence, has been brought down with impunity onto Los Angeles by the police force. The current method of policing, which uses a police force which is suspicious, untrained in deescalation, armed to the teeth, and prone to violence, is untenable. Many of the services that the LAPD provides would be better provided by other social services (housing, mental health), which are woefully underfunded. I commend the city for proposing \$150 million budget cuts to LAPD, but this is simply not enough. I urge you to follow the lead of Minneapolis and consider stronger action to defund the police force. The world is watching. Let us be on the right side of history. Sincerely, Paul Stainier

Communication from Public

Name: Paris Tanaka

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 10:47 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council members, I write to express my deep concern regarding the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021. I urge the City Council to amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to reflect the values of our community: we want more social services, employment programs, public health resources, rent relief, and restorative justice programs, not more policing. We request the City Council adopt the People's Budget LA. While the Mayor recently announced he would decrease LAPD funding by up to \$150M, this symbolic gesture is simply not enough. There needs to be a drastic reduction of LAPD funding and an un-armed, community-based, alternative policing system - on top of more funding for social programs. People are marching through the entire city demanding systemic change and justice for the 600+ black people killed by police in LA County since 2012. We implore you to listen to the demands of your constituents. Public safety should no doubt be one of the City's highest priorities. But investments in housing and job security, mental health care, and after-school programs are investments in public safety. By cutting these services, this budget will not make Angelenos safer. Furthermore, protests in Los Angeles following the murder of George Floyd have exemplified the issue of police brutality, including the indiscriminate use of tear-gas and rubber bullets against protesters, demonstrating the need for an overhaul of the LAPD. We are presented with an opportunity to improve upon the past instead of repeating its mistakes. It is in that spirit that I ask you for a compassionate budget-and through it, for a more just, equitable, and humane Los Angeles. I urge the City Council to adopt the People's Budget LA and amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to shift resources from the LAPD to social services, housing, employment programs, restorative justice programs, rent relief, and public health efforts. Sincerely, Paris Tanaka, Resident of District 11

Communication from Public

Name: Beau Rawlins

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police, invest in community not division, adopt the Peoples Budget. Too many problems in society are thrown at the police, Drug problems? Go get the police. Poverty and Homelessness? Get the police to get them off the street. Graffiti? Send in the police. Invest in community initiatives. Not the police

Communication from Public

Name: Renee Garcia

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Renee Garcia with Immigrant Defenders Law Center. 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 (LJF) 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.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:02 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: For the sake of our city and for all its inhabitants, please do not defund the police!

Communication from Public

Name: ivan castro

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers Krekorian, Price, Koretz, Blumenfield and Bonin, I am an Angeleno and I live in District 10. 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% of unrestricted funds to the LAPD. 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 LAPD have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a racist, White Power signal on television while Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused, maimed and killed your constituents exercising their first amendment right to peaceably assemble. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Thank you for your time, Ivan Castro Business Owner

Communication from Public

Name: Tanner Hayes

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am adding my voice in support of a complete defunding and dismantling of the police which redistributes the funds allocated to the LAPD to healthcare, housing including assisting our unhoused neighbors, public transit, and other community initiatives as defined in the People's Budget for Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Parker

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:13 AM

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: Lauren Schultz
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:14 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Due to the overwhelming show of support for the members of the BIPOC, I ask that the city look to defund the police and invest our tax dollars into a city budget that prioritizes education, social services, especially in low income communities around LA and the county. Please support the People's Budget LA. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephen Bell

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:14 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We are in the middle of a global pandemic. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed — and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Renters make up over half this city, and yet time and again you have failed to provide them any meaningful material support. There were approximately 60k unhoused people BEFORE the pandemic; after COVID-19, there will likely be thousands more. In this context, the Mayor pushes punitive austerity -- cutting needed departments and offering MORE MONEY to the LAPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The people that elected you need material relief. They deserve justice. And yet once again, despite your platitudes and weak promises, you appear determined to make their lives more difficult. Determined to not simply fail your constituents, but to actively work against them. In a just world, every single one of you would resign. Unfortunately, experience has taught us not to expect justice. Not voluntarily. So I, along with what I am sure will be the majority of your city, am urging you to publicly support the People's Budget and to commit to defunding the LAPD, just as the Minneapolis city council committed to defunding their own police department yesterday. The Mayor's budget is not simply a disaster; it is an attack on his own people. We need disinvestment from the police, and investment in community and and health-centered services. I am asking for this in the hope that I might be pleasantly surprised. Because we need help. And we need it now.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexander Ortiz
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:15 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Hello, Please consider using some funds that are currently used for LAPD to help fund public mental health and to allow for trained mental health professionals to help respond to nonviolent house calls, especially those mental health related. This would garner higher quality results and keep escalation down. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Kelley Harrison
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:19 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: \$150 million is NOTHING compared to the \$3 billion currently in the budget for the LAPD. Please reconsider this amount. We want low income housing, more mental health services, rent cancellation during this pandemic, more funding for public schools, and investments directly benefiting the black community. We DO NOT want more police. YOU hold the keys to change — have some strength and stand on the right side of history

