

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Caroline Anderson

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:22 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is beyond time to adopt the people's budget for LA. You have the opportunity to help end the racist, violent tradition of LAPD. Put your progressive posturing to the test and do what your city is begging of you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tiffany

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:40 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a lifelong resident of Los Angeles, and I live in District 2. I am deeply troubled by Major Garcetti's cheap attempt to placate the citizens of this city with his proposal to divert such a small percentage of the police budget. We do not need 3 BILLION dollars to go towards policing. We need to fund our schools, healthcare systems, and social services. It took WEEKS for the city of Los Angeles to put together COVID-19 testing sites, but only HOURS to deploy militarized police upon protestors. YOUR JOB IS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY. NOT FUND AND ENDORSE POLICE BRUTALITY. I demand that you adopt the People's Budget. That is the only acceptable outcome, anything less proves to me and the rest of Los Angeles that you do not care about its residents. And we will remember that upon your reelection. ADOPT THE PEOPLES BUDGET.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christopher Levenberg

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:54 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

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

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Madeline Sloan  
**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 12:06 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I have lived in Los Angeles for the past 25 years and I will not stand for the current budget that's been set forth by the city. This budget allocates an inordinate amount of money to a broken police force that is trained to racially profile people of color and dehumanize its citizens both mentally and physically. Over the past few weeks I've seen peaceful protestors pepper sprayed, tear gassed, and physically beaten by the police. This is because the police are doing what they believe they have been trained to do. That is a serious problem. It's a problem that can be fixed by a complete overhaul of the way the city is policed. Instead of using the city's budget on the broken police system and "crime control", it should be spent on social initiatives that can help with things such as better serving youth in the underfunded public school system and spent on the homelessness crisis. It should also fund unarmed social workers who are better equipped to not harass and intimidate people but rather help them find the needed resources. This keeps prisons from being senselessly overcrowded and helps not escalate situations that could lead to excessive force being used. I demand that you look towards crime prevention and early intervention instead of equipping police officers with the power to assault people in the name of "protecting and serving."

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 12:18 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the LAPD! An obscene amount of money is funneled into the police, when it should be funding housing and community support! We don't need more cops, we need more CARE!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amelia Hazinski

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 12:22 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of District 1, I was troubled to see the city council adopt a budget proposal to increase spending on police while furloughing city employees and reducing the budgets for other departments including housing and community investment, public works, and transportation. The proposed budget for policing dwarfs investment in programs and services that work to increase opportunity and improve the quality of life for poor, homeless, and disabled people. These lopsided spending priorities will exacerbate the staggering inequality in this city and, given the degree to which the police are militarized against people of color, jeopardize the lives of many of our neighbors. I urge the council to dramatically reduce spending on policing for the 2020–21 fiscal year so that that city is in a better position to invest in the health of our communities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rocio Alvarado  
**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 12:33 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

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

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rebecca Sgan-Cohen

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 12:39 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** We the people of Los Angeles demand that the massive amount of funding going toward the LAPD be redirected to services that will actually UPLIFT AND SUPPORT COMMUNITIES THAT ARE SUFFERING. Funds must be redirected to schools, libraries, community centers, hospitals and mental health centers. This is how we serve the people. This is how we reduce crime. These are the actions that make life for all our communities better.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Julian C.

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 12:41 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a citizen of LA County, I am against the budget being allocated to the police. LAPD does not need billions of dollars of the Los Angeles budget, and the proposed \$150 million cut is NOT enough. I demand that you defund the LAPD and redistribute city wealth.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tom Ceraulo

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 12:51 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of District 13 and would like to add my voice to the chorus demanding that the Council pass the People's Budget L.A. and defund the LAPD. \$150 million in cuts to the police is nowhere near enough. Given all the Angelenos in need, it's beyond outrageous that over half of our city's budget goes to the LAPD. Serious cuts are needed.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** The funding of a violent and racist police force that justifies violence against citizens, is immune to oversight, and acts with impunity must end. A 5% reduction in budget is not sufficient. A complete re allocation of funds, and a drastic funding reduction is necessary to provide meaningful change to the policing and prison system that is currently destroying communities. A reduction of at least 25% of the budget, while re - allocating another 20% of the budget to either ongoing sensitivity training, or the hiring of mental health specialists, drug treatment specialists, or social workers to work alongside the police force is necessary to see real change. A total ban of any police budget being spent on military equipment is needed.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Haley

