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From: Allison Herrera <danielaalli11@gmail.com>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 3:28 PM

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Thank you for your time.

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Adopt a People's Budget

1 message

alejandra estrada <alejandraestrada830@gmail.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 3:13 AM

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Furthermore, I understand the city of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. There is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, but this is not a time for dire cuts to some of its most important departments including Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Parks and Recreation, Transportation and Housing, and Community Investments. Each of these departments provides extremely critical resources to the residents of Los Angeles. Funding should instead be cut from the LAPD, and their budget reallocated to the people and programs that need it most.

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I have attached the link to the website here: www.peoplesbudgetla.com as well as the plan for new distribution of the Los Angeles Budget

Thank you for your time,
Alejandra Estrada

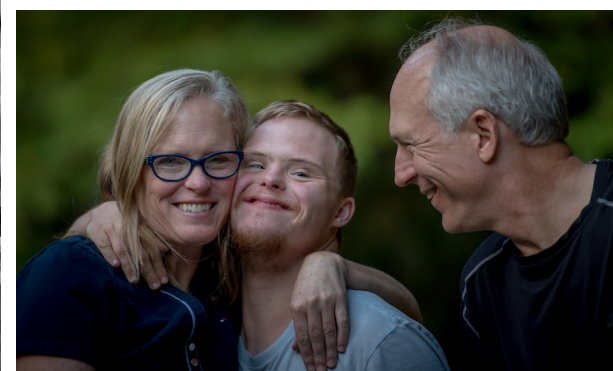
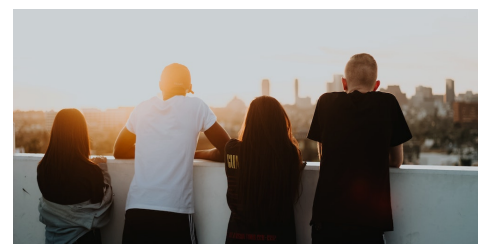
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The People's Budget

Los Angeles 2020-2021

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INTRODUCTION

The People's Budget LA Coalition has undertaken an urgent public process of participatory budgeting to solicit input of Angelenos on their priorities for the city and how they would like public resources to be spent. This project emerged rapidly and in direct response to the secretive, undemocratic process and draconian spending plan introduced by Mayor Eric Garcetti, and left unchallenged by City Council.

This report details our findings and presents a People's Budget alternative to the Mayor's proposed 2020-21 budget. **Our document and data both reveal a clear referendum: invest in universal needs (e.g., housing security, public health/health care, mental health and wellness, etc.) and divest from traditional forms of policing.**

Here's a summary of our methodology and results:

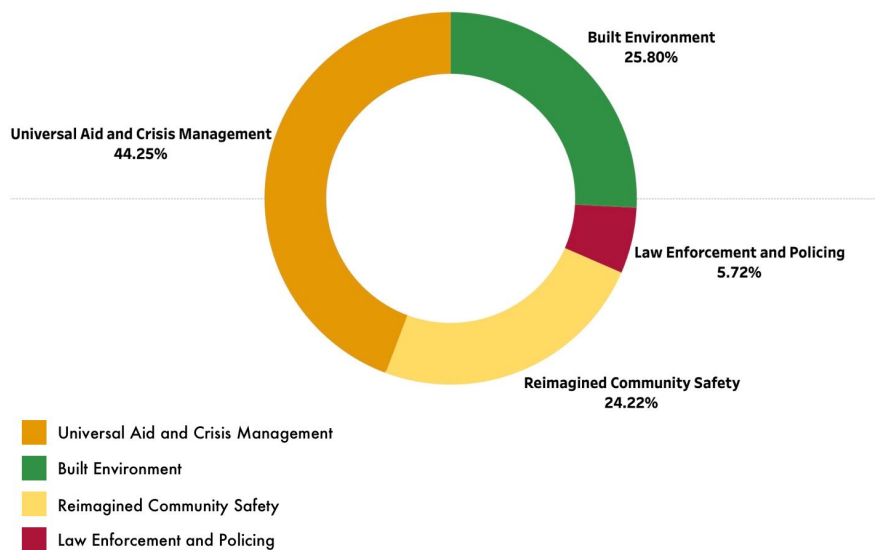
- More than 10,000 people were engaged in the drafting of the People's Budget. This includes 1,470 Angelenos who took our survey, 3,300 participants who engaged in our participatory budgeting process in real time on May 24, 2020 (via Zoom and Facebook Live), and 10,000 viewers who have watched the session after-the-fact.
- The top priorities for investment include housing, mental health and wellness, and public health and healthcare.
- The top priorities for divestment include parking enforcement, police and policing, and the City Attorney's Office.
- The People's Budget allocates just 5.7% of general funds to law enforcement and policing - just about one-tenth of the 54% given to the LAPD in the Mayor's proposed budget.
- The People's Budget allocates the largest amount of money to Universal Aid and Crisis Management (44.25%), followed by Built Environment (25.80%), then Reimagined Community Safety (24.22%), and finally Law Enforcement and Police (5.72%).