Communication from Public

Name: Elle F-Garcetti
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:20 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I call on this committee to reject the current proposed budget. The people of this city have protested in the hundreds of thousands for two straight weeks to make it LOUD AND CLEAR that they do not want your proposal for 51% of the discretionary budget going to LAPD. 3 billion for LAPD is an outrage after how many people they have killed and the massive over-response of violence to suppress peaceful protests which were calling out LAPD violence. LAPD's union LAPPL actually threatened the mayor, and the entire city council over a minor cut to their proposed funding. Either you exert full control over your police or admit you do not run this city, and that LAPD does. It would be the height of folly to continue as though the reality of the situation has not changed. You must adopt the People's Budget proposed by BLM and the People's City Council, and completely defund and disband the LAPD. No other options now exist that will preserve your political careers, so act right.

Communication from Public

Name: Alfred Morales

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:20 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of CD 10, I am commenting on record to oppose the current budget allocations for FY 2020-2021, namely the amount of funding going towards the LAPD. 150 million is NOT enough, and we need to ensure further allocations are divested from the LAPD budget so those funds CAN be used for community services, after school programs, and mental wellness/health initiatives. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:21 AM

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. 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. The proposed \$150 million budget cut is not enough--this still leaves LAPD with over half of the city's unrestricted funds. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA and direct these funds to services which will actually serve the people of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Stevie Weinstein-Foner

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:23 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm asking the City Council to adopt the People's Budget instead of the current proposed budget. The People's Budget allocates the largest amount of money to Universal Aid and Crisis Management (44.25%), followed by Built Environment (25.80%), then Re-imagined Community Safety (24.22%), and finally Law Enforcement and Police (5.72%). Los Angeles must divest from traditional forms of policing to provide an equitable and just society for all its citizens. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Courtney Pickard

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:30 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the Budget and Finance Committee to consider the course of action other cities have taken in DEFUNDING THE POLICE and looking into city budget allocation and initiatives that provide social programs, MORE money to public schooling, and LESS money to perpetual violence against our community by the LAPD. What does it mean to a community when over 50% of the funding provided to make a city run is an explicit endorsement and enabling of racist, violent policing tactics that have left hundreds of innocent civilians killed unjustly, without cause, and their families without justice or resolution? Hear our voices! The council works for the people - we demand A PEOPLE'S BUDGET!

Communication from Public

Name: Eric S
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:47 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is clear that the Los Angeles Police Department no longer works for you, Mayor Garcetti, or the people of Los Angeles (this we always knew). LAPD Captain Cory Palka is throwing up white power symbols on Live TV with zero repercussions. The department is brutalizing and terrorizing peaceful protestors and homeless people with impunity. The LAPD and its union is now leaking videos of meetings in parking lots with Council-member Monica Rodriguez, surrounding her with 50 officers, threatening to "vote her out" if he she doesn't do something about Black Lives Matters, spewing lies that city council has given \$250 Million to Black Lives Matters. What makes you think LAPD isn't coming for you next? They're unhinged; they no longer work for you. They, backed by the most powerful union in America, are in survival mode. They are heavily armed, with the knowledge that they will face no repercussions for committing violence against anyone. No longer do the Police protect Capital, they protect themselves. You have an opportunity to make history; to be bold; to imagine something entirely new, to work with the community, not in opposition to it. This moment needs you; it needs us. It is clear that the old way of thinking is obsolete and must be thrown away, immediately, before more innocent people are brutalized, terrorized, and murdered. The People will not stop protesting, ever, until the LAPD is defunded and and The People's Budget is enacted. It is that simple. Get on the right side of history; make history. Have difficult conversations; be uncomfortable. It is never too late to change your ways. Be on the right side of history.

