

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Emily Maitino

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I think police unions should be broken up and more power given to oversight by independent bodies. I would like funding to be decreased for police and instead given to mental healthcare, housing, and community organizations such as Crossroads that work to address violent injury in the community. I would like police officers to be given de-escalation training and more strict policies around use of force.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kendall

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 07:45 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please take the public seriously when we say defund the police. There is absolutely no reason why the police budget should be in the billions. There are other professionals that can respond to situations without a gun that know how to deescalate situations, especially mental health crisis when the person is a danger to themselves and others. That should not be an immediate death sentence, like it was for my friend Mike in 2018 in Culver City. Defund the police. Give the money to other needed programs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Miriam Rav-Noy

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I do not support defunding of the LAPD. Their service is crucial to safety of all Angelenos. This will be a tremendous setback for the Los Angeles community. The LAPD has been consistently supportive during times of need and me and my family stand behind them.

## 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:** James Worthington

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Jamie Worthington and I strongly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. Decades of racist policies, land use planning and disinvestment from LA's Black communities continue to have devastating effects today. Black residents are overrepresented in the homeless population, and continue to experience higher rates of unemployment. Our shameful history of racism has created a city where Black and Latinx communities still face the deepest inequities. I am asking for the city council to reject the mayor's budget and to pass a budget that shows Black Lives Matter and are valued in Los Angeles.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ashley  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:07 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Decrease LAPD FUNDS! And allocate to other places including universal aid and crisis, public schools, homeless population, etc.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Erin

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:44 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Mayor Garcetti, We need to defund the police. 3 billion dollars is TOO MUCH. As a law student in the LA area, it is demoralizing to read YEARS of caselaw regarding police brutality and racial discrimination and have our law professors say we can't do anything about the implicit bias that permeates throughout the police. We need to advocate for real change. Studies have shown that implicit bias training and other police reform tactics do not decrease the number of black deaths at the hands of the police. There are plenty of professions that similarly need to disarm and calm people down but do so without killing/murdering civilians. Cops have had the luxury of qualified immunity, and abuse it to the point they can claim 'they feared for their lives' and are let off the hook. At the very least, the city should DEFUND the police and invest the money into black communities to create equitable opportunities. Thank you, Erin.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Liz

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 12:02 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The solution to police brutality is to defund the police. Black people are afraid to call the police out of fear for their lives. People of the latinx community are afraid to call out of fear for their lives. That leaves very few people who are actually being protected and being served by the police. As politicians it is your job to listen to the people. You are not above us. There are so many people saying defund the police and it is your responsibility to listen whether you agree or not. If you do not then your names will be remembered so that you are voted out.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Odis Babski

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 01:50 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** To the City Council, My name is Odis Babski, and I am a resident of the First District of the City of Los Angeles. 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." 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. Thank you for your time, Odis Babski, Los Angeles Resident

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 02:02 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a former resident of LA county, I demand that the city council hold themselves accountable as elected officials and, in the service of dismantling racial inequality, DEFUND THE POLICE by opposing Mayor Garcetti's proposed city budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 03:11 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The police is an institution rooted in systemic racism dating back to Trans-Atlantic slavery. To purposefully ignore the effects that this carries towards the black community and people of color is blatant misuse of power and ethics. DEFUND THE DAMN POLICE AND PUT THAT MONEY INTO AREAS THAT WILL NURTURE THE EMOTIONAL AND FINANCIAL WELL-BEING OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** SAF  
**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 03:21 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please listen to your constituents and fund the People's Budget. The cops are terrorizing Angelenos and you must do something about it now.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sofia  
**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 06:25 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a pediatrician in Los Angeles, and all I want for the children growing up in this county is access to the same privileges I had growing up that allowed me to go to college and then medical school. I think our county's money would be much better served in the elementary, middle, junior high, and high schools rather than to the police force, especially in neighborhoods consisting of a population that is predominantly African American and Hispanic. If youths have access to extracurricular activities, mental health resources, social workers, counselors, and role models in school, they will be less likely to become violent, and therefore there will be less of a need for such an extensive police force. In order to strive to make systemic change to end racism, we need to start in the schools to give children a fighting chance to change their futures.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Samantha Bode  
**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 06:53 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I would like to submit public comment regarding the Mayor's proposed budget for FY 2020-21. Although a \$150 million reduction to the LAPD budget is a decent start, it is only a drop in the bucket of the police department's \$1.8 billion dollar budget. In accordance with the People's Budget LA, I would like to see the majority of the LAPD budget diverted and distributed to address the shortage of funding for housing and education in Los Angeles. Research shows that the safest communities are not those which have the most police presence, but rather are those which have the most resources. By allocating most of the city's discretionary funds to LAPD, you are depriving our city of the resources that actually make us safe. Right now, the LAPD are too militarized and cold. They remind me of those kids in highschool that will help you, but then hold it against you and mock you later for it. What I, and so many others want to see, is more community building and resonance from our public servants. Please drastically reduce the budget allotment to the LAPD and adopt the Peoples Budget LA. Thank you, Samantha Bode Constituent of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell & Mayor Eric Garcetti

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sidney Harrison  
**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 07:54 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I have lived in Los Angeles my entire life (currently I am 27 years old). In this time, I've seen many, many things in this city change, and most of those changes have been negative. I've seen the amount of unhoused people we have living on our streets grow at an astonishing rate. I've seen the amount of addicted and unhoused grow at that same astonishing rate as well. I've watched as our roads crack and deteriorate and lay there damaged and inefficient without any hope of getting them fixed. I've watched as promises about improved public transportation have gone unfulfilled. I've watched as budgets for schools, daycares, and other educational institutions have been slashed left and right. I've watched as two Los Angeles appear to emerge distinct and horrifying: the ultra wealthy and the devastatingly poor. And all this time I was here thinking that the reason these things were happening was because our city did not have enough money to change them. Boy was I wrong. Instead of putting our money toward the communities that make up this city, you have flooded it into the police and their weaponry. Not to police training, not to police education, not to police outreach in the community. No, our money is going toward arming the police with military-grade weapons and armor. You say that this is a measure to prevent crime, but there is no evidence that increasing police budgets (especially increasing the amount of weapons they use) has any effect on crime. In fact, it is proven that communities with the largest amount of police presence are the ones with the most crime. You might argue that the police are there because of the crime, but it is the opposite. Those communities were decimated by cuts to education, healthcare, and other community institutions. And then you sent in a racist, brutal police force trained to believe they are in a den of criminals, not a community of their constituents. You will have many, many lies as to why you continue using our tax dollars this way, but the truth of the matter is that the police is a powerful political force and you are scared of what defunding them might do to your precious career. But I ask you to grow a spine and actually work for the people who elected you. We do not want a stronger police force that controls every aspect of our life in this city. We want community institutions that will uplift us and create pathways to prevent crime from even happening in the first place. We want schools that have

working computers, new textbooks, comprehensive curriculums that include the arts and sciences, and well-paid, appreciated teachers. We want complete shelters for the unhoused that offer resources for continuing success once they find housing, such as job interview training, education on nutrition, cooking, and grocery shopping, free childcare, access to computers and internet, more temporary housing that allows families to stay together, etc. We want community centers both for healthcare and for community gatherings and bonding. We want our roads fixed. We want an expansive and affordable public transportation system. We want affordable housing. We want teams of social workers and psychiatrists who can manage situations of addiction, mental illness or domestic violence, situations that, when police are called in, often end in violence and murder. We want so, so many things that would improve our quality of life and lower crime simply by assuring that citizens are housed, fed, healthy, safe and cared for. This is how we want you to spend our tax dollars. We do not want more police. We do not want more weapons for the police. We want, and need, you to care for us. You take so much from us already, and then you squander what we are forced to give. Please listen to us, because we are dying out here and this city, this country, is killing us. Defund the police. Invest in communities. Listen to the people who you are sworn to protect and serve and disavow about the toxic devil who has his cold grip on the heart of our nation: the political power of greedy money.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mattias Evangelista