We implore the Los Angeles City Council to take action and adopt a budget that aligns with the priorities of the people who they have been elected to represent.

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.

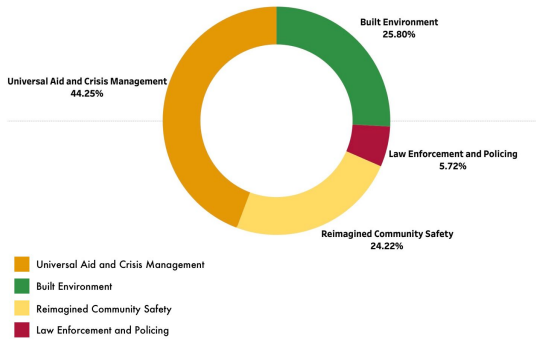
Specific initiatives that could be included in this category are family counseling, restorative justice programs, reparations to victims and their families, community-led crisis response programs, gang prevention/intervention/recovery without police involvement, and domestic violence prevention/intervention/recovery 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.

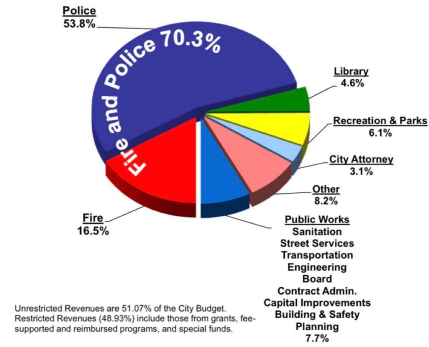
COMPARISON WITH THE MAYOR'S BUDGET

The People's Budget



The Mayor's Budget

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



The People's Budget Allocations

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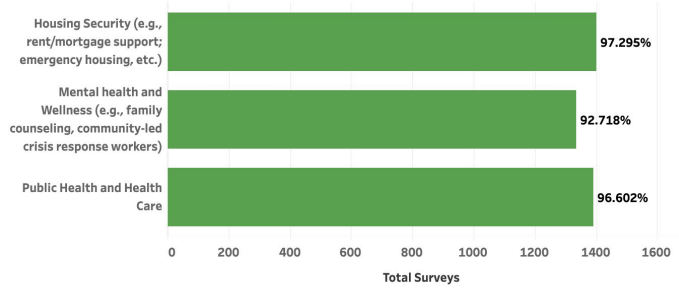
Police	53.8%
Fire	16.5%
Other	8.2%
Public Works	7.7%
Recreation & Parks	6.1%
Library	4.6%
City Attorney	3.1%

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

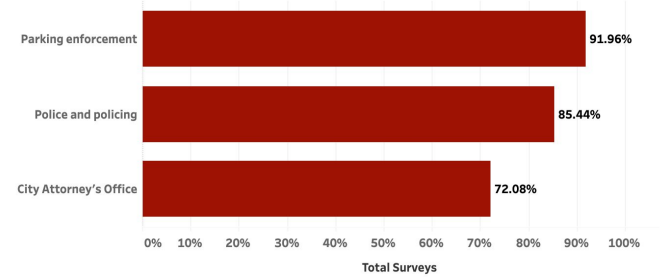


TOP PRIORITIES FOR DIVESTMENT

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)

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

Black lives matter

1 message

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To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 3:26 PM

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Fwd: LA Budget Request

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To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 2:48 PM

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Thank you for your time,

Stephanie Pratt

Los Angeles City Budget

1 message

From: Spencer Raymond <spencerryan1015@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

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Important message from the people

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From: Ava F <avafagee@gmail.com>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>, "councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org" <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, "councilmember.martinez@lacity.org" <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>

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Budget Proposal for Los Angeles

1 message

From: Emily Boffeli <emilyboffeli@gmail.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 2:38 PM

Hello,

My name is Emily Boffeli and I'm writing in regards to the mayor's budget proposal. Last week, the public overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to this budget, particularly its overspending on the LAPD.

You have an obligation to those you represent to consider an alternative that prioritizes the voices of Los Angeles citizens like myself. After declining to vote on the proposal, this city council is failing its constituents.

Please hold a budget and finance committee meeting and bring up a vote to support the People's Budget.

Thank you,
Emily

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Emily Boffeli
Art Director / Graphic Designer / Content Creator
C: 563-451-4474

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Los Angeles Budget Proposal

1 message

From: Taylor Meacham <taylormeach@gmail.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 2:37 PM

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Please reschedule the budget and finance committee meeting and bring up a vote to support the People's Budget.

