

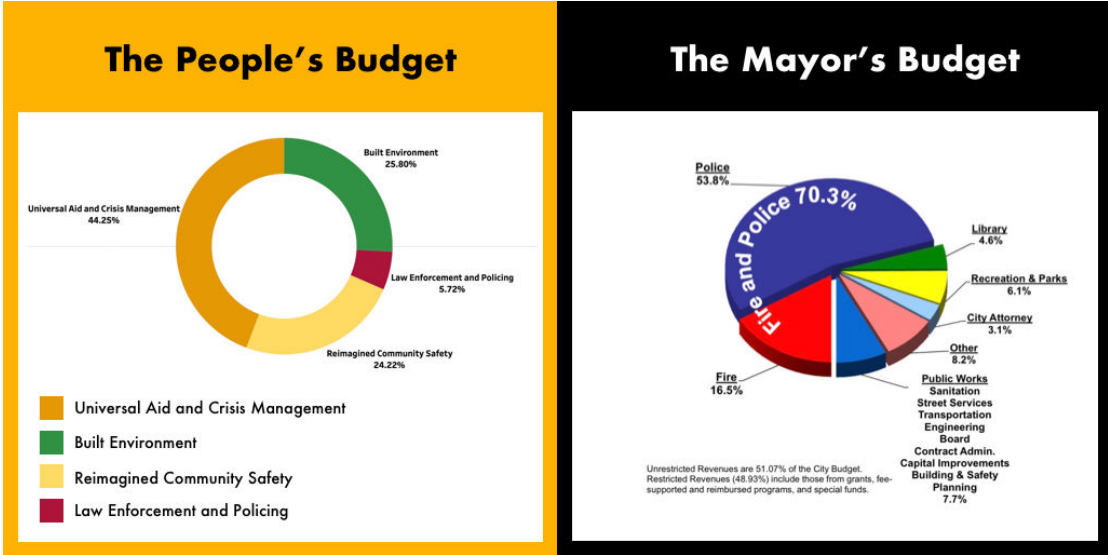
Communication from Public

Name: Rita G.

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Minneapolis actually listened to their people and are defunding their police department. Alongside them we could be an example for the rest of the country, and the world. Mayor Garcetti's decision to reevaluate his budget to find \$150 million to remove from the LAPD budget is TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE. His reapportionment proposal would still leave the LAPD with over 50% of unrestricted funds. We need him to Defund The Police and consider 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 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.



“\$150 MILLION LOOKS BIG, UNTIL YOU REALIZE IT STILL LEAVES THE LAPD WITH 51% OF THE CITY’S UNRESTRICTED FUNDS. THAT’S NOT AT ALL ACCEPTABLE.”

- DR. MELINA ABDULLAH, BLMLA

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Communication from Public

Name: Jamie McAleney

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 10:01 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The policing budget is outrageous and desperately needs to be reallocated. Perhaps try putting these needed funds towards education, healthcare services and community support programs. This is where the money is needed.

Communication from Public

Name: Coalition of Los Angeles Afterschool Providers

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of our the seventeen undersigned agencies and the tens of thousands of Los Angeles youth we serve in afterschool programs every year in the city's most vulnerable communities, we strongly encourage the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Garcetti to adopt the People's Budget. We know first-hand how historic disinvestment, specifically in communities of color, has resulted in brutally complex challenges for families and youth. We also know that investing more in prevention, including youth development, but also mental health and housing, will do more to uplift these communities and allow them to thrive, not just survive, long-term. We ask you to look to the efficacy of afterschool programs, and more broadly youth development, as a shining example of how this upstream approach can help communities thrive. Afterschool and summer learning programs in Los Angeles are a proven prevention measure, providing safe space for youth in vulnerable communities; critical supports so that parents can work; caring mentors for young people; and enrichment activities that help to rectify issues of inequity in our education system. We are grateful that the voters of the state of CA recognized the importance of these programs in 2002 through the Afterschool Safety and Education Act but that alone is not enough to provide all the supports youth and communities need. Therefore, we encourage you to learn from the success of proven programs like afterschool and re-imagine the city's budget to reflect the true values of the City of Angels by channeling significant funds upstream to proven prevention strategies allowing the communities we serve to thrive. As we bear witness daily to the glaring gaps in our social system — gaps created and sustained by institutional racism -- we are also committed to rectifying them. Therefore, we also stand with our Black and immigrant communities, students, staff, and neighbors, and urge you to take a stand against racism now by renewing the LA Justice Fund (LAJF) once and for all. Along with so many other community-based organizations, we are committed to rebuilding a system that truly uplifts communities. We know there is so much work to do, but like many, we are always ready to serve.

Sincerely, Woodcraft Rangers After-School All-Stars Los Angeles LA's Best Afterschool Enrichment Heart of Los Angeles Youth Los Angeles Education Partnership The Los Angeles Trust

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Programs A World Fit for Kids KYDS Team Prime Time
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June 7, 2020

Eric Garcetti, Mayor
City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Afterschool Agencies call for the adoption of the People's Budget

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Communication from Public

Name: Mario Olivares

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:27 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am asking for a complete dismantling of the police and a rebuild from the ground up, as Minneapolis city council is promising.

Communication from Public

Name: Meredith Sottili

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:28 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

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

Communication from Public

Name: Demetrios Tzamaras

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:30 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Further Reduction of LAPD Budget, for Re-investment into care-based community protection is necessary. the proposed \$100-150 Million is peanuts compared to the current LAPD budget. They have acted recklessly, and even spitefully toward the public during the protests, as seen through countless videoclips surfacing this past week. I URGE you, adopt the People's Budget for FY 2020-2021. When I was a kid, my dad would take away my allowance when I misbehaved. The LAPD has been misbehaving for a long time. Be a responsible parent and take their allowance (and their military grade "toys") away from them.

Communication from Public

Name: Amy Egerton-Wiley

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:30 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I applaud the work the City Council has been doing on the budget, and understand it is likely overwhelming to have attention turn toward the budget this late in the game. However, it is imperative that we make a change in this period where we can. With Minneapolis as a model of what is possible, I strongly encourage City Council to reallocate funds that are currently invested in LAPD to other resources, such as education, community organizations, mental health, and housing services. While departments need infrastructure if they will continue to exist, we cannot afford to give the LAPD \$5 million for furniture when we cannot even afford nurses and mental health workers in our schools, and therefore replace those services with police.
Sincerely, Amy Egerton-Wiley

Communication from Public

Name: Cici Cyr

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:31 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Garcetti and LA Budget and Finance Committee, My name is Cici Cyr, I am a resident of City Terrace in LA county and I demand a complete defunding of the LAPD. I am personally traumatized by the constant police presence in our city: the cruisers, helicopters, car searches with no warrants, and abuse I see coming from the police patrolling my neighborhood. I have never felt safe nor protected by the police. But my experience as a white woman with the privilege of living in white skin in no way compares to the daily reality of living in black and brown skin. I call for reallocations and reparations of funds to restorative justice programs, social and health services, housing for the homeless, rent relief, education, parks, etc. which support black and brown communities. I call for all LAPD funds to directly support black and brown communities which have been at the receiving end of police violence, institutional racism, environmental racism, redlining, and food racism for as long as Los Angeles has been a city. I demand the LAPD be defunded to at least the extent laid out in The People's Budget LA. I demand a continued decarceration of our city and county jails and prisons, which disproportionately incarcerate black and brown people. Policing and incarceration is racist and unjust, its roots in the first slave patrols, but it is also expensive and a massive waste of our individual and collective resources. For far too long, we have actively supported and stood by as the police force has manipulated its ever growing power to corrupt our city government. Each member of the city council has run an election campaign funded in part by the police union. I will not sit down silently and complicity as over half of my tax money goes toward the criminalization, brutalization, and traumatizing of black and brown communities. We fund the police in the name of "public safety" and "law and order" and yet we see that the police value private and public property over the lives of people (and further, the lives of white people over black people). LAPD has killed 601 people in the past 8 years and not one of those cops has been prosecuted. The presence of the police at our recent protests has not contributed to the "public's safety." The police, with their bullet proof vests and weapons of war have brought more violence to the protests. The curfews criminalized our lives and our bodies and our rights to protest. The police, empowered by the

massive funding provided by their over-inflated budget, are far overstepping their power and terrorizing our city. Mayor Garcetti has proposed a \$150 million cut to the LAPD. This is an insult to the tens of thousands of people asking for a defunding of the police through the People's Budget LA. Though \$150 may sound like a lot and Garcetti can pretend like he's making changes, it is a tiny drop in the huge ocean of the LAPD's \$3+ billion budget. Over half of our city's budget will still go to the LAPD. I demand that Mayor Garcetti and the members of this board and city council LISTEN to the people and DO MORE. Now is the time to use your white privilege and power for good. Defund the police. Stop paying the LAPD to uphold a racist and white supremacist police force. Put money back into the black communities it was stolen from. Now is the time to face our racist past, apologize for our mistakes, and begin the work of reparations and repair. Thank you for reading. Cici Cyr

Communication from Public

Name: Joseph Rihn

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:31 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: To the members of the council, it is long past time to pass a budget that prioritizes the safety and wellbeing of Black people and the needs of Angelenos over policing. As our city faces a crisis of homelessness and affordable housing, and mass unemployment due to COVID-19, the solution cannot be to criminalize or arrest people for being poor. As the city stands up en masse to end racist systems and racist institutions of law enforcement, the solution cannot be to send in police to brutalize and suppress them. The people have spoken. Now it is your responsibility to pass a budget that reflects our needs and our demands. Defund police now.

Communication from Public

Name: Courtney

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:34 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a Los Angeles resident, I call on the Budget and Finance Committee to adopt a People's Budget for the City of Los Angeles. NOW is the time to act as a true representative of the people regarding how our city's funds should be spent. More police do not create safer cities, they create more violent, more weaponized cities. The only way to make our city safer is to guarantee basic human rights for all. The quality of life and measure of equality in this city are a direct result of where we choose to put our resources. The proposed \$150M cut to LAPD is a start, but it's not enough in the scope of the \$1.86 billion dollars Los Angeles spends on the police force. As our city's leaders and representatives, you have the opportunity now, this month, this meeting, to re-imagine what public safety really looks like in our city. I stand with Black Lives Matter at this critical time, and all of the other voices who are demanding a People's Budget for our great City of Los Angeles. Your budget proposal MUST be updated with the priorities of Angelenos. We need disinvestment from the police, and investment in community- and health-centered services, including restorative justice resources. Public opinion is with me! Thank you for your time and consideration.