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 09:18 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please take steps to defund the LAPD, and to place those funds towards community services that will improve the lives of Angelenos. We must adopt a People's Budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christopher

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:33 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** There is absolutely no way no how the LAPD should get nearly two billion dollars of my hard earned tax dollars. And if the mayor and city council has not seen this after this past week of egregious police violence against the citizens of this great city then every single person who doesn't vote for defunding should AND will get voted out. How can we not have parks and functioning schools and so so so many unhoused citizens when we are spending nearly TWO BILLION dollars for a private police force to shoot and maim the citizens it is supposed to serve and protect. This ends now. You're either a with us or not.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Yami Velez

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:34 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** PEOPLE'S BUDGET/LAPD BUDGET. I AM ASKING FOR A COMPLETE DISMANTLING OF THE LAPD AND A REBUILD FROM THE GROUND UP AS MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL IS PROMISING CONSTITUENTS. THERE IS NO REASON THAT MORE THAN HALF OF OUR CITY'S DISCRETIONARY BUDGET SHOULD GO TOWARDS THE LAPD AND NOT HEALTHCARE, HOMELESSNESS, PUBLIC TRANSIT AND OTHER COMMUNITY INITIATIVES. DEFUND LAPD NOW!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Topanga  
**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:35 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the LAPD!! Black Lives Matter!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:37 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to adopt the People's Budget, and work to further revise the LA budget for 2020-2021. While the \$150 million cut was a great initial step, I believe we can cut and invest more money towards resources other than the LAPD. We should work to defund the police and instead use those funds to provide more resources for our community, like health and mental health services, education, housing, and resources for small businesses.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Donovan

**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:38 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am an Angeleno and I live in District 4. I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Unlike the Mayor's budget, which — even with cuts and proposed 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, Donovan

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Naomi

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund and make concrete steps towards abolishing the LAPD

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brittan Dunham  
**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:46 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please uphold the values of the citizens of LA. Allocate desperately needed funding to our schools, communities, and services that will benefit Angelenos, especially during a time of health and financial and human rights crisis. Defund the police and invest in communities. -150mil is not enough. We've all seen the Proposed budget. Take care of your citizens.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jacob Dietzman  
**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 11:50 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to adopt the People's Budget, placing human lives at the center of our cities priorities. LAPD have shown themselves incapable of addressing the needs of the citizens of Los Angeles, abusing and instigating violence against those they are charged with protecting. Their obscenely bloated budget hamstringing the city, and should be drastically reduced. Those funds should be redirected toward housing, mental health, and other social services that directly improve the lives of the most vulnerable. This will make everyone safer.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stefan Moore

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 12:00 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Mayor Garcetti and Councilmembers Krekorian, Price, Koretz, Blumenfield and Bonin, I write to express my deep concern regarding the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-21. I urge the City Council to amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to reflect the values of our community: we want more social services, employment programs, public health resources, rent relief and restorative justice programs, not more policing. We request the City Council to adopt the People's Budget LA. While the Mayor recently announced he would decrease LAPD funding by up to \$150M, this symbolic gesture is simply not enough. There needs to be a drastic reduction of LAPD funding and an un-armed, community-based alternative policing system – on top of more funding for social programs. People are marching through the entire city demanding systemic change and justice for the 600+ black people killed by police in LA County since 2012. We implore you to listen to the demands of your constituents. Public safety should no doubt be one of the City's highest priorities. But investments in housing and job security, mental health care and after-school programs are investments in public safety. By cutting these services, this budget will not make Angelenos safer. Furthermore, protests in Los Angeles following the murder of George Floyd have exemplified the issue of police brutality, including the indiscriminate use of tear gas and rubber bullets against protestors, demonstrating the need for an overhaul of the LAPD. We are presented with an opportunity to improve upon the past instead of repeating its mistakes. It is in that spirit that I ask you for a compassionate budget– and through it, for a more just, equitable and humane Los Angeles. I urge the City Council to adopt the People's Budget LA and amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to shift resources from the LAPD to social services, housing, employment programs, restorative justice programs, rent relief and public health efforts. Sincerely, Stefan Moore