Sincerely,
Taylor Meacham

LAPD Budget

1 message

From: Hailey Saucedo <saucedoh926@gmail.com>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 2:25 PM

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Budget 2020-2021

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To: "Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org" <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>
At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 2:15 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I understand the City of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. While I see that there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is not a time for dire cuts from some of the most important departments including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Recreation and Parks, Transportation, and Housing & Community Investments. Each of these Departments provide critical resources to the citizens of Los Angeles.

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While the cost of running a department of this size is extensive, it is critical that the LAPD is fiscally review and its budget faces the same level of critical attention as other departments. This is an important time for our city to reflect upon the fiscal management of the LAPD, its oversight and its relationship to its citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely and with hope for change,
your name

Robin Adsit

2020-2021 LA City Budget

1 message

From: Maryanne Baltierra <maryannebalt11@gmail.com>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>, "councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org" <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, "councilmember.martinez@lacity.org" <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>

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LA Budget

1 message

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

To: councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 1:51 PM

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Tara Aguilar

Sent from my iPhone

L.A City Budget

1 message

From: Lizz Martinez <efm213@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 1:42 PM

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People's Budget

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Fix the 2020-21 Budget!

1 message

From: Jessica Cutrone <jessica.cutrone@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 1:28 PM

Dear Councilmembers,

I'm writing to express my outrage over the 2020-21 city budget, adopted yesterday, which increases LAPD officer pay by \$144 million while slashing city investments in vital public services, including housing, jobs, infrastructure, mental health care, after-school programs, and gang intervention.

Under this current budget, the LAPD is slated to receive well over half of the City's total budget or 54 percent, while some 16,000 civilian city workers are furloughed and a quarter of Angelinos are unemployed, with even more facing housing and food insecurity during this time of unprecedented health and economic crisis.

Balancing itself on the backs of our city's most vulnerable, this budget was morally irresponsible when Mayor Garcetti proposed it over a month ago. After the events of the past week—namely, the large-scale mobilization of the city's police force with its full arsenal of military-grade riot gear against largely peaceful protesters calling for an end to police brutality against black people and other minorities—it is downright unconscionable. This LAPD deserves a dramatic decrease in funding, along with radical civilian oversight and accountability—not a raise and bonuses to officers with college degrees.

I understand that the lopsided City budget allocations that cut funding to all programs except fire and police are a product of agreements reached between the City and the Los Angeles Police Protective League to raise officer pay two times in the coming fiscal year. Those raises, while always of dubious merit, are entirely inappropriate now, with City revenues disastrously low in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic that has left even more Angelinos reliant on public services, to say nothing of the aggressive (and largely ineffective) policing of the last week. If LAPD officers simply received the same pay they received last year, two-thirds of proposed cuts to other essential services could be avoided. The City must withdraw these scheduled pay increases, even if it means reopening negotiations with the police officers union.

This budget does not reflect my values, or the values of my community, nor will it make our city safer. But there's still time to get this right. In the month that remains before the budget process concludes and this disastrous budget goes into effect, it is incumbent on you and the rest of the Budget and Finance Committee to draft and adopt sweeping amendments that reallocate funds away from law enforcement and into those programs that support citizens. We are counting on you, our elected officials, to create a compassionate, equitable budget that truly serves our city's needs.

Sincerely,
Jessica Kmetz-Cutrone
[4068 Creed Ave.](#)
[Los Angeles, CA 90008](#)

LAPD Budget concerns

1 message

From: Kyoko <kyokobristow@hotmail.com>

To: councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 1:17 PM

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Thank you for your time.

Kyoko Bristow

Speech Language Pathologist/Public School Educator

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LA City Budget

1 message

From: Selene Medina <medinaselene7@gmail.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 1:09 PM

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Thank you for your time.

LA People's Budget - Please Endorse

1 message

From: Rose <rose.youssefi@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 12:48 PM

Dear LA City,

I am reaching out to urgently request your endorsement of the LA People's Budget. I am a resident of Los Angeles County and request your support.

Thank you,
Rose Youssefi

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1 message

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

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 12:33 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I understand the City of Los Angeles is in the process reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. While I understand that there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is not a time for dire cuts from some of its most important departments including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Rec + Parks, Transportation and Housing and Community Investments. Each of these Departments provide critical resources to the residents in Los Angeles.

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While I understand the cost of running a department of this size is extensive, it is critical the LAPD is fiscally reviewed and its budget faces the same level of critical attention as other departments. This is an important time for the City to reflect upon the fiscal management of the LaPD, its overall oversight and its relationship to its citizens.

Thank you for your time.

Nahal

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Endorse the people's budget

1 message

From: Kayla Silber <ksilber@gmail.com>
To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org
At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 12:08 PM

I live in Playa Vista. Please endorse the people's budget.