Communication from Public

Name: Meredith Alden
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:47 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Regarding the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021: Over the past week, the LAPD have shown ALL of us in this city what our black and brown citizens already knew, to their lasting pain and grief: the LAPD are completely out of control. Every single day produces new video evidence of the sadism, thuggishness, and brutality that runs unchecked among their ranks. The LAPD have become a government-sponsored mafia. They show us by their actions that they care only about protecting their own ranks and their own financial interests. They gang up on, intimidate, and threaten any elected officials who seek to limit their power or resources. We've all seen it. At what point will the LAPD be satisfied with the amount of power and money they control? Will they stop once they collect 60% of the city's entire operating budget? 70? 80? The answer is that they will not stop until we stop them. Eric Garcetti's weak and ill-defined proposal to remove up to \$150 million of the LAPD's funding is pocket change compared to their total allocation. It is an empty and meaningless gesture of appeasement. We see right through it. The LAPD, like police forces all across the country, are actively trained to discriminate against and abuse the black, brown, poor, and unhoused communities. They have killed 601—and counting—black citizens of Los Angeles since 2012. That is a shocking number of extrajudicial murders. It should shock you. By their words and deeds the LAPD have shown us over and over again that they see us, the citizens of Los Angeles, as expendable at best, and sub-human at worst. They do not keep us safe. They do not serve and protect us. Have the courage to advocate for your own citizens. Have the courage to stand up against the LAPD. Carve their funding back to the bone, the way you have already carved back on our education, our social services, our public transportation, our cultural programming. Invest in US, for a change, instead of those who abuse and kill us. Reallocate the LAPD's grossly disproportionate funding to all the social programs you have starved and withered. Let's ensure that all our citizens have food, shelter, health care, education, and transportation. Let's create a new form of policing that is community-based and un-armed. Your people are marching through the entire city demanding systemic change, and an end to racist, abusive, and ineffectual policing. Listen to us, your

constituents. The old system is corrupt and broken. Have the courage to imagine a new one. Have the courage to make Los Angeles the world leader in a new model of justice. Have the courage to do the right thing for your city and its citizens. Defund the LAPD. Adopt the People's Budget of LA, for the health, safety, and vitality of your people. Sincerely, Meredith Alden, Resident of District 5

Communication from Public

Name: Levana kaitel

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I do not support defunding the police. I want my neighborhood safe so my kids can play outside !

Communication from Public

Name: Julie

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: 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 honestly laughable. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Trevor Davis

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a native Angeleno, community organizer and civic leader who is sick and tired of our region's approach to public safety, and I demand that we summon the political courage NOW to ensure our budget reflect the common sense values of the voters. Is it not only immoral but also frankly ignorant to give a pittance to social services like education, mental health, drug & alcohol treatment, after-school programs, community healthcare, basic programs to ensure food and shelter as a human right...then invest heavily in the utterly predictable crime that results from these conditions. It is the kind of ignorance that fuels a medical system focused on disease rather than preventative medicine like nutrition, exercise and holistic wellness. We cannot condone pouring billions of dollars into policing, putting our tax dollars to waste and risking officers lives unnecessarily, to clean up the mess that we created by failing to invest morally and strategically in our communities. We demand a moral budget. People are rioting in the streets. My hometown is destroyed. The political will is with you and the voters will remember what you do today. Summon your courage. Vote for the People's Budget and stand on the right side of history. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Christian Guerra
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:11 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: We want half

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We are tired of seeing brutal police violence and you are tired of seeing us out in the streets protesting it. The police do not deserve \$3+ billion to continue their campaign of brutality. And it's particularly obvious in these times that that money could be spent supporting our community with things like food and housing assistance. We're not going to stop pushing you to pass a People's Budget, to defund the police, divest from the police and invest in supporting the community. Do the right thing.

