
Enact the People's Budget LA

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From: <nicholaskasunic@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 13, 2020 at 8:47 PM

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Sincerely,

Nicholas Kasunic

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Please Adopt A People's Budget

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From: Megan Salinas <megan.m.salinas@gmail.com>

To: Bob Blumenfield <bob.blumenfield@lacity.org>, Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.Lee@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.rodriquez@lacity.org, councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, curren.price@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org, mike.bonin@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, paul.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 13, 2020 at 6:31 PM

Attn All,

I hope your weekend is going well. All things considered, mine is going well, or rather as well as it can be in the midst of a global pandemic. That being said, I'm writing to you today to encourage you to defund the LAPD and adopt a people's budget. I'm asking you all to reduce the LAPD's budget and invest that money back into our community. Furthermore, Police Chief Moore needs to be fired and an independent investigation should be launched to ensure that each and every officer that engaged in police brutality against peaceful protesters is held accountable for their actions.

According to an email I received from Councilmember Ryu, who by the way, is the only one who has gotten back to me in any capacity from the numerous emails I've sent to you all, it is "mandated by the City Charter that the Mayor's proposed budget must be adopted by default on June 1st, and goes into effect on July 1st. However, the budget is a living document that can, and often is, changed throughout the year - especially as new issues, needs and circumstances arise, even after adoption and start of the fiscal year on July 1st." This leads me to believe that it is not too late to make the drastic changes to the budget that our city desperately needs. So let's not wait. It is time for change. The time has come for Los Angeles to end the systemic racism that has been so deeply embedded in our city's structure.

To quote Councilmember Ryu's Chief of Staff Nicholas Greif again, "Homelessness and inequality are not solved through increased policing, but through dedicated work at every level of government to prioritize people and communities in need. Getting there will take work and structural change". I couldn't agree more, and the first step toward this societal change can be taken by reducing the police's budget. This issue may go beyond Los Angeles, but we can make our city better because our city should be better. Black Lives Matter, so it's time our city starts acting like it. Defund the LAPD so that we can invest in social services, housing, aid for the homeless, and medical care. Adopt a people's budget and start proving that your allegiance is to your constituents and not the Police Union.

Looking forward to hearing from you all.

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All the best,
Megan Salinas

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From: 'jessica lem' via Clerk Budget and Finance Committee <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 13, 2020 at 5:38 PM

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Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone

Proposed budget cuts to LAPD

1 message

From: 'Lisa Babcock' via Clerk Budget and Finance Committee <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 13, 2020 at 10:01 AM

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Sent from my iPhone

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From: Chelsea Morgan <chelseadianemorgan@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 13, 2020 at 10:00 AM

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Sincerely,
Chelsea Morgan