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EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING 6/2

1 message

From: Alexandra Benaim <alexandrabenaim1@gmail.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 11:36 AM

Dear Mandy,

My name is Alexandra Benaim and I am calling in reference to the Mayor's budget proposal. Last week, the public overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to this proposed budget, and in particular to it's overspending on the police.

Now, after declining to vote on the proposal, the City Council is failing its constituents by holding a meeting to reject the Mayor's budget and consider the alternative: a People's Budget. You and every council member have an obligation to those they represent to consider an alternative that prioritizes the true needs of Angelenos: Care, not Cops. You need to defund the police.

It is your (and our) moral and professional responsibility to call an emergency meeting TODAY 6/2.

Respectfully,

Alexandra Benaim
Kin Amora
Website: www.kinamora.com
Instagram: @kin_amora

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Constituent Response to 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Margaret Flodeen <mflodeen93@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 11:35 AM

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Thank you for your time.

Best,
Margaret Flodeen

LA City Budget

1 message

From: David Valdez <dvdvldz@gmail.com>

To: Clerk.BudgetAndFinanceCommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 11:12 AM

Hello,

I am posting a comment in regards to Mayor Garcetti's FY2020-21 Budget Proposal for the City of Los Angeles. The budget does not reflect the social services our city needs while we continue to cope with the circumstances surrounding COVID-19. Right now we need funds directed towards affordable housing, mental health services, rent stipends, utility stipends and meals/groceries for people who can't afford their basic needs. Services to the homeless community should not be cut 6% - the Mayor continues to fail at putting forth any real plan on dealing with homelessness. Instead he puts the onus on City Council, and their actions are mucked up in red tape and fall short. The Bridge Housing program has only produced 13 centers, which offers 973 beds and does not come close to providing shelter and resources for the 60,000+ unhoused population. The most obvious discrepancy is the budget directed toward LAPD that is the only department allocated a budget of over \$1 billion. It appears that the education bonuses LAPD officers will receive of \$190-\$290 every two weeks for having a degree are grossly out of touch during a trying time for the national and local economies impacting the City of Los Angeles. This is an urgent time to focus anti-racist work for the LAPD without neglecting the pressing need to use our resources to support communities in their desperate calls for basic survival.

As a Citizen of Los Angeles, I am strongly advocating for LA City Council and the Mayor to Adopt the People's Budget.

Sincerely,

David Valdez
LA City Resident, CD13

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"Simpler, and with more laughter."
-Brecht

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REJECTION OF LAPD POLICE RECEIVING 54% OF BUDGET

1 message

From: EDALOLO INC <edalolo.inc@gmail.com>
To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org
At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 11:11 AM

Dear Budget and Finance Committee,

I reject the mayor's budget and instead support a redirection of funds back into the community. We don't need more police! Call an emergency city council meeting and deny the mayor's budget in favor of services over policing and support the People's Budget as a blueprint.

I would like to see more funds go towards helping the people, children and families of Los Angeles, in areas like health, education, housing, and resources for small businesses and the arts - especially given the pandemic.

The time to act is now. We will be watching.

Thank you,

Christiana

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Requires Immediate Attention!

1 message

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

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 11:07 AM

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Thank you for your time.

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Budget Proposal

1 message

From: Molly Leach <mollyleach0@gmail.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 10:24 AM

Hello Council Member,

My name is Molly and I'm writing in regards to the mayor's budget proposal. Last week, the public overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to this budget, particularly its overspending on the LAPD. You have an obligation to those you represent to consider an alternative that prioritizes the voices of Los Angeles citizens like myself. After declining to vote on the proposal, this city council is failing its constituents. Please hold a budget and finance committee meeting and bring up a vote to support the People's Budget.

Thank you,

Molly Leach

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Fwd: LA Budget

1 message

From: Marisa Lake <mlake4@elon.edu>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 10:13 AM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Marisa Lake <mlake4@elon.edu>
Date: June 2, 2020 at 10:09:04 AM PDT
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
Subject: Fwd: LA Budget

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From: Marisa Lake <mlake4@elon.edu>
Date: June 1, 2020 at 2:20:20 PM PDT
To: orian@lacity.org
Subject: Fwd: LA Budget

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Marisa Lake <mlake4@elon.edu>
Date: June 1, 2020 at 1:14:09 PM PDT
To: tinez@lacity.org
Subject: LA Budget

Hello,

Firstly, if it's possible I think you need to delay the budget decisions which are due today. Given what is going on the people need more time to share their opinions on your our money is spent.