Communication from Public

Name: Rebecca Lieb

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I write my comment in solidarity with with Black Lives Matter LA, who is fighting for all those who have been robbed by our elected officials. Los Angeles is in an abusive relationship with LAPD, and that relationship needs to end. Defund the LAPD and adopt the People's Budget LA coalition's demands. The LAPD drains our city's coffers like a leech. The council and Garcetti have used the LAPD like a corrupt swiss army knife for addressing every issue under the sun, and what results do we have to show for it? It seems pretty clear that LAPD are FAILING at what they are funded to do. LAPD is FAILING at being make-believe social workers, addiction counselors, mental healthcare providers, homelessness outreach. We need to fund people who are actually trained and qualified to provide a response to the challenges our city faces. And that response needs to be nonviolent, without criminalization. I am sickened that an audit of the budget found that \$87MM of \$100MM that was supposed to go toward homelessness services ended up getting funneled into the LAPD. You are complicit in perpetuating a system that is psychopathic. It is psychopathic to steal government funds away from my friend who is unhoused--to rob her of a shot at getting out of homelessness precisely because you are choosing to fund an organization who routinely abuses her. It is psychopathic to steal funds away from our public school system. It is psychopathic to not create free public transit in LA. The city council can try to wiggle out of accountability by using hollow words, liberal crocodile tears, and making small concessions to cut the LAPD budget by 3%...But IT WON'T WORK! You literally have the eyes of the city gazing onto you. Your corrupt antics aren't gonna play. Defund the LAPD, and reallocate those resources to programs for the communities who have been robbed and abused as a result of this abusive relationship with law enforcement. Also, while I'm at it, I am disgusted that Michael Moore has not been fired. And all of the LAPD commanders and cops who have flashed white supremacist hand gestures on live tv, and engaged in hundreds of cases of documented police brutality. Mike Feuer thought providing real renters protections during a pandemic opened the city up to legal liability? Just you wait until we sue you dry for what the police have done these last several weeks.

Communication from Public

Name: Pamela Agustin

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, My name is Pamela Agustin and I write to you on behalf of Eastside LEADS and the Healthy LA Coalitions in strong support of the People's Budget proposals for a more equitable LA City budget. I urge you and the rest of the city council to reject the Mayor's proposed budget and instead prioritize funding for affordable housing development and preservation, stronger tenant protections, and eviction defense, The City's proposed budget does not reflect the priorities and values of Los Angeles residents, especially under this historic moment in our world history of a shared pandemic and the movement in support of Black lives and their struggle for true liberation. Decades of racist policies, land use planning, and disinvestment from LA's Black communities continue to have devastating effects today. Our shameful history of racism has created a city where Black and Latinx communities still face the deepest inequities. We need your commitment to ending these patterns of inequality by passing a budget that shows that the City Council stands with the Black Lives Matter movement, the Civil Rights movement of our time. Sincerely,
Pamela

Communication from Public

Name: Catherine Knox
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:13 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Hi - I am reaching out to demand that the city looks at the funds currently allocated towards LAPD, and instead re-allocate them to Universal Aid and Crisis Management, Built Environment, and Reimagined Community Safety. \$3B for the police is insane - and there are far more things this money can go to that will create systemic equality, prevent inherent bias and sustainably support the community going forward.

Communication from Public

Name: Shannon Jerger

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:13 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to voice my support for reducing funding to LAPD, and instead redirecting funds into community services and support such as education, homeless support, medical and mental health, food security, civil and human rights, economic and workforce development, housing and community investment, etc. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Steakley

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The actions of this council are appalling. They are completely complicit in the sadistic and racially motivated abuses by the LAPD perpetrated before and after George Floyd's death. Despite these abuses, they believe the LAPD deserves over half of the city of Los Angeles' budget. The only reason this council and the mayor are considering any modifications to the LAPD's budget is because your citizens have made it abundantly clear we will not stand for our tax dollars to fund a white supremacist, elite protecting gang of thugs who are only interested in preserving the unfair, white and privileged elevating racist society we currently live in. It is a slap in the face to hear Mayor Garcetti, who should be called to resign by this council and every single person connected to the city of Los Angeles, parade the proposed 150 million dollar divestment from the LAPD on social media as if no one could figure out extremely easily that he is only talking about 5% of the 3 billion dollar LAPD budget. It is disgusting to see these criminals receive \$3 billion to buy tanks, "non-lethal" bullets, and tear gas to name a few to harass, maim, imprison, and even murder citizens unprovoked. It is even more disgusting to know that the members of this council believe in keeping its citizens in the dirt or in jail, evidenced by the extreme funding of the LAPD while every single other program is being cut. Give us housing, education, mental health services, and resources that could help Angelenos make a life for themselves that isn't struggling to get by while fearing illegal harassment from a tax funded group of terrorists claiming to protect us. The LAPD are murdering black folks and seeking to silence anyone who says it is wrong. This council should absolutely defund the police, call for Garcetti's resignation as well as Chief Moore's, and work to abolish policing as we know it completely. If you have any dignity or care for people at all, you will do these things. Police reform does not work. You cannot reform a system that is built to maintain a racist society. You must serve the people or face the consequences. The consequences will come. The people are angry with you, the people who have real power to change things. Do your duty. Fight for the people who are risking life and limb to get your attention. Respect the sacrifice and DEFUND THE POLICE.