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 09:35 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The people of Los Angeles demand you adopt the Peoples Budget. A failure to do so will be a blatant betrayal of the people of Los Angeles. Garcetti loves to talk about how strong Angelenos are and how we will rise to the occasion, but clearly he doesn't believe this if he thinks we need 3 Billion dollars of policing to keep us inline. Have faith in your city. Stop killing us. Disband police unions, fire our disgrace of a "chief." If you really care about us, invest in care. Not cops. We want better schools, better doctors, better parks, better transportation and better mental health facilities. It is amazing that it is so hard to get you to see how this will only benefit the city of Los Angeles. We are begging you. Stop killing us. Stop the hypocrisy. Do the right thing or you will be on the wrong side of history always. Do the right thing or you will never "serve" the people of LA again. We will vote you out that is a promise.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shana

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 10:37 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council - I am a constituent of District 5, represented by Paul Koretz. I am also a Black POC, a woman and a proud Angeleno. The recent cut to the LAPD budget is less than 5%, and is merely an attempt to appease those of us that have grown tired. This is no longer a moment. It is a movement. And with movements come uncomfortable change. I know many police officers within LAPD that, at their core, are decent people. But, the system is broken. It does not allow them to be the great people that they are. That is, until massive changes take place. I do believe, after much consideration, it is time to defund the police and rebuild a much different People's Force. It's time for that money to go back into the community at large to serve everyone, including marginalized communities--POC, LGBTQ and the socioeconomically disadvantaged. It's time for the Homeowner Fund to be re-instated; for more Homeless Support; for an expansion of Senior Meal Delivery services; for more transparency via Impact Reports for no-change items that impact BIPOC and NBIPOC. For example, use the 5 million spent on police overtime on "Homeless Initiatives" for Homeless Support and Housing. (This is also going to help officers, in the long run. They are wearing too many hats, which is putting more pressure on them, while making them more dangerous to us.) Also, I'd be remiss if I didn't mention we are in the middle of pandemic, and that so many Angelenos are in need of rent (and mortgage) assistance. There needs to be money set aside for that. That, most definitely, can come from the inflated LAPD budget. Racism and police brutality are public health crises just like covid-19. And unfortunately, the virus has hit Black, Brown and Native communities the hardest. A new day is here, council members and Mayor Garcetti. If LA wants to be a progressive city and lead the way, then it needs to have its most vulnerable in mind when adjusting and drafting the budget. It's past due for the People's Budget, so please do what is right. Sincerely, A More Than Concerned Citizen

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Marivi Magsino  
**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 10:44 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We request that you defund the police drastically. \$1.5M is not enough of a cut for the \$3B allocated for LAPD. The money should be reallocated towards community resources and education. LAPD needs to be de-militarized of their assault weapons, armor and tear gas and pepper spray. The LAPD should be torn down and built up with LA Residents input and focused on the communities that they serve. This new department should be filled with people who know and care about the residents in the areas they patrol and they need to prioritize preservation of human life no matter what your skin color is. There is systemic racism in the police departments accross America and the city government needs to change it starting today.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 11:06 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** While I appreciate Mayor Garcetti reallocating \$100-\$150 million from the LAPD Budget to be reinvested in communities of color, I think we can do better. This step is not big enough to create the changes needed in education, universal aid and crisis management, housing, and mental health in under resourced communities. I have watched Los Angeles police officers perform unwarranted brutal acts on peaceful protestors last week AND the chief of police blame George Floyd's death on the people. Black people have also been wrongfully targeted by the force for decades, with deep rooted racism at its base. Plain and simple, we should be removing funds from this group and reallocating them in areas that need it more. Minneapolis has already announced its intent to disband their police department. Los Angeles needs to reimagine community safety -- this starts with reallocating LAPD dollars.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** M. Rafferty

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 11:09 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Chief Moore has to step down. His comments last week show he does not have the understanding of systemic racism, nor the character, to lead the police department, especially during this time. Peaceful protesters were attacked by police with rubber bullets, batons, and tear gas, under his leadership. This needs to be investigated, he needs to go, and the police budget needs to be reviewed, with less allocations for them and more towards the social services that would prevent the need for police intervention in countless situations. Why are we funding the people who attack our citizens, when we have thousands living on the streets who are in need of support?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Whitney White

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 11:13 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am urging you to defund LAPD in favor of a budget that supports social services for people of color in Los Angeles. We need care, not cops. Please reallocate that money towards a robust social program that includes money for housing, social workers, mental health services, and parks and recreation programs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michaela Slezak

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 11:15 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** LA City Council: take a cue from the Minneapolis City Council and DISMANTLE the LAPD. It's time to change the structure of "policing". That staggering budget money going to the police could go toward social work, housing, rehabilitation, and other avenues that benefit the community. The public is paying attention, and the \$250 mil cut is not nearly enough. BLACK LIVES MATTER. DEFUND THE POLICE.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 11:20 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the 1.9 billion in unrestricted funds to the police department and invest the newly gained capital into better public transportation, social services, parks, and other community services for the people. Please read the people's budget proposal for guidance on how to make the budget work for the people and not the police. Please download and read people's budget proposal and consider it a tool for you to use when considering options for the 2020-2021 budget:  
<https://peoplesbudgetla.com/peoplesbudget/>



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rachele D

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 11:23 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** A \$150 million cut to the LAPD budget IS NOT ENOUGH. Over HALF of the city's budget is still slated for LAPD. That does not align with the best interests of the Los Angeles community. More money needs to be directed to our COMMUNITIES. Give us more social services, employment programs, public health resources, rent relief, and restorative justice programs. Angelenos, rightfully, will not rest until the budget reflects the values of our community. We have to do better!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Milla Bell-Hart

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 11:28 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please continue to defund the LAPD and redirect the funding to services for our communities. Your previous action of cutting planned increases is not enough. We need comprehensive cuts to LAPD budgets with funds reallocated towards community health care, education, supportive housing, and services for members of our homeless community.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alex Schulman

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 11:30 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to de-militarize the LAPD, pull police officers out of schools, and quite frankly, -we need to defund the police. It's just not working. We need to invest in something new, for the well-being of the citizens of Los Angeles.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Deanna

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 11:39 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to amend the current proposed budget to: decrease funding for the Los Angeles Police Department and redistribute the reductions in departmental budgets such as the Department of Housing and Community Investment.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jovin Cronin-Wilesmith

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 11:41 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I would live to submit a request to divest from the Los Angeles Police Department and reallocate those funds into other areas of the City's budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cecilia Seiter

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 11:42 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, My name is Cecilia Seiter and I am a resident of Los Angeles. I am writing to express my concern regarding the Mayor's proposed City Budget and put my support behind the People's Budget. Unlike the Mayor's budget, which — even with cuts and proposed reapportionments — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimaged public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Throughout this time of mass protest, the LAPD has 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. Firmly, Cecilia Seiter

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrea Kemp  
**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 11:43 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Too little, too late #defundthepolice

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Liza  
**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 11:48 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I'm an Angeleno and I live in District 1. I demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. To quote author Michelle Alexander, "Too many citizens prefer to cling to brutal and unjust systems than to give up political power, the perceived benefits of white supremacy and an exploitative economic system. If we do not learn the lessons of history and choose a radically different path forward, we may lose our last chance at creating a truly inclusive, egalitarian democracy." As she puts it, "America, This is Your Chance." So Los Angeles city council, PLEASE do something. Please be the leaders in our country and pave the way for others with our own city's revolution and reformation. Unlike the Mayor's budget, which — even with cuts and proposed reapportionments — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the Peoples Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimaged public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Samuel H K Jackson

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 11:49 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** To our City Officials, Simple reform and regulation of a police state with such an engrained culture of injustice, insensitivity, and irresponsibility will not be enough to change the circumstance of black men and women all across the country that deal with police brutality on a daily basis. White supremacy is engrained in the very institution of the police in America, since the days of the slave trade, to the days of Jim Crow, all the way on up to now. To think that we can reverse hundreds of years of brutality with a simple reform package is stupidity of the highest order. Please consider your place in history, and the weight of the moment you hold in your hands — bring real reform to the police in Los Angeles and defund the police!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Aleth Romanillos

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 11:50 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to re-invest in our community! 150 Million is not enough. The actions by our city leaders for the past two weeks have been terrible, putting us in a police state with curfew and the clear abuse by the Police, the Los Angeles needs better! Los Angeles needs more! Adopt A People's Budget and Defund the Police!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 11:53 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm reaching out to express my opposition to the mayor's 2020-2021 budget, which initially allocated 54% of the city's funding to police. Although I am heartened by the decision not to increase proportion of the city budget allocated to the LAPD for the coming fiscal year, I think additional defunding is necessary to more effectively allocate city resources to best serve the needs of city residents. LA does not need more police or to outfit the police with an excessive amount gear/weapons like that which has been deployed against peaceful protesters over the last several weeks. What we need is funding towards education, affordable housing, health care, good jobs, public transportation and infrastructure, access to food, and small business resources. It is up to you as council members to represent the community and their needs, and we need that money to be going toward human services, not police. I also that you please consider the People's Budget — I know that there are several program areas that are typically covered by the county included within the budget, but clearly there is public support for increased funding efforts from the city as well. As evidenced by the abhorrent acts we've seen during peaceful protests this past weekend, LAPD needs to be drastically reformed to prevent it from continuing to terrorize Black and Brown communities. In my mind, government is meant to serve rather than rule over its citizens, so I ask that you allocate resources in a manner that benefit people's lives rather than maintaining what is right now a highly inequitable social order. Thank you for you work and time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennie Palluzzi

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 11:57 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge the City to drastically defund the police department and immediately begin reviewing options for a public safety system that is attentive to all people's needs; the reasons people call 911 are vast and wide, and most of them do not need the response of a police force, much less an armed one. Black Lives Matter. Let's show them that they do.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tui Lyon

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 12:03 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** A reduction in the city budget allocation to LAPD by 150 million is not enough to create substantive change. We need to more aggressively de-fund the LAPD. I demand the councilpersons vote to re-allocate the funds to universal aid and crisis management, to build environment and to re imagined community safety.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 12:10 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The police brutality and the systematic racism that exists in LAPD has got to stop. Please defund the LAPD. We need to re-think how we want our city to be, and the current way as is has proved itself to NOT WORK.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sabrina

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 12:11 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Good afternoon, It is appalling to look at the proposed budget for my city. Los Angeles, one of the wealthiest cities in the US yet we have an overwhelming homeless problem, people out of jobs, and most of it's citizens on government assisted support. Knowing the kind of support the people of this city need and looking at the proposed budget for 2020-2021 is a huge wake up call. Over 50% of the city's budget goes to the police department. Why? The people need resources, housing, and CARE. The proposed budget allows me to clearly see that the city council does not stand in support of the people, but rather in support of a society that criminalizes them. As seen in the past week, LAPD is a violent force that does not protect the city. The people are terrified of this government agency that terrorizes the citizens it is so called here to "protect". The community needs that money to provide, food, housing, basic necessities. It's time to DEFUND the LAPD.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sam  
**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 12:17 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the police. It's time. Invest in our community. That's your job.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Leah Pablo

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 12:19 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I wanted to address Mayor Garcetti's recent budget proposal for the 20-21 fiscal year. I see that \$250 million dollars is currently being identified, which includes cuts to the Police Department in an effort to invest in communities of color. While this is a kind gesture, I want to make very sure that the Budget and Finance Committee is continuing to make recommendations that reflect that they actually want to invest in their residents. The funds intended for the Police Department need to be broken down and ammended. I want to make sure that the money is not going toward overtime or extra occupation because the police are doing things out of their job description that could be done by mental health professionals and social workers. With everything happening right now due to COVID-19, the homelessness percentage is increasing in our neighborhoods and many are unemployed. As a person working within the entertainment industry, which represents most of the workforce in Los Angeles, many people are struggling to pay bills and make rent. We need to reallocate funds to relief funds for housing. But most importantly, we must uplift the communities of color by investing in them and providing them with healthcare programs, mental health programs, social services and initiatives to develop their neighborhoods with education and extracurricular programs for the youth. By divesting in the LAPD, you are sending a message to the citizens of Los Angeles that they are of importance and that you care about the enrichment and protection of people of color. Thank you for your time, Leah Pablo

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Melissa C

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 12:20 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Adopt the people's budget. Significantly reduce the police budget (by at least \$500M) and reallocate funds toward community-based initiatives including housing, mental health and wellness, and public health and healthcare. One area for cuts is salaries. Your own budget documents show a proposal to furlough 1,950 civilian employees while having 120 sworn officers complete their work at a higher rate which is a gross mismanagement of funds. Do what's right for the people you represent.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Emily Nine

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 12:28 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am an Angeleno resident in District 13. The current proposed budget by Mayor Garcetti cannot be allowed to pass. We need FAR more than 250 million diverted away from the 3.1 billion dollar budget allocated to the Los Angeles Police Department. I believe the People's Budget for LA addresses the wants and needs of our community, and offers far more direct action that will combat the real, root causes of why the LAPD is called on to the streets to police us daily. We do NOT need police intervention so frequently, and their very presence often escalates situations where community members need our support, not their reactionary and often violent approach. It is despicable to me Chief Moore has remained in office after his disgusting remarks that George Floyd's death was on the hands of police and the protestors. His awful comment on our city's rightfully angry reaction to his murder is clear sign that he does not have the facilities to manage his office with peace and with the interests of protecting the public. Remove him and instate the People's proposed budget. This is an opportunity to show Los Angeles as an exemplary city looking towards a better future. I demand you to take the opportunity to do better, because we will accept nothing less.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael St. Germain

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 12:30 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Police reform is not enough. As a citizen of this city I'd like to see the funds for the LAPD redirected into other public safety and services. To me, defunding the police isn't about reducing the number of police officers to zero. It's about aiding our communities through other programs. And I'd like to see that funding come from an already inflated police budget. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alyss E.

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 12:30 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm calling on all city council members and Mayor Garcetti to take serious steps in defunding LAPD and reallocating those funds to create a more inclusive and holistic approach for our city's issues. We must prioritize the residents of Los Angeles over police officers, many of whom are not residents of the city and who are not adequately trained to deal with many of the problems out there on the streets and often resort to violence in their approach. The residents of Los Angeles are not monsters, we're not criminals, we do not deserve the brutality that LAPD has inflicted upon many innocent people throughout the years and to the peaceful protesters out there marching for Black lives. LAPD showed us their true colors when these protests began two weeks ago when they tear gassed and brutalized peaceful protesters. Their subsequent kneeling and hand shakes will not take away the memory of their inhumanity toward us. Please heavily consider and take action to adopt The People's Budget especially during this very difficult economic time, we need these funds, which is OUR money, to benefit ourselves. Please go to the website [www.peoplesbudgetla.com](http://www.peoplesbudgetla.com) to learn more about our ideas and demands. It's all planned out, and in fact would be quite easy to start taking the steps to accomplish this vision. All of you in positions of power are always saying what you think we want to hear, however your actions are louder than words and we know that you have not been on our side in accomplishing things that will benefit all of us. Use action for what you speak about, and make us not regret our decisions in electing you to your seats of power. You have the power to easily change this situation. Don't make us keep going out there protesting everyday when you can make this happen right now. Save us all our time, heartache, and the risk of contracting COVID19 and adopt The People's Budget. We are out there risking our lives to stand up for the lives of Black people and everyone else abused and brutalized by LAPD. By keeping the egregious budget currently proposed, you are actively helping many people contract this deadly virus. There will be blood on your hands for the way you've handled and managed this situation. Believe it.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cory Levinson

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 12:44 PM

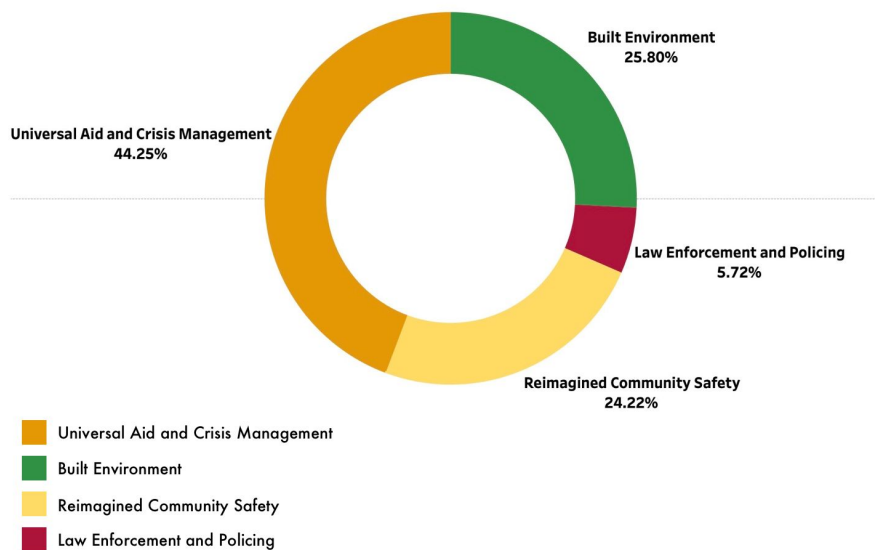
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a new resident of Los Angeles, I've looked to this city as a leader in the United States in so many areas: culture (music, film, entertainment), sports (LA lakers) being two which owe themselves entirely to black people. Black artists, black athletes are at the top of their game, and so I ask you: how can a city whose reputation rests on the blood and sweat of these few upwardly mobile black residents of Los Angeles, devote so much of its funds to a police department that murders its black residents, with 0 accountability YEAR AFTER YEAR. Enough is enough. I ask Los Angeles to take leadership in their city in the same way Los Angeles shows leadership as a cultural and sports icon for the US and the world. The behavior of the LA Police Dept, and police departments across America, have shown themselves to be unable to reform in any meaningful way for decades. THIS IS NOT A NEW PROBLEM. The time for reform is over. Police departments have been given too many chances. WE NEED TO TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAN POLICING. End of story. Make los angeles a leader, listen to your constituents. \$150M is not enough. Absolutely not enough. I don't any reason why the LAPD budget should be more than 5% of the full city budget. Significant cuts, orders of magnitude reductions in the police budget NEED TO HAPPEN NOW. That money is better spent being invested in black neighborhoods, black communities, housing for the homeless, mental health services, etc. My demands are as follows: 1. Defund the Police (to no more than 5% of the cities budget) 2. Adopt the People's Budget of LA Look at this organization "People's City Council" closely. It is activated by people doing volunteer work for 0 pay. Ask yourselves, why in god's name are they doing your job for you, without any compensation whatsoever? It's because the situation right now UNTENABLE. Completely and utterly untenable.

# THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET

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### The People's Budget Priorities



## SPENDING AREAS

### UNIVERSAL AID AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT

The Universal Aid and Crisis Management funding category supports the basic needs of Angelenos like housing, food, healthcare, economic assistance and emergency relief. Both survey participants and those participating in our participatory budgeting session emphasized universal aid and crisis management as their top priority, with a particular focus on housing.

This funding area includes funding for long-term housing, renter support and emergency housing, food assistance, support for those seeking work, support for small businesses, providing public health care, offering youth development programs and supporting youth centers, fighting the impacts of climate change and ensuring our city's environment is protected. This area also includes emergency preparedness for natural disasters like earthquakes and fire as well as the public health disasters.



## **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Built Environment funding category focuses on our city's physical infrastructure like public transportation, libraries, parks, public works and the fire department. Based on our survey results, these are essential public goods for Angelenos.

## **REIMAGINED COMMUNITY SAFETY**

Participants were also committed to reimagining community safety and building and resourcing restorative justice practices that enable strong communities without law enforcement presence or intervention. The Reimagined Community Safety funding category supports a community-led safety model including investing in mental health and harm reduction approaches. Rather than funding police that bring violence and harm into our communities, Reimagined Community Safety invests in communities themselves to determine what they need and to offer them support in executing those programs.

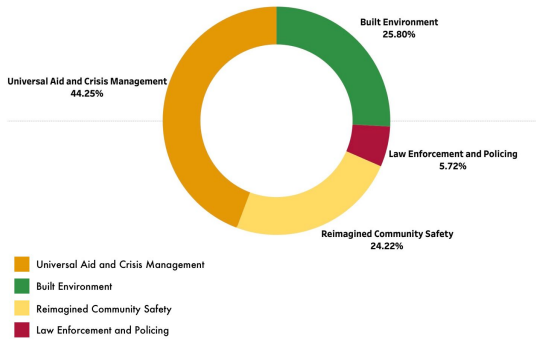
Specific initiatives that could be included in this category are family counseling, restorative justice programs, reparations to victims and their families, community-led crisis response programs, gang prevention/intervention/recovery without police involvement, and domestic violence prevention/intervention/recovery without police involvement. This category also includes building stronger connections among neighbors through investing in community-led events.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

The law enforcement category included all traditional approaches, including police, City Attorney, and traffic enforcement. Across all demographics of survey respondents, this was ranked as the lowest priority for spending.

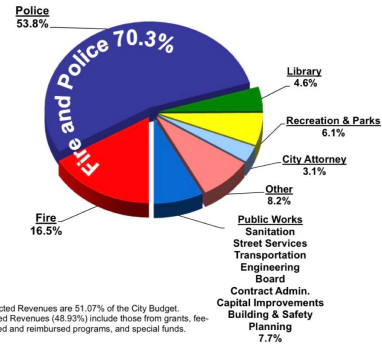
# COMPARISON WITH THE MAYOR'S BUDGET

## The People's Budget



## The Mayor's Budget

2020-21 PROPOSED BUDGET  
UNRESTRICTED REVENUES (\$5.4 Billion)



### The People's Budget Allocations

Universal Aid and Crisis Management	44.25%
Built Environment	25.80%
Reimagined Community Safety	24.22%
Law Enforcement and Policing	5.72%

### The Mayor's Budget Allocations

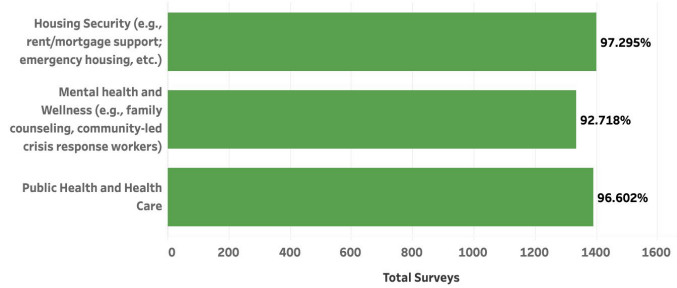
Police	53.8%
Fire	16.5%
Other	8.2%
Public Works	7.7%
Recreation & Parks	6.1%
Library	4.6%
City Attorney	3.1%

## TOP PRIORITIES FOR INVESTMENT

Top areas where People’s Budget survey respondents wanted to see **investment** are:

- **Housing Security**  
*Ensuring people have housing and can stay in housing*
- **Mental Health and Wellness**  
*Supporting mental health needs with counseling and community-led crisis response*
- **Public Health and Healthcare**  
*Offering public healthcare and ensuring everyone can stay healthy*

Top Priorities for Investment

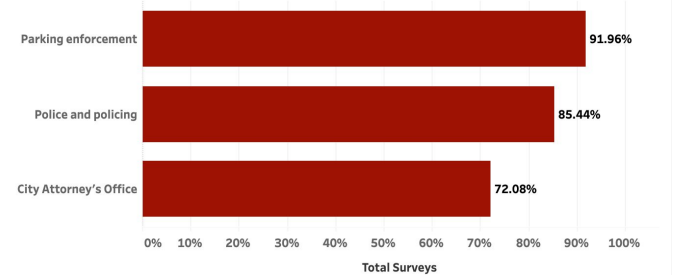


## TOP PRIORITIES FOR DIVESTMENT

Top areas where People’s Budget survey respondents wanted to see **divestment** are:

- **Parking Enforcement**
- **Police and Policing**
- **City Attorney’s Office**

Top Priorities for Divestment



## **PROCESS AND METHODOLOGY**

A survey was sent out by dozens of community organizations, with city-wide presence and representing neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles. The survey was also posted on more than 100 social media accounts and People's Budget LA's website. Responses were only accepted from residents of the City of Los Angeles who could identify their area of residence on an interactive map. Beyond the solicitation of survey responses, the coalition held a two-hour, online participatory budgeting session on Sunday, May 24, 2020 to share information about the city budgeting process and to gather public input. More than 10,000 people have viewed the session so far.

**1470 Angelenos responded to the survey and we are continuing to collect results  
3300 participants engaged in the participatory budgeting session in real time and an additional 10,000 viewers watched the session after-the-fact.**

Survey responses included constituents from all 15 council districts. The survey data is available for exploration in a Tableau dashboard (linked at [PeoplesBudgetLA.com](https://PeoplesBudgetLA.com))

## **ADOPT A PEOPLE'S BUDGET**

We believe that the government should be responsive to the needs, priorities, and demands of the people. There is clearly a wide chasm between the budget proposed by the Mayor (and directly or indirectly endorsed by the City Council) and the one envisioned by Los Angeles residents. The City Charter enables Council to pass or revise the Mayor's budget proposal or submit a new budget for implementation. In a democracy, the Council should listen to the will of the people and pass a People's Budget that centers the priorities that Angelenos have listed as central to them by June 1, 2020.

## **ABOUT THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET LA COALITION**

The People's Budget LA is a coalition convened by Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles. The coalition includes community organizations, faith leaders, parents, teachers, students, nonprofit leaders, and individuals from across Los Angeles.

Organizations who have signed onto the People's Budget LA initiative include:

Africa Town Coalition  
Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles  
Community Coalition  
Crenshaw Subway Coalition  
Dignity and Power NOW  
Ground Game LA

The Justice Collaborative  
Ktown for All  
LA Defensa  
LA Voice  
Labor/Community Strategy Center  
Los Angeles Community Action Network

People's City Council  
Stop LAPD Spying  
Street Watch LA/DSA  
Students Deserve  
Sunrise Movement LA  
White People 4 Black Lives

## Communication from Public

**Name:** samantha paige

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 12:47 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the LAPD and its track record for violence, especially against Black and POC community members. It is time to defund the police and invest those resources in community care and resources. Thank you for listening to the people. It is time for change and an end to the systemic racism that is living and breathing in the LAPD and other institutions. We are doing our work and are now looking to you to do yours.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 12:48 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the police. Invest in communities of color.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jessica Ferguson

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 12:56 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the police. Invest in the people who live in this city and make LA what it is.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Megan Jorgenson

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 12:58 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** LAPD is not the only tool for the city. This is a cop-out! In fact it should be the last tool reached for. Education and healthcare need to be at the top of the list, period. This should be the foundation for it is our kids and all of our futures. If we fund social programs, people will have jobs, people are paid a living wage, thus if communities are supported there is a decrease in crime and therefore police presence is not needed. We cannot change and grow if we don't start over from the beginning. We don't need heaps of militarized cops to show up at protests for freedom of speech, how is this protection? how does this show "demonstration of impartiality in dealing with race" ( this is on the LAPD job requirement list website) having cops at a protest actually looks like its against the people, it looks biased. It does not help anyone except the police and their paychecks. What is the LAPD's job? " To patrol communities to make them safer, work with the community to solve problems." What is the problem? Black lives are oppressed by the police. If the public is crying out because we see this as a problem, the last thing the police should do is to show up with defense since they are apart of the problem. In the last couple of weeks, I have seen more struggle and divide between the community and police than help. This adds tremendous weight to the community and the fight for Black Lives Matter. White supremacy won't die until white people see it as a white issue they need to solve rather than a black issue they need to empathize with. We need to help the people in need NOT to remove it. The cut isn't enough, I encourage you to find more funding, if that means less police per station do that, if that means less stations in the city, also do that. If that means less money in the pockets of the police who are only required a ged to get a job at LAPD also do that. Try harder for the people, instead of taking more from the people.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amanda  
**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 01:01 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the Police!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elizabeth Carter  
**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 01:11 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** It's time for the city council to listen to its constituents and the people who pay their salaries and DRASTICALLY reduce funding for the LAPD. As if the 600+ murders were not enough, they have proved in the last two weeks they do not provide public safety but a culture of fear, mistrust and violence. Our social contract has been broken time and time again. We need safer communities through public health, through education, through social welfare and through healthcare. We must prioritize our real values = a healthy community, not one terrorized by the people they PAY. E Carter 90029

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Heather Quesada  
**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 01:12 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** It is time for the city of Los Angeles to defund the police and enact The People's Budget LA.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Arianna Hoult

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 01:15 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the police in a MEANINGFUL way. For the avoidance of doubt, an 8.3% cut is not meaningful. We need to reappropriate these funds back into the community via education, housing, healthcare (including mental health and substance abuse), social works, etc.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 01:20 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I believe defunding the police is the best option. The police job is supposed to be to protect and serve and currently the vast majority of LA residents do not feel protected nor served, in fact the police is the one many feel they need protection from. Too much of the budget is put into policing and not enough in eradicating homelessness, funding education, and many more social programs that would actually help the people who you are supposed to serve.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 01:38 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of Los Angeles and a double Bruin, I'm calling for Mayor Garcetti to defund the police and invest in our communities. Instead of spending on police, Los Angeles could support job growth and small business recovery. Over the past two weeks, the city has shown support for defunding the LAPD. We will continue to push and fight for demands in the People's Budget until we see the LAPD defunded and that budget allocated to universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Johnny Rafter

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 01:48 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I live in District 1 and would like to urge all city council members to reject Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget (which gives 51% of the budget to the police) and instead approve the People's Budget. That money is being wasted on a police force that does nothing to keep Black and Brown communities safe, and instead terrorizes them. LAPD is a literal death squad. You have all been conditioned to respect these goons, but policing in the United States is an inherently racist institution with its roots in slave-catching. Do your research. It is OK to admit to yourselves and the public that you have been wrong (so very wrong) and that you have failed us. Please ask yourselves if you want to represent us, the people, or if you'd rather continue maintaining the racist status quo of the capitalist class. We are watching you very closely.-- we know that you accept barrels of money from the police union. If you fail to meet our demands, be assured that you will no longer be representing us in the future. WE ARE GOING TO VOTE YOU OUT. This is a moment where you can be on the right side of history. Honestly, I do not expect any of you to be on our side. You have proven time and time again that you do not represent us and you do not care about Black and Brown communities. You do not care about the livelihood of houseless people or people wrongfully imprisoned by the state. You only care about protecting gentrifiers and wealthy white neighborhoods! You should feel overwhelmed by your guilt right now. Please listen to that feeling, talk with your personal higher power and admit that you have been wrong. This is your chance to change for the better and listen to the people! Sincerely, Johnny Rafter

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Robert Guerrero  
**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 02:00 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, My name is Robert Guerrero and I'm a resident of Los Angeles County. I'm writing in regards to the proposed Budget of Fiscal year 2020-2021. The budget for the LAPD needs to cut and reallocated to other social programs that directly help rather than harm our communities. It has been proven time and time again, and for many years and decades now, that the LAPD is over funded and over policing our streets. I know the council members are accepting thousands of dollars from Police unions and therefore have a stake in keeping their budget fat and in fact increasing it every year in amounts that are disproportionate to simply off putting inflation. The whole world is learning of this and we will use our democratic right to vote and speak out and take action if you will not listen to our pleas. These pleas have been made over and over again and yet you still talk about reformation without cutting the budget. But think of it in a fiscal and progressively financial sense. The amount of money the city spends, and keeps on spending, in order to maintain this police-state, police-city cannot be financially viable for us. Instead, investing in the sources of the problems that ail our city (homelessness, mental health, affordable housing, education, public transit, etc.) will reap benefits and save money for years and years to come. The work will be hard and it won't be immediate but the oft used quote goes 'insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result.' We've tried the methods that the police unions keep foisting upon us - methods that make them richer and richer each year - and it is literally killing the city. Please take action and defund the police now. If not, you will feel democracy in action. Because the people have woken up and we're horrified with what you've done while we were sleeping. Please, Robert Guerrero



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rachel

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 02:18 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the Defund the Police Movement. \$250 million of a \$3.4 BILLION budget is not nearly enough to support community, education, emergency preparedness, and healthcare (including mental health) initiatives that can and should take the place of the police. We need to adopt the People's Budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brenda

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 02:20 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a medical student in the city of Los Angeles and actively participate in care for the population of our city. Like the many Angelenos who have called in, tweeted, and marched in opposition, I am demanding that the LAPD be defunded to at least the extent outlined in The People's Budget LA. A \$150 million budget cut is not enough. I am infuriated by the amount of violence I have seen happening at the hands of the police force. It is enraging to see the aftermath of police violence on the human body. It is especially heinous to see black and brown bodies killed by the LAPD. Further infuriating is the fact that we as medical students have been fighting to get supplies including masks, gowns and face shields for our city's hospitals and COVID-19 testing sites on our own time and with our own funding for months. Yet the city is better prepared to brutalize its own citizens than to care for them during a worldwide pandemic. This is unacceptable. The current budget should better reflect the priorities and needs of the city and more funding should be allocated for caring for our community. 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 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. Brenda

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 02:26 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** defund and dismantle the police invest in acts of care, particularly for Black communities: education, public space, social services, reparations

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ashley Ahn

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 02:27 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Although removing \$150 million from the police budget is a step in the right direction, I am wholly unsatisfied that the police department is STILL left with over 50% of funds. I am demanding that taxpayer money is not funneled into racist and violent police that systematically oppresses Black people in Los Angeles. As a progressive city, we must set an example to the country and the world that we will be on the right side of history. Adopt the People's Budget now. Your constituents are watching.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Suzanne Joskow

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 02:28 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of LA, I support dramatic change in the way our city cares for and protects ALL its citizens. \$150M in budget cuts for the LAPD is not enough! We must redirect far more funds into community services, health care, education and housing. The stakes and scale of injustice are not new. But as LA's streets fill with those fighting against entrenched white supremacy, now is the moment to enact major and urgent structural change. Anything less is not compromise, it is cowardly. Your constituents are demanding the city do more and do better with our tax dollars.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tom Pike

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 02:41 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Because so many of my fellow Angelenos called in to the city budget meeting, I didn't get a chance to make this public comment. So I am leaving it here now: My name is Tom Pike. I live in Los Feliz. I was shocked to see video of LAPD cops torturing a woman in the streets. The woman was prone, handcuffed, and not resisting, and the police tased her continuously for several minutes. When bystanders objected, the police fired on them. George Floyd was not an anomaly. This is how police across the country behave when they are given weapons, power, and funding. As a resident concerned about runaway climate change, I talk about decarbonizing our electric grid so that our power plants don't spew pollution into black and brown communities. I fight for public transit that is frequent, fast, and free. And when I do this, people often ask me, in bad faith, "Where will the money come from?" With just a few percent of the police budget, you could fully staff the Climate Emergency Mobilization Department with plenty of room to spare. I am astounded at the difference between the political status quo and the leadership these times demand. In a city where black and brown people are being poisoned by fossil fuel pollution, 54% of our budget is going to fund a gang with badges whose only purpose is brutalizing and murdering black and brown people. This budget is insanity. This budget is murder. Defund the police. Black lives matter.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Catherine Galutera  
**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 03:01 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the police.



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I call on the city council consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 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. In fact, over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. These are my values as well. The budget should be informed by direct engagement with constituents and with communities, especially Black, Indigenous, and communities of color to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and unhoused residents. Chief Moore then had the gall to blame the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Reacting to protests about police brutality by committing further acts of police brutality only underscores the need for the protests. This reaction is unacceptable. The proposed budget is unacceptable. LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mel

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 03:17 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** A few years ago I was assaulted at a concert. I called the police, and the way they treated me was FAR WORSE than my assault. I have never had a positive experience with police in my entire life. They don't make me feel safe, they make me sick! The violent display I've witnessed during the protests these past few weeks is more than enough evidence that the LAPD needs to be disbanded and defunded IMMEDIATELY. Obviously the 600 people they've murdered without punishment the past few years indicates an ongoing problem. The police jeopardize the safety of our community. #DEFUNDTHEPOLICE

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 03:18 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am an Angeleno and I demand you defund the LAPD. Unlike the Mayor's budget, which — even with cuts and proposed reapportionments — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, The People's Budget LA only gives 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. The latest cut to the LAPD is not enough. I demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tracy Raetz

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 03:20 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** It's time for Los Angeles to follow in Minneapolis's footsteps and defund the LAPD. The amount of budget that goes to the LAPD is insane and Mayor Garcetti's recent act of donating a VERY small amount of said budget to communities of color is simply not enough. We need to take a hard look at the city's budget and help those that need it most, which is not the LAPD.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jessica Brock

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 03:21 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to voice my support of defunding the police. Communities are safer when they have less policing and more of the budget allocated to community resources. The continuous overfunding of police only contributes to criminalizing problems instead of fixing them. Please revise the current budget proposal, adopt a People's Budget, and defund the police.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michelle

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 03:40 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the LAPD and support the People's Budget. Cutting it by \$150M is not nearly enough. (LAPD budget this year is \$3.1B) . Re-allocate funds so that the LAPD does not get 70% of the budget but: - Universal Aid and Crisis Management 44.25% - Built Environment 25.80% - Reimagined Community Safety 24.22% - Law Enforcement and Policing 5.72%

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rachel Gonzales  
**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 03:41 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the Police!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lindsey

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 03:46 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I am an LA resident in 90027. I am writing to ask that you work to defund the police by taking money out of their budget and transferring that money to pay for more social services like rehoming people, mental health and health care, education and more. Please take this into consideration when discussing the budget.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Paul  
**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 03:57 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** For the survival and wellbeing of our communities  
#DefundThePolice now!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ashley Hiestand  
**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 04:02 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly urge you to defund LAPD, enacting the People's Budget. This means re-allocating the funds for services and care, and programs that center on restorative justice.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kelly Tate

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly urge you to defund & re-educate/re-educate the police. Please revise the mayor's proposed budget and drastically reduce funding for the LAPD. Enacting the Peoples Budget LA will reallocate these funds to social services and programs for restorative justice. We want more social services, employment programs, public health resources, rent relief, and restorative justice programs, not more policing. Also, the LAPD needs to be held accountable for the war crimes committed (tear gas and rubber bullet use) against Angelenos at Black Lives Matter Protests.

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## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 04:17 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please DEFUND THE POLICE and reinvest in community services.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alexis B

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 05:12 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to defund the police and put a lot more money into public services. The police force can't be the ONLY way our city manages all issues across the board. We need to do MORE -- invest in communities, after school programs, housing, mental health, etc. We must re-imagine what the police force can look like and it starts with diverting the funding that has lead us to where we are today.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Maria Diaz

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 05:12 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** A budget indicates what we value as a society. Giving 51% of our general fund to the LAPD is far too high, especially due to the many community services that are in need of these funds to improve the community. Furthermore, when I think of the many videos I've seen of peaceful protesters being beaten and abused by the LAPD, I can't imagine a budget that ensures a continuation of this behavior. These officers have impeded upon the constitutional rights of the people of Los Angeles by harrasing and abusing them for using their voice to raise their concerns, and for these transgressions, I call like so many others to defund the police. It is not lightly that I make these remarks. I am hurt and torn by what I've seen. I wanted to believe that the police are a force for good, but what I've seen over the past few weeks has taught me that I've been viewing the force through rose-colored lenses, because the truth was too painful to realize. I am disgusted by the brutality of the LAPD. I feel so stupid for choosing to believe the LAPD were better than this despite the overwhelming statistical evidence supporting that they aren't. If the Rodney King Riots weren't a wake up call, then I don't know what else will be, therefore, you must defund the police and adopt the people's budget. Please remove this investment from the LAPD and place it with the people of Los Angeles who need it so much more especially in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. Thank you for your attention.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Math

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 05:18 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am urging you to defund the police and invest in poor communities of color and community care programs. We don't need cops and we don't need violence, we need care and resources.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nathalie

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 05:36 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** City Council, I am a Social Worker in Los Angeles. I Implore you to reduce the LAPD budget by a far more substantial amount than 150 million. In the midst of this financial crisis and the Covid-19 epidemic, proposing a 150 million dollar budget cut from 3.1 billion dollars of police spending is disgusting and insulting. Though I went to UCLA for my undergraduate education and UCLA for graduate school, the jobs that are available to Social Workers are far below the living wage in Los Angeles, are devoid of most benefits, pay increases, and perks and, more importantly, are abysmal conditions for both Social Workers and their clients. Do you know how many hours a Social Worker PAYS for in training- 5,400 hours that I PAY FOR. Do you know how many hours police officers are in The Academy- 888 while they are PAID. I felt extremely insulted when you, Councilmember Koretz, that you didn't want to "throw together a program". Did you know that there of thousands of Social Workers, with 6 times the training of police officers and a fraction of pay and benefits who are trained to DE-ESCALATE situations. We are not "throwing together a program", we have EXTENSIVE knowledge on what works and what doesn't work, if you'd like me to point to thousands of research studies and program evaluations, feel free to reach me at my email and I will point you in the right direction. Police officers make us all LESS SAFE. Let's stop trying to turn police officers into Social Workers and let Social Workers do they jobs they spent 5,400 training how to do. Do not insult your constituents. Cut the LAPD budget in half. Adopt the People's Budget. This budget was determined based on the input over 10,000 Angelinos not a handful of Councilmembers, the Mayor, and the police union. Do better, City Council. This is not a difficult decision. Do you stand with the millions of Angelenos who desperately need you to allocate that money to better services or do you stand with the police union, a collection of individuals who have proven that they cannot use their power appropriately, cause far more violence than they prevent, and have proven their own incompetence. The choice is yours and we are watching you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eileen C.

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 05:43 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I demand the LAPD be defunded and abolished. We must divest their over 3 billion budget and invest that capital into our community. We reject a police force that will gladly overstep the law, make false arrests, enact grossly disproportionate force onto innocent black citizens, while never facing consequences. Ingrained prejudice and unjust protection of guilty officers invalidate anything the LAPD stands for. The data shows that police reform simply does not work! Retraining does not work! Put this money where it counts, into our communities! Make actual change! Follow Minneapolis' course of action. Your people are speaking loud and clear. Do something for your citizens!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Corrinne

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 06:14 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Corrinne and I'm a constituent living in Council District 11. I'm calling on City Council to defund the LAPD and invest in our communities. 250 million out of the 3 billion dollar budget is simply not enough. We need to do more. Our communities need funding for housing, mental health, and social services. We need to take care of our people, not police them. This is your opportunity to do right. We are paying attention and will remember what actions are taken now in the next election.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Leeat

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 06:18 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** CALIFORNIA WILL NOT PROSPER AND EDUCATE MORAL VALUES TO OUR WORLD TODAY BY DEFUNDING THE LAPD. WE SHOULD BE GIVING BACK TO THEM!! What are you guys thinking?!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Emma-Cecilia Shahriari

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please adopt, "The Peoples Budget" and redirect the police budget in favor of community care programs. We do not need the police if we handle our community needs with de-escalation and social service minded strategies. We do not need funds diverted from other departments that are already minimally funded in order to protect the 3+ billion allocated to the police. End the practice of Qualified Immunity, cops need to be held to the same law they have the power to enforce. Your constituents want you to show your dedication to your community with action and actual change, not half way promises and ineffective budget reallocation which allows for the continuation of the systemic issues present within the LAPD.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** courtney miller

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi there! My name is Courtney Miller and I am a constituent living in Council District 11. I am contacting you to demand that city council vote against Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget on June 30th and instead work to adopt the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. This budget posits investing in universal needs (e.g., housing security, public health/health care, mental health and wellness, etc.) and divesting from traditional forms of policing. The \$150 million cut to the LAPD is not enough! This still leaves them with 51% of the city's unrestricted funds. We need more funding for housing, healthcare, good jobs, healthy food, mental healthcare, public transportation, educational enrichment, small business resources. Myself and so many fellow Angelenos have expressed that we do not need more funding for police and we do not need police reform. While major police reforms have been adopted across the country, evidence shows they've done little to change the militaristic attitudes of law enforcement, especially in low-income communities of color. Take the case of Minneapolis. Beginning in 2015, the city implemented reforms like de-escalation training, stricter use-of-force standards, and police-community dialogues as part of a national procedural justice project that cost the federal government \$4.75 million. Yet all that top-dollar instruction and equipment was not enough to prevent Minneapolis officers from killing George Floyd on May 25. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Thank you for your time, Courtney

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Adriana Bartolomei

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 06:58 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I am deeply concerned by the violence and dehumanization that the LAPD has expressed these last few weeks and years. I am upset knowing that over 50% of our budget goes to our police department. We have a homeless problem in our city, and I have seen no solutions for this; just police forcing people to move, and underpasses getting gated up. This is solving nothing. I would like to see that the budget for policing drastically drops, and more money goes into community services that support education, mental health, housing, health care, transportation, and supporting small businesses. I am a proud Angeleno, but at this moment I am not proud of our government. I want to see my neighbors get taken care of and not forced into poverty and criminal charges. Please reconsider your budget as it does not reflect the needs and desires of the citizens of this city. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** JM

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Mr. Councilman Sir, there is an agenda being pushed for decreased police budget at a time when apparently we need an increased police budget. The police had to call in national guard as they were so overwhelmed! What happens in 5 years when protests occur like this, they bring in the army!?!? Less police funding would create chaos and even now police response time is slow and the few times I called 911 I waited several minutes before a response. It is also troubling that all this talk about minorities and rights to minorities but the only agenda I see being pushed is for African Americans. I am Jewish. My grandfather Sam Menlo was an immigrant from Romania and came to Los Angeles in 1956. My father was born here as was I, both in Cedars Sinai (Cedars of Lebanon when my father was born in 1960). I've had bottles thrown at me on my walk to synagogue, I've seen swastikas spray painted on synagogues. No Jew in LA has ever caused an uprising because of antisemitism and certainly not a violent one. But we are a minority as well. A smaller minority in numbers than African Americans. City council agenda should be more about public safety and reinvesting in minority communities and small business owners-- not just the so proposed communities of color. That is in of itself racist. It is black people being being racist to other minorities. Feel free to share this email with your fellow councilman because these points are valid and Los Angeles is at grave risk of being bullied by "people defending communities of color". Without proper law and order none of the councils agenda would be properly enforced all together. It is said one of the seven Noahide laws is to organize a system of law and order, this is a large city and funding for public safety cannot be compromised by bullies who threaten to protest and loot and vandalize. Most sincerely, A concerned citizen of Hancock Park



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cody O'Neill

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the police and reallocate funds to our communities that need support the most. Money should not be taken away from other departments in order to quell our demands. There's plenty to be taken away from the LAPD allocated funds.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carolina

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 07:44 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the police! They are getting way too much money. That money should be reallocated directly to the community for mental health programs, school and educational programs, and to fund a shift in the way we use our justice system. DEFUND THE POLICE.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sierra Marcelius  
**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 07:46 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am an Angeleno and I live in District 11. 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, Sierra Marcelius

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 08:05 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** \$150 Million dollars is not enough of a cut from the LAPD.  
Defund the police.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Niko Vlahakis  
**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 08:28 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the police

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carina

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 08:34 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We demand the defunding of LAPD. Your “work” to identify \$250M further investments into community programs is not enough, cutting \$100 Million-\$150 Million from LAPD’s \$1.86 BILLION budget is not enough. We vehemently oppose your budget proposal. We are demanding you fire Chief Moore effective immediately. His behavior is abhorrent and your defense of him is absolutely shameful. LAPD is abusive, corrupt and has proven time and time again that they only exist to incite violence and terrorize Black and Brown communities. We demand that the Mayor completely restructure the 2020-2021 budget to reflect the goals of the People's Budget LA. We need our money going into quality housing for all, educational enrichment, good jobs, free and quality public transportation, universal access to fresh and healthy food, climate justice, mental healthcare, and small business resources, NOT police. We will continue to make our voices known. Listen to your community. We need CARE NOT COPS. DEFUND POLICE

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephanie Bower  
**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 08:40 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please defund the police and shift funding and services to agencies better equipped to protect and serve.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nicole Lesser

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 09:27 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I live in CD 11, represented by Mike Bonin. I urge you to reject the new proposed budget from Mayor Garcetti. Isn't it obvious that the way to a strong healthy community is through taking care of its people not policing them? Through education, housing, healthcare, SOCIAL services for a SOCIETY. I believe we should adopt the People's Budget, which divests funds from the LAPD and allocates them towards these social services. In order to improve this very broken racist system we must make deep systematic change. Simply adjusting and reforming is like putting a bandaid on a bullet wound, it's not going to stop the bleeding. Be on the right side of history.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Denise Gutierrez

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 09:33 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I, as a resident of LA County, demand the defunding of police and the reallocation of those funds to services that benefit communities of color. As I understand that Mayor Eric Garcetti proposed the reallocation of \$130 million dollars from the police budget, that still stands as merely 5% of LAPD's \$3.15 billion budget. As the police is defunded, and the money is redirected, the people of LA County propose that those funds go to restorative social programs such as: after school programs for LAUSD students, resources for LAUSD, more counselors and trauma services for youth, affordable housing, healthcare, and overall universal aid to communities of lower income. As an LAUSD alumni, I have first-hand experiences of the lack of fundings and resources in schools. It is baffling that more money is put into institutions that enforce "control" rather than implementing services that guide the generation to come away from those influences that provoke the need for "control" in the first place. Schools are the most important institution in any society, in educating the minds of the future. It is imperative that we value that institution above all else in hopes of a generation that brings actual change.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 10:28 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a citizen of Los Angeles, I am disheartened at the possibility that our city's law enforcers and protectors are facing the possibility of defunding or even dismantling. These are men and women who are willing to sacrifice their life everyday to protect the people of our beloved city. Los Angeles is a city so many of us are proud to call home, a place where anyone can belong, a place where we feel free to be ourselves, a place where diversity is celebrated. The LAPD plays a huge role in defending our city from the crime that threatens our freedom to feel a sense of belonging and safety. I understand the frustration and unrest our community feels, and I feel it as well. The answer is not to cut off, or "punish," our city's protectors. These are people who have given so much to the community, who have families they have to support. Instead of cutting their funds and decreasing their ability to properly fulfill their job of combatting crime, putting our own citizens at risk, why don't we propose more: more accountability, more caution on the job, more awareness, more purposeful anti-discrimination, more ways to fulfill their duty without lethal force. All of these would require more training and, therefore, funds. If we want change, why would we prevent it from happening by making financial cuts to the very institution we need change from. Police are an important part of our community and instead re-allocating their funds, let's use the funds to integrate their jobs into community outreach programs, education and healthcare programs, cultural affairs, and other vital community programs. There have been wrongdoings by police, just like many other humans in this nation, but it should not divide us. We should all do better, especially those with great leadership roles and responsibility. If we unite and stand together for justice and equality, our city and country can be a better place.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matthew

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 10:29 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Matthew Murphy and I am calling for the defunding of the police department. I demand the funds be redistributed into mental health, housing for the homeless, jobs, medical professionals, social workers, etc. The police have only made things worse. We demand that the whole system be recreated into a system that truly does serve and protect. NOT one that shoots first and asks questions later. NOT one that allows for unarmed black men to be killed while other officers stand by and watch. NOT one that attacks and punishes people for the color of their skin or their socio-economic status. DEFUND THE POLICE.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Melissa Yap  
**Date Submitted:** 06/10/2020 12:12 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Reallocate funds from the LAPD and redirect these to better benefit the people of Los Angeles - to these areas: -Universal Aid and Crisis Management -Built Environment -Community Safety #DefundthePolice

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/10/2020 01:04 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** More of the funds allocated for LAPD should be distributed to actual city and community concerns instead. It is ridiculous that 50% of the entire budget is for the police when they spend far too much time and effort into harassing, harming, and killing civilians over petty crimes or “suspected” crimes. Stop cutting dollars for healthcare, education, affordable housing, and community programs and INVEST in the present struggles of Angelenos who are struggling to get by. INVEST in creating long-standing help and care for our people, NOT in police officers who refuse to follow the rules and only protect who benefits them.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/10/2020 07:15 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The police are here to protect us and they overwhelmingly do a good job. There are many people living in this city who work hard, pay taxes, and use a forum like this to let you know what they want. They're not the ones running through the streets setting fires and stealing. They deserve to have the services their tax dollars pay for. Do NOT defund the police. Give the police MORE support so they can protect the innocent black and white and brown people from radicals and hooligans and criminals.