Secondly, LAPD does not need more money. If the mayor of LA shut down our COVID testing centers as an immature way to react to the peaceful protests then we need to defund LAPD until they learn to treat everyone equally, and to serve and protect EQUALLY. I think more of the budget needs to go to education, social services, NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT and HOUSING AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT. Public education is the first step to correcting the inequalities in this county. Public schools, especially those in black communities and all minority communities, need to provide safety, security and quality education to our kids. However, neighborhoods and communities need to be safe and need better resources.

Thank you,
Marisa

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Budget Changes

1 message

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

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 10:02 AM

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Request for support

1 message

From: Maureen Tang <maureen_tang@college.harvard.edu>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 9:58 AM

Hi,

My name is Maureen Tang. As a constituent, I reject the mayor's proposed budget and instead support reallocating the police funding increases in the proposed budget toward community services. I would like you to create an amendment to support these vital services over policing, using the People's Budget of LA as a template. I would like more funds to go toward directly helping the people, children, and families of Los Angeles. I would like to see investment in services like healthcare, education, housing, resources for small businesses, and the arts, especially during the pandemic.

Additionally, in light of Police Chief Michel Moore's abhorrent comments, I would like to see less allocation of the remaining police budget on funding police equipment and more on data-driven solutions to reduce biases against the Black and Brown populations of Los Angeles.

The time to act is now. We will be watching.

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Maureen Tang

Harvard '20 | A.B. Candidate in Economics, Secondary in Government

Tel: (909)-680-1840 Email: maureen_tang@college.harvard.edu [Linked In](#)

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LA Budget Email Template

1 message

From: Jefferey Huang <jeffereyhuang@gmail.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 9:55 AM

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Reallocation of Budget

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BLACK LIVES MATTER

1 message

From: Comsiic Gypsie <cosmiicspirit333@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, -councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, -councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 9:25 AM

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Review LAPD Budget & Support People and Programs

1 message

From: Danielle Sassman <daniellemart10@gmail.com>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>, "councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org" <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, "councilmember.martinez@lacity.org" <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 9:24 AM

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TODAY BUDGET LIS ANGELES

1 message

From: Joy cuevas <cjoy0544@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

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2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Antoinette Argel <antoinetteargel@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 7:31 AM

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Constituent Response to 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Georgia Panitch <gpanitch@oberlin.edu>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 6:52 AM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

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Georgia Panitch
Los Angeles Resident

Budget

1 message

From: Matthew Gray <matt31d@gmail.com>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 5:10 AM

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Thank you for your time.

Adopt a People's Budget

1 message

From: alejandra estrada <alejandraestrada830@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 3:13 AM

Dear Budget and Finance Committee,

We are in the middle of a health pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed — and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of this city is renters and if individuals are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Before the pandemic, there were around 60k unhoused individuals; after evictions and economic insecurity due to COVID-19 and its fall out, we can expect thousands more. In this context, the Mayor is proposing an increase to LAPD, even though crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. LAPD has seen a rise in overtime which, more often than not, is paid out to officers harassing unhoused individuals, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. After declining to vote on this draconian proposal last week, City Council referred it back to the Budget and Finance Committee. Now, the Committee has decided not to meet, thereby shirking its duty and upholding the racist and white-supremacist structures that underlie both the proposal and City Council as a governing body. I am urging you to publicly support the People's Budget. The Mayor's disastrous proposal MUST be updated with the priorities of Angelenos. You need to Adopt a People's Budget which defunds the police. We need disinvestment from the police, and investment in community- and health-centered services.

Furthermore, I understand the city of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. There is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, but this is not a time for dire cuts to some of its most important departments including Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Parks and Recreation, Transportation and Housing, and Community Investments. Each of these departments provides extremely critical resources to the residents of Los Angeles. Funding should instead be cut from the LAPD, and their budget reallocated to the people and programs that need it most.

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I have attached the link to the website here: www.peoplesbudgetla.com as well as the plan for new distribution of the Los Angeles Budget

Thank you for your time,
Alejandra Estrada

The people's Budget

1 message

From: Ivan Cortez <cortezivan1092@gmail.com>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 2:36 AM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

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LA City Budget

1 message

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

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 2:21 AM

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Thank you for your time.

- Elizabeth Hernandez

Letter to City of L.A. re: police budget

1 message

From: Klaus Steden <klausfiend@gmail.com>
To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org
At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 1:56 AM

Mr. Krekorian and the budget committee,

I am Klaus Steden, and I am writing to express my concern in regards to the current allocation of the City of Los Angeles' budget — in 2019-2020, more than 52% of the City's general fund was allocated to police. That amount is set to go up in 2020-2021.

In light of the many deaths of African Americans at the hands of police across the United States, I am concerned and disheartened that my tax dollars are being used to fund a service that continues to victimize members of this community.

Accurate data on officer-involved shootings is difficult to come by, but according to an investigative report from KPCC, on-duty LAPD officers shot at least 375 people between 2010 and 2014 — 24% of them were Black, though African Americans make up only 8% of the L.A. population. Of 279 people who were shot for "ignoring officer commands," 120 "showed signs of mental illness or impairment from drugs or alcohol." Most officers receive just six to 10 hours of training on how to deal with individuals with mental illnesses.

I would like to see a re-evaluation of the budget currently allocated to the Los Angeles Police Department. I would like to see this large portion of my tax dollars reallocated into social services, mental health programs, healthcare, education, jobs, and city infrastructure.

I would like to see any budget that is allocated to the Los Angeles Police Department made transparent and with a focus on harm reduction.

A coalition of advocacy groups in Los Angeles has put together a comprehensive People's Budget with input from thousands of Angelenos. The budget outlines spending priorities as identified by members of the community who are served by — and fund — the City's budget. I would like to see the People's Budget used as a resource in re-drafting the 2020-2021 City of Los Angeles budget.

I thank the chair, council, and committee for their time, and I will be observing your voting on this issue.

Sincerely,
Klaus Steden
4227 11th Ave
Los Angeles
90008

Adopt a People's Budget

1 message

From: alejandra estrada <alejandraestrada830@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 1:41 AM

Dear Budget and Finance Committee,

You need to adopt a People's Budget and defund the police.

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Thank you for your time.

Your constituent,
Alejandra Estrada

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Review the LA City Budget 2020-2021!

1 message

From: Rachel Rovinsky <rrovinsk@berkeley.edu>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>, "councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org" <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, "councilmember.martinez@lacity.org" <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 1:29 AM

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Thank you for your time.

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Rachel Rovinsky

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1 message

From: tiffany fischer <tsfischer22@gmail.com>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>, "councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org" <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, "councilmember.martinez@lacity.org" <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 1:00 AM

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2020-21 LA Budget Redistribution

1 message

From: Sasha Kirshon <aokirshon@gmail.com>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 12:34 AM

Hello Council Member,

My name is Alexandra Kirshon and I'm writing in regards to the mayor's budget proposal. Last week, the public overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to this budget, particularly its overspending on the LAPD. You have an obligation to those you represent to consider an alternative that prioritizes the voices of Los Angeles citizens like myself. After declining to vote on the proposal, this city council is failing its constituents. Please reschedule the budget and finance committee meeting and bring up a vote to support the People's Budget.

Thank you,

Alexandra

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IMPORTANT

1 message

From: Alyeriz Rodriguez <alyerizrod@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 12:20 AM

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Thank you for your time.

-Alyeriz Rodriguez

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Police Budget Reform

1 message

From: Patrick VanAuker <pvanauker@gmail.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 12:12 AM

Hello Council Member,

My name is Patrick Quinn and I'm writing in regards to the mayor's budget proposal. Last week, the public overwhelmingly expressed their opposition to this budget, particularly its overspending on the LAPD. You have an obligation to those you represent to consider an alternative that prioritizes the voices of Los Angeles citizens like myself. After declining to vote on the proposal, this city council is failing its constituents. Please reschedule the budget and finance committee meeting and bring up a vote to support the People's Budget.

Thank you,

Patrick Quinn VanAuker
330.592.8080

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The Budget

1 message

From: Christof <christof@whitemanbrothers.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 10:24 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

This is a combination of my words and others' words with which I agree. Please read even if it looks as though you have read it before, and consider any redundancies an important form of emphasis.

I understand the City of Los Angeles is in the process reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. While I understand that there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is not a time for dire cuts from some of its most important departments including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Rec + Parks, Transportation and Housing and Community Investments. Each of these Departments provide critical resources to the resident's in Los Angeles.

California is an important part of this country, and LA is an important part of that state. Often times, areas in California are trail-blazing — I am asking that you continue to lead by example, as making drastic changes to a budget could ripple out to other states who tend to follow your example.

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While I understand the cost of running a department of this size is extensive, it is critical the LAPD is fiscally reviewed and its budget faces the same level of critical attention as other departments. This is an important time for the City to reflect upon the fiscal management of the LAPD, its overall oversight and its relationship to its citizens. Please consider restructuring your budget to reflect what is best for the people, not the police — this could mean any manner of cuts to the LAPD, but I believe it should certainly pertain especially to the pay-structures for police officers. To increase a budget for the police would be an upsetting thing for many humans. To decrease police budgets and defund these departments could help countless others to the point of saving lives.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Christopher Ryan Whiteman

Los Angeles Budget: 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

1 message

From: Viviana Martinez Reynaga <vimreynaga@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 10:05 PM

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Thank you for your time.
Viviana Martinez Reynaga

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1 message

From: 'Nikole Hernandez' via Clerk Budget and Finance Committee <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 9:50 PM

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Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Mariana Gonzalez <mariana14gonzalez.mg@gmail.com>

To: councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org, clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 9:20 PM

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Thank you for your time.