Communication from Public

Name: Gabrielle Carroll

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: LA CITY COUNCIL, the people are demanding that you DEFUND the LAPD. Not just the proposed \$150M, but DRASTICALLY. The proposed \$150M is NOT ENOUGH. The money spent to militarize the police force in this city should go to PUBLIC WORKS, meaning health care, mental heath, housing, and other desperately needed community resources. We do not need a militarized police force. It only promotes violence and encourages police officers to escalate situations. DEFUND THE LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Parker

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:18 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We need to reduce Police budget and power on a local and state level and invest that money directly into neglected communities of color through public services. Reforming Police is not working... bias training, body cameras, community dialogues; it's all been done. We need a better response. Crime is a response to social conditions so we should be divesting money away from the police and investing in areas disproportionately affected by poverty and lack of infrastructure. By redirecting resources into community based initiatives and implementing non-police solutions to social problems, we can uplift those communities while reducing crime and increasing safety. After many failed attempts to reform, council members of Minneapolis have finally committed to dismantling their police force and investing in community based solutions. We should be following their example. To be clear, I am advocating for the defunding of LAPD and adopting the LA People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Olimpia Fitzgerald
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:18 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge the committee to redesign a budget that will not be disputed in the future generations. One that will defund the police's massive budget, and begin the experiment of fostering community health and respect. The failure to allow this kind of experiment will only lead to ongoing chaos and anger, and there will be no relenting when it comes to expecting better, it's simply not good enough, and nobody is going to stand back any longer. If these offenses continue, which they will, the stronger the opposition to State's budgets will be pursued. Let's get the ball rolling people.

Communication from Public

Name: Amanda Schuft

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:20 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Councilmembers, My name is Amanda Schuft, Directing Attorney with Immigrant Defenders Law Center. I am 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.
Amanda Schuft

Communication from Public

Name: Cambria Lippiatt

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Comments for Public Posting: I am 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 the healthcare, homelessness, public transit and other community initiatives. Defund the LAPD now.

Communication from Public

Name: Maria Matta

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:23 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am in full support of the People's Budget and defunding of the LAPD. 150 million budget cut is not efficient enough. This is only 5% reduction after a 5% increase last year. This is not enough. Our community is in need of care, not cops.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a citizen of Los Angeles, I demand that Los Angeles City Council and the Budget and Finance Committee defund the LAPD and redistribute funding to essential services for our communities. I understand that Mayor Garcetti is proposing to cut LAPD funding by \$150 million. This barely scratches the surface of LAPD's share of funding, which still amounts to over half the City's budget. Los Angeles will not accept this, and I know we can do better. We have seen, in the last week alone, that the LAPD is not here to protect and serve the people of Los Angeles. We have witnessed the LAPD assault, tear gas, and shoot at peaceful protesters. We have seen people torn out of their cars by police enforcing an unlawful curfew. I strongly oppose the idea that more resources or more training for the LAPD will make a safer city. The institution must radically change. This begins by the LA City Council taking away the LAPD's immense political power and resources through deciding the City budget. Minneapolis has committed to dismantling its police department. LA City Council: be a leader. Please reexamine why you are asking all other departments to identify areas for cost savings. Rather than increase the police budget every year, as you do, invest in our communities! Invest in housing to fight the housing and homelessness crisis in our region. Invest in education. Invest in transportation and the built environment. Invest in more parks to create a resilient city. Invest in healthcare for all. Invest in crisis management and emergency preparedness. Invest in small businesses struggling from coronavirus. Invest in rebuilding our economy. Invest in PEOPLE, not COPS. Defund the LAPD. Until you do, the citizens of Los Angeles will continue to use our voices for change.