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dustin Stafford

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 12:03 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Dustin Stafford and I am a member of District 5. I am writing in to urge city council to adopt the People's Budget LA — immediately defund the LAPD and rethink what a new law enforcement model could look like for our city. I am urging city council to reallocate funds into community programs, education, crisis intervention, our homeless population, healthcare, and public transportation. Minnesota just recently promised its' citizens they will be making a commitment to defund the police and I would hope to be a part of a city that can do the same.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Vibiana Tran

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 12:03 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** If you think you can make a lot of change with the \$150 million you're diverting from the LAPD budget, imagine what you can do with the THREE BILLION DOLLARS you're planning to waste on them! The LAPD has proven themselves to be a bunch of violence-loving racists who will not hold themselves or each other accountable. They do not protect or serve the people, they only protect and serve themselves. The people of Los Angeles do not need OR want them. Enact the People's Budget in LA. Defund the LAPD. Abolish the police.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kendra Bonilla

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 12:04 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Mayor Garcetti and Councilmembers Krekorian, Price, Koretz, Blumenfield and Bonin, I write to express my deep concern regarding the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-21. I urge the City Council to amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to reflect the values of our community: we want more social services, employment programs, public health resources, rent relief and restorative justice programs, not more policing. We request the City Council to adopt the People's Budget LA. While the Mayor recently announced he would decrease LAPD funding by up to \$150M, this symbolic gesture is simply not enough. There needs to be a drastic reduction of LAPD funding and an un-armed, community-based alternative policing system – on top of more funding for social programs. People are marching through the entire city demanding systemic change and justice for the 600+ black people killed by police in LA County since 2012. We implore you to listen to the demands of your constituents. Public safety should no doubt be one of the City's highest priorities. But investments in housing and job security, mental health care and after-school programs are investments in public safety. By cutting these services, this budget will not make Angelenos safer. Furthermore, protests in Los Angeles following the murder of George Floyd have exemplified the issue of police brutality, including the indiscriminate use of tear gas and rubber bullets against protestors, demonstrating the need for an overhaul of the LAPD. We are presented with an opportunity to improve upon the past instead of repeating its mistakes. It is in that spirit that I ask you for a compassionate budget– and through it, for a more just, equitable and humane Los Angeles. I urge the City Council to adopt the People's Budget LA and amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to shift resources from the LAPD to social services, housing, employment programs, restorative justice programs, rent relief and public health efforts. Sincerely, Kendra Bonilla



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andy Freeland

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 12:05 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kyler Parris

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** From a letter signed by over 900 Occidental College students: “An increase to LAPD’s budget simply doesn’t make sense: crime is declining, especially during the pandemic. Our neighbors are hurting and they need more support, not more militarized police. This classic austerity budget will only serve to extend harms and reduce quality of life. We stand with Black Lives Matter Los Angeles and the People’s Budget LA coalition in requesting a re-envisioning of public safety and a re-prioritization of our city’s budget. A budget is a reflection of our values, which is why The City of Los Angeles should support the People’s Budget demands by decreasing funding for police and increasing funding for housing, healthcare, good jobs, healthy food, mental healthcare, free public transit, educational enrichment, and resources for struggling small businesses. Angelenos have already succeeded in delaying the budget vote. Now is the time to build a better budget. We don’t need more police. As students of Occidental College, we have a responsibility to go beyond using Los Angeles as a classroom, and stand in solidarity with Angelenos who must deal with the burdens of slashed community services and violent policing year-round. In this time of intersecting health, economic, and housing crises, we stand with Black Lives Matter LA and the People’s Budget coalition in demanding that you pass a budget which supports more care, not more cops.” Follow the lead of Minneapolis: dismantle LAPD and re-imagine public safety.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Abby C

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please cut the budget currently spent on police personnel, gear and weapons. Not only does this overspending on law enforcement take monies away from social programs that could more effectively reduce crime, it arms police officers with more and more dangerous weapons than are merited. The arrival of peace officers should de-escalate a charged situation—what happens instead is that tensions are exacerbated and lives needlessly lost. Hundreds of black men and youths have lost their lives in LA over the past several years. It is heartbreaking and needs to stop. Please defund the police. There is a better way!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Catherine Boyce

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I have lived in DTLA for almost 20 years. A lot has been improved during that time, but one major thing that hasn't is what we do our unhoused neighbors. The policing of unhoused makes NO SENSE. LAPD rouses them, throws away their belongings, and makes them go elsewhere. I have seen this happen for YEARS. It solves nothing and in fact, has made the problem worse. Where are they supposed to go? I am asking today to divert funds from the LAPD to offering housing to those in need. I believe a housing first solution is what DTLA needs, and less police.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gabrielle

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. \$150 million diverted from the LAPD budget to reinvest in communities is a start, but much more is needed. Unlike the Mayor's budget, which — even with cuts and proposed reapportionments — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the Peoples Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. The city should unequivocally prioritize social determinants of health (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, built environment, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, 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.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ziporah

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do NOT defund the police department. We already have problems on the Westside with the cops being overloaded. Our police need more funding, more manpower. The less overburdened our police force is, the less overwhelmed and the more likely they will be to take care of all our citizens of every race and denomination fairly. Pour the funding into teaching the cops better skills. Cutting funding will only exacerbate the situation. Adequate crime control is a requisite for a just and peaceful society. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 08:36 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I am writing to encourage City Council to defund the police in Los Angeles and adopt The People's Budget. Mayor Garcetti's proposed \$150M cut to the LAPD's \$1.8B budget is not nearly enough. It is absurd that at \$1,857,330,549, the police budget is larger than the allocations to the fire department, Office of Emergency Management, Department of Transportation, Bureau of Street Services, and the Housing and Community Investment Agency combined. We need a budget that defunds the police now more than ever. There are 58,936 DOCUMENTED houseless people in Los Angeles. There are healthcare workers without proper equipment. More than 30% of Los Angeles County residents have filed for unemployment. We need a city that invests in its people. Crime is not random. Crime usually happens when someone has been unable to meet their basic needs through other means. So, to really "fight crime," we don't need more police officers - we need more jobs, more educational opportunities, more arts programs, more community centers, more mental health resources, as well as more of a say in how our own communities function. This is a long transition process but change starts with reallocating this funding! You have the ability to change this, to stand with the Black Lives Matter Movement and show your constituents that you support our vision of a safe and prosperous future. Los Angelenos will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions for incremental reform. Divest from the LAPD and invest in community wellbeing. Adopt The People's Budget! Black Lives Matter.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ariel Pittman

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:15 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers, I am a resident of CD1 writing to thank you for re-allocating 150 million of the fiscal year 20- 21 budget from LAPD to initiatives that will directly benefit BIPOC in Los Angeles. I am also writing to tell you that THIS IS NOT ENOUGH. The LAPD budget is 3.1 Billion dollars - more than enough money to house all of the unhoused people in Los Angeles and have a ton of cash left over. Make more cuts today. Then keep making cuts. Cut the LAPD budget until there is nothing left. You are spending billions of dollars of our money, we will have a say in how you spend it! LAPD has consistently proven their inability to create safety in our city - over the last week and a half we have watched them violently attack protestors and passersby - including an unhoused person who was shot in the face with a rubber bullet. The police must be demilitarized, defunded, and ultimately disbanded. The huge amount of money allocated to LAPD must be redistributed to housing, healthcare, education, transportation, food security, etc. I strongly suggest you look to the incredible community leaders who have proposed the #PeoplesBudgetLA for guidance as you continue to make adjustments to Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget. Together we can make Los Angeles a city of true equity where all residents are safe and can thrive. Black lives matter. Thank you for your service!



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephen Bell

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:27 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

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

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:29 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

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

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Zolee

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:29 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, In looking over the 2019-2020 adopted budget unrestricted revenues, 52.4% of the \$5.3 B budget is going to police. 16% of the entire budget is going towards police meanwhile other categories like housing (0.84%), neighborhood empowerment (0.03%), and transportation (1.75%) are disproportionately lower. As a LA native and tax payer, I would like my money to be spread out amongst things we need to focus on like taking care of homelessness, raising the wages of essential workers, and public works (sanitation, improvements, etc) we live in one of the richest cities in the United States yet we have trash and litter everywhere and some cities and streets still dilapidated in 2020. More than \$100-150M should be cut from the police budget and go to lower income communities as well, so they can receive the same schooling, food opportunities and community safety (aesthetic as well) as other cities in Los Angeles. No only does LA look segregated, it is by the budget provided. We want the police defunded and our tax money to go back into the growth and upkeep of our city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lys Perez

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

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is deplorable that our city is dedicating 54% of our budget to police. Instead, I demand that that money be invested in the services that our city actually needs such as housing, healthcare, childcare, education, clean air and water, and proper internet access to name a few. The People of our city have spoken against the violent police department and you must listen.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Daniel H.

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:31 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

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

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kim Nguyen

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:32 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** In light of recent events, it has become clear that the \$1.86 billion budget allocated for the LAPD is better used elsewhere. The actions of the LAPD during the Black Lives Matter protests have only reinforced the sentiments echoed throughout the marches: police brutality is a real and systemic problem and the police do not work in the best interest of the people. They escalate to violence in mild cases and, at worst, seem to take pleasure in inflicting pain and dominating citizens. These are not the people I want to "maintain order" in the streets. I fear that the eagerness to jump to violence is ingrained in the very culture of the police department. I hope this committee has the courage to take the drastic actions needed to enact real, meaningful change. I am tired of reading about innocent people being murdered and we should not accept even one murder as a byproduct of law enforcement. Please, dismantle the current LAPD as we know it and start over. Allow cops to reapply to their jobs and rehire them with a properly regulated set of (very high) standards. Retrain them to deescalate and solve problems without the use of force. Why do traffic stops even require an officer to carry a gun? Cops with dozens of conduct complaints against them should not be allowed to retain their jobs. Allocate funding for different forms of crisis management. Armed police are the wrong tool for the vast majority of police calls. Employ mental health professionals to respond to mental health related issues. These shouldn't be radical ideas. There is no trust anymore in the LAPD. I have more fear and disgust than respect for police officers and I am not even black. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kuniko Vroman  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:32 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** PRIORITIZE CARE NOT COPS DEFUND THE POLICE: 54% of the unrestricted General Fund is currently allocated to LAPD. I demand that you, the City Council and the Mayor disinvest from the police. I want a budget that invests in our priorities and needs. I know that the police do not make our communities safe—I want services that help and strengthen our communities. Recently, both Mayor Garcetti and City Council have unveiled proposals to cut the LAPD’s funds by up to \$150 million; this would still leave over half our budget going to policing. I demand more. ADOPT A PEOPLE’S BUDGET: You can still make changes to the budget. The People's Budget engaged in a participatory process, listened to the community, and came up with their own People’s Budget to reflect what Angelenos truly want. The results are clear: we want more low-income housing and more services for unhoused Angelenos; more mental health services; rent suspension and cancellation during this pandemic; more funding for public schools and resources to ensure all students can continue learning during these uncertain times; and investments directly benefiting Black communities. We want human-centered services. We do not want more police. Now more than ever, we need a budget centered on humanity.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nicholas Ferguson

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:32 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** As the child of a former LAPD officer, I believe that the only proper way forward to heal the divisiveness in our community is to defund the police force in favor more sensical reforms, such as taking those millions of dollars and reinvesting them in the communities that need them most. The militarization of our police force has gone on too long, we need action now to de-escalate the violence being done to our community in the name of “law & order.”



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Teresa Barker

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:33 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I am a citizen of Los Angeles, and I am writing to demand that Mayor Garcetti and the City Council & Budget Committee go further to defund the police than cutting the \$150 million dollars that the mayor has proposed. Though this proposed cut is a step in the right direction, and clearly demonstrates the importance and efficacy of our First Amendment right to protest, this cut is insufficient. Unfortunately, the often reprehensible behavior of the LAPD over the course of this past week's protest have been further proof of the aggressive nature in which many police conduct their jobs. Granting this police force over half of the city budget at the time when we are in the throes of a pandemic and a severe homeless crises is ill advised, ineffective, and dangerous. In the interest of all Angelenos -- both housed and unhoused, I demand that substantial additional cuts are made to the current LAPD budget, and that those funds are allocated instead to social programs that actually alleviate the suffering experienced by so many Angelenos. Please consider shifting funds from our frequently violent police force to programs geared toward children, unhoused people, and the undocumented immigrants currently at risk due to our federal government's cruel war on them. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** elisa foster

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:36 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, my name is Elisa Foster and I live in District 14. You need to defund the LAPD and adopt a People's Budget for the 2020–2021 fiscal year, and revise the current budget accordingly. Our communities – especially Black, Brown, unhoused, and immigrant communities – are deeply suffering and need more support and more resources, not more cops. The Mayor's budget, even after his recent cuts to LAPD and other reallocations, still gives over half of general funds to the LAPD – this is NOT enough, and this will not allow for meaningful investment in our communities. By contrast, the People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, which would allow for the comprehensive community investment we so desperately need. These past two weeks Angelenos have made it loud and clear during the protests that we want our city to prioritize the real needs of the people: affordable housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water, mental healthcare, public healthcare, financial support for pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety instead of the harmful, disruptive policing by LAPD. The LAPD cannot be reformed – time and again we've seen that training and retraining doesn't work. Police brutality and killings continue, overwhelmingly centered on the most marginalized folx in our city. We have to stop pumping money into a system that is inherently violent and racist and start investing DEEPLY in Black communities, communities of color, unhoused folx, institutionalized folx, and all marginalized communities. We need to build a stable, safe city for ALL from the ground up and that means defunding LAPD now. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elizabeth Hercules-Paez

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:37 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

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

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rebecca L

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:39 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing in support of continued budget cuts to the LAPD and in support of the People's Budget LA. The LAPD has proven their incompetence in response to the continued protests throughout Los Angeles county and worldwide. It's time to reallocate even more resources to community based care initiatives and fund #carenotcops. Black Lives Matter! Defund LAPD!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Petra Rasmussen

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:39 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I demand you adopt The People's Budget and defund the police. The proposed 5% reallocation of the police budget as it stands today, June 8th, is woefully inadequate. The services that actually help Angelenos, such as health care, education, housing, and food security resources are owed millions more than they are currently being given. Do what is right so that we can make our city stronger, healthier, and a more equitable place for all residents.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nicholas Hon

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:40 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Restructure the Budget and DEFUND the Police. As elected, yes elected, officials of the LA City Council, I demand you to truly listen and act upon the people of this city's requests to defund the police. This is the most pressing issue at the moment regarding your futures as politicians and you must pay attention. Mayor Garcetti's plan to reduce the police budget somewhere between 100-150 million dollars is nothing more than a PR stunt and a less than graceful attempt at appeasement. It is a symbolic offering that will not offer lasting change in the City of Los Angeles. The people will not stand for this as we are saying enough is enough. We demand real action as we will not stand for baby steps towards police reform. We demand a complete transformation of the public safety system, and that begins with defunding the police force. Take this opportunity to move Los Angeles into the future.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jacki

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:41 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** DEFUND THE POLICE. Fire Chief Moore. The budget cut is not enough. You've allowed violence and murder within the LAPD for too long and your community (the one you were elected to protect/serve) is suffering. Step up and protect your citizens. DEFUND THE POLICE. Require more training to weed out the "bad apples" and inspire empathetic reactions to community needs and concerns. You are failing us.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Talia Inlender

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:50 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Talia Inlender. I am a supervising attorney in the Immigrants' Rights Project at Public Counsel. I write in support of the call to decrease LAPD's budget and reallocate City dollars to invest in communities of color. While the initial proposal to cut LAPD's budget by \$150 million is a step in the right direction, it is not enough. To effect true transformative change, the city needs to go much further to enact a budget that fully reflects our values and to ensure that any City action underscores the fact that black lives matter. Los Angeles can and must do better for its communities of color. The same unjust and racist system responsible for the attacks, murder, and mass incarceration of black people, fuels this administration's mass deportation machine, which is attacking and tearing apart immigrant communities, even while COVID-19 rages on in California's detention centers. That is why we also urge you to take a stand against racism now by renewing the LA Justice Fund (LAJF). Since its inception in 2017, the LA Justice Fund has fought against the criminalization of immigrants (primarily brown and black people) by creating a legal safety net, particularly for people ripped from their families and held in immigration detention. Public Counsel has been proud to be a part of these efforts, helping to keep Los Angeles families together and thriving, by providing quality legal representation in the broken immigration court system. Our communities deserve a full and just recovery from the twin public health pandemics we face -- a true transformation to a just and equitable system -- where no one is left behind, where our collective and individual healing and well-being are centered, and our families and neighborhoods are stabilized and kept together. This safety, stability, and a sustainable & just recovery is achieved through due process for all, equitable access to healthy affordable homes, health, jobs, community-based prevention, essential services, and an end to the policing and incarceration of black and brown communities. It is not achieved through false choices, where the system tries to pit us against one another for our basic needs. Our communities deserve justice, now more than ever. Our ask is simple: Invest in Community. Divest from Policing. Give us a People's Budget. Thank you.



## Communication from Public

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

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Dismantle the police and follow the lead of Minneapolis, rebuild from the ground up. 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. LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:52 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am asking for a complete disband and dismantling of LAPD. I am asking to use the billion-dollar budget to be given to educational institutions including paying teachers higher salaries and equipping students with more technology and financial aid for college. I am asking for Los Angeles to support the #8toAbolition campaign.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jena Bodell

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:53 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 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. LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dana DeRuyck

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:53 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Los Angeles must adopt a People's Budget in order to bring peace, balance, and equity to our city. And a big part of that involves defunding the LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. We need to support the people of Los Angeles so that we can all thrive together. And we cannot do that while we have a militarized police force that thinks nothing of firing so-called "non-lethal" rounds at people, leaving them terribly maimed (such as the wheelchair-bound homeless man we've seen photos of), and launching tear gasses that are banned in warfare -- why should force that's banned in wartime use be legal to enact against unarmed civilians? YOU CAN'T DEFEND IT, SO LET'S DEFUND IT. We have had it with you LAPD defending each other for their hurtful actions at the expense of the people they're actually paid to be protecting.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cornelia Clarke  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:53 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

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

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:54 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a recent UCLA Law graduate specializing in Critical Race Studies, and I find LA's financial prioritization of the police over essential social services deeply disturbing. I urge the Budget and Finance Committee to consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. The budget was crafted according to the needs of LA resident survey takers, who determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and re-imagined public safety over the police department. In response to these priorities, the Peoples Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. I urge you 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. Despite this, the Mayor's budget would give over half of all unrestricted funds to the LAPD. This is unacceptable and the LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mirna DeLeon

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:56 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

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

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tayler Johnson  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:57 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, I'm Tayler J., a resident of Los Angeles County. If people didn't know the abuses the police force incurred on others before, they see it in plain sight now. The death of black and brown over the years is unimaginable, and LA City is no better. You have not persecuted cops in our own city. You are weak to the police union GANG-MAFIA, who intimidate council members and politicians with fear, power, and money. It should be ILLEGAL for a government official to receive campaign money from a Police Union PAC. When police kill people, push over an old man at a protest, tear gas peaceful protests, they say "we're just doing our job". Well that's the problem. There are no good cops or bad cops in an institution that upholds racism and white supremacy. You have implemented 5 of the top reform initiatives, but reforms have clearly not been enough. And we're tired of PAYING for the police to learn how to stop being racist... how to stop abusing and killing people. Your "work to identify \$250M further investments into community programs" is simply not enough. I vehemently oppose your budget, which still pours the majority of our funds into LAPD. 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 Peoples 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. How is it even possible that teachers have to pay for the classroom supplies and the LAPD is here with a \$3B budget. AND Mayor Garcetti planned to make it higher. ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND? IT'S DISGUSTING AND TERRIFYING TO THINK YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN UPHOLDING AND BUILDING UP THIS POLICE BUDGET FOR YEARS AND PLANNED TO KEEP DOING IT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, HOPING THAT NO ONE WOULD NOTICE. Dismantling the roots of white supremacy doesn't just start with reducing police presence, but also in investing money and care into the communities still deeply effected by generations of inequality. A



system once built to catch and jail freed slaves, built to oppress black people in this country, can not be reformed. It needs to be broken apart. And in its place, we need to rebuild and reimagine a new vision for public safety. One that believes in reformative justice, and not simply imprisonment. One that gets at the heart and disease of violence, theft, and abuse. And once we defund and dismantle the police system, we will need to provide therapy and community reentry training for officers who have been brainwashed over the years by this terrifying system. ADOPT THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET LA, TODAY.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrea Fleck

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:57 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Good afternoon Council-members. My name is Andrea and I live in Council District 5. I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. 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 violent LAPD. Policing in America is rooted in violence. Body cams, implicit-bias training, police-community dialogue sessions- these possible solutions have been tried and FAILED to address the injustices and violence by police. The Mayor's budget, even with cuts and proposed reapportionments, gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD. \$150 million in cuts out of over \$3 billion dollars allocated to the LAPD is not enough. Please take after the Minneapolis City Council and work to abolish the Police as we know it in favor of community-based safety. 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. We want care, not cops. Please support the People's Budget LA and defund LAPD.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Orion Walker

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:57 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** I've been a Los Angeles resident my entire life (40-something years). I love this city, and I expect the very best of it -- especially when national leadership is so lacking or misguided, it's vitally important that Los Angeles lead the way in demonstrating the power of diversity and progressive policy. What's becoming clear to everyone listening is that the very concept of Policing has problematic roots in brutality and white supremacy, and that in every generation since the civil war, while liberals such as myself have assumed that the systemic problems of the past have been fixed. In 1967, when LAPD attacked peaceful protesters in Century City, my mother was there, shocked at the unprovoked brutality. In 1992, we were shocked to discover this behavior had not improved. Then we spent another generation assuming that surely it had been fixed THIS time. But the events of the past couple of weeks have woken us up for what had better be the last time on this subject. Video evidence abounds of police INITIATING violence against protesters. This is 100% unacceptable, and all pains should be taken to ensure this never happens again. It is beyond question now that we are out of balance, the pendulum having swung in favor of the police being over-militarized, over-funded, and over-relied upon for addressing too broad a swath of societal ills, with far, far too little accountability to the community. I urge you to take drastic action -- not only through the immediate reallocation of funds as per the "People's Budget", but through the consideration of systemic reboots as seen in Camden 2013, and in Minneapolis just last week. The LAPD should not abide a single cop willing to be the violent aggressor against the citizenry. We need to put a stop to the "warrior" mentality in the training regimen and in the rank and file. I can only hope the police union will see fit to cooperate with necessary sweeping reforms, understanding that the AG of a potential Biden administration will not likely be shy about consent decrees for organizations that prove recalcitrant. Rest assured, we're all going to be watching until the problems of systemic racism and unaccountable brutality are FIXED once and for all. Our city deserves better, and we're counting on all of you to lead the way.