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1 message

From: Cyn style <peinadocynthia80@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 8:49 PM

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1 message

From: Cathy Ortiz <ortizcathy82@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 8:42 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

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1 message

From: blnk <blanka.nieves2001@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 8:34 PM

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LA City Budget

1 message

From: <paigecutrone25@gmail.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 8:14 PM

Dear Councilmember,

I'm writing to express my outrage over the 2020-21 city budget, adopted June 1st, which increases LAPD officer pay by \$144 million while slashing city investments in vital public services, including housing, jobs, infrastructure, mental health care, after-school programs, and gang intervention.

Under this current budget, the LAPD is slated to receive well over half of the City's total budget or 54 percent, while some 16,000 civilian city workers are furloughed and a quarter of Angelinos are unemployed, with even more facing housing and food insecurity during this time of unprecedented health and economic crisis.

Balancing itself on the backs of our city's most vulnerable, this budget was morally irresponsible when Mayor Garcetti proposed it over a month ago. After the events of the past week—namely, the large-scale mobilization of the city's police force with its full arsenal of military-grade riot gear against largely peaceful protesters calling for an end to police brutality against black people and other minorities—it is downright unconscionable. This LAPD deserves a dramatic decrease in funding, along with radical civilian oversight and accountability—not a raise and bonuses to officers with college degrees.

I understand that the lopsided City budget allocations that cut funding to all programs except fire and police are a product of agreements reached between the City and the Los Angeles Police Protective League to raise officer pay two times in the coming fiscal year. Those raises, while always of dubious merit, are entirely inappropriate now, with City revenues disastrously low in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic that has left even more Angelinos reliant on public services, to say nothing of the aggressive (and largely ineffective) policing of the last week. If LAPD officers simply received the same pay they received last year, two-thirds of proposed cuts to other essential services could be avoided. The City must withdraw these scheduled pay increases, even if it means reopening negotiations with the police officers union.

This budget does not reflect my values, or the values of my community, nor will it make our city safer. But there's still time to get this right. In the month that remains before the budget process concludes and this disastrous budget goes into effect, it is incumbent on you and the rest of the Budget and Finance Committee to draft and adopt sweeping amendments that reallocate funds away from law enforcement and into those programs that support citizens. We are counting on you, our elected officials, to create a compassionate, equitable budget that truly serves our city's needs.

Sincerely,

Paige Kmetz-Cutrone, RN, BSN

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Defunding LAPD

1 message

From: Lewis Brown <lewisbrown4242@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, paul.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 8:05 PM

To Councilmember Krekorian and the Budget and Finance Committee,

My name is Lewis Brown, I am a born and raised Angeleno, and I am writing livid about the detestable actions of the LAPD over the last week, and over the course of my lifetime. The vile actions taken to quell protestors against police brutality should, to anyone with an ounce of common sense, be proof enough that our police department has ceased to have any relationship to the ideals of protecting and serving its community. I am calling for the total and complete redistribution of the GROSSLY overstuffed LAPD budget. Imagine what nearly two billion dollars of taxpayer money – yes, my own money, the money that pays your salaries – could do to the desperately neglected LAUSD budget; imagine how far it could go extending the reach of public transit and cutting down on carbon emissions and traffic. Imagine if that money went towards services that benefitted Black and brown Angelenos, instead of funding a force designed to keep them behind bars or underground.

The approval of Mayor Garcetti's \$120m budget increase for LAPD, at a time when they have shown the fundamental violence of their true colors, is nothing short of an outrage. I hope you take my words – and those of my peers, who are many – seriously. There is time yet to turn the tide on Garcetti's slap in the face to the Black citizens of his city. I am calling on Councilmember Krekorian and the rest of the Committee to do what is unquestionably right, take advantage of the postponed budget hearing to reallocate funding towards community services. The continued militarization of the LAPD can only lead to more violence. Failing to take this seriously will mean, in a very literal way, blood on your hands.

All best,
Lewis Brown
90068

URGENT: Reject Mayor's Proposed Budget

1 message

From: Matthew Crotty <matthewcrotty@gmail.com>

To: NURY MARTINEZ <councilmember.martinez@lacity.or>, PAUL KREKORIAN <councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org>, "CURREN D. PRICE, JR." <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, PAUL KORETZ <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, BOB BLUMENFIELD <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, MIKE BONIN <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, Mandy Morales <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 7:33 PM

Hello,

My name is Matthew Crotty and I live in District 14. I grew up in South Pasadena and work in Burbank for Public Media Group of Southern California.

I am writing to urge all Council Members and the City Council Finance Committee to hold an emergency meeting to deny Mayor Garcetti's budget in favor of the [The People's Budget](#), which represents Angeleno's priorities for investing in housing, mental health and wellness and public health and healthcare.

Thank you,

Matthew Crotty
626 319 6047

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2020-21 city budget

1 message

From: 'Kelleia Sheerin' via Clerk Budget and Finance Committee <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>
To: councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfeld@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 7:20 PM

Dear Councilmember,

I'm writing to express my outrage over the 2020-21 city budget, adopted June 1st, which increases LAPD officer pay by \$144 million while slashing city investments in vital public services, including housing, jobs, infrastructure, mental health care, after-school programs, and gang intervention.

Under this current budget, the LAPD is slated to receive well over half of the City's total budget or 54 percent, while some 16,000 civilian city workers are furloughed and a quarter of Angelinos are unemployed, with even more facing housing and food insecurity during this time of unprecedented health and economic crisis.

Balancing itself on the backs of our city's most vulnerable, this budget was morally irresponsible when Mayor Garcetti proposed it over a month ago. After the events of the past week—namely, the large-scale mobilization of the city's police force with its full arsenal of military-grade riot gear against largely peaceful protesters calling for an end to police brutality against black people and other minorities—it is downright unconscionable. This LAPD deserves a dramatic decrease in funding, along with radical civilian oversight and accountability—not a raise and bonuses to officers with college degrees.

I understand that the lopsided City budget allocations that cut funding to all programs except fire and police are a product of agreements reached between the City and the Los Angeles Police Protective League to raise officer pay two times in the coming fiscal year. Those raises, while always of dubious merit, are entirely inappropriate now, with City revenues disastrously low in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic that has left even more Angelinos reliant on public services, to say nothing of the aggressive (and largely ineffective) policing of the last week. If LAPD officers simply received the same pay they received last year, two-thirds of proposed cuts to other essential services could be avoided. The City must withdraw these scheduled pay increases, even if it means reopening negotiations with the police officers union.

This budget does not reflect my values, or the values of my community, nor will it make our city safer. But there's still time to get this right. In the month that remains before the budget process concludes and this disastrous budget goes into effect, it is incumbent on you and the rest of the Budget and Finance Committee to draft and adopt sweeping amendments that reallocate funds away from law enforcement and into those programs that support citizens. We are counting on you, our elected officials, to create a compassionate, equitable budget that truly serves our city's needs.

Sincerely,
Kelleia Sheerin

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Budget vote

1 message

From: stephanie federoff <s.l.federoff@gmail.com>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 6:35 PM

I would like to express my extreme opposition to the proposed budget.

I ask that you please consider the people's budget at peoplesbudgetla.com

I am calling on you to massively defund the police to help in the protection of our citizens and their rights to peaceful gather and speak out against this police force.

I ask that you confirm that you have received and made note of this.

I also ask that you make it clear to the public how they might participate in these budgetary meeting that we might have our voices heard and you can continue serving us the people.

Thank you for your time.

Stephanie

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Revise City Budget

1 message

From: Betsy Soukup <betsy.soukup@gmail.com>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 6:18 PM

Please urge revision of today's budget to allow time for further consideration and revision of where funds are being allocated.

Over \$3 billion to the police department is unacceptable because

- Our police department has clearly demonstrated over the last several days that they refuse to allow peaceful protests to occur, and are actively endangering people of color in our community by existing
- Other worthy causes like homelessness, parks and rec, and education are allocated paltry amounts of funds in comparison

Thank you for reading this message, and please listen to your constituents!

-Elizabeth Soukup, WeHo resident, SpaceX engineer

Adopt The People's Budget

1 message

From: Roger Lee <rogerrlee@gmail.com>

To: Clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 6:09 PM

As I type this I can hear at least 6 helicopters circling overhead, the chants of my fellow citizens, and sirens closing in outside my window.

Yesterday I saw at least 75 officers surround the intersection that peaceful protestors were lead to by law enforcement before canisters of tear gas were shot at them as the stood by peacefully. There was nowhere for them to run. Nowhere to hide.

The police are not the answer to this problem. They are the cause. You MUST ADOPT THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET meaning we defund the police and put that money to work for the community. Providing additional access to housing and services for families, food programs, and universal aid and crisis management.

You cannot allow more than half the city's budget to be allocated toward creating a police state. WE WANT CARE NOT COPS.

Respectfully yours,
Roger Lee House

LA City Budget

1 message

From: Sierra Morris <sierraemorris@gmail.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 6:09 PM

Hello, my name is Sierra Morris and I'm a resident of Los Angeles. I'm emailing to demand that you deny Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget plan that supports policing. We want a budget that reflects our priorities and needs. We want more services for unhoused Angelenos, more mental health services; rent suspension, and forgiveness for the 55% of Angelenos who are currently unemployed; more funding for public schools and resources to ensure all students — regardless of their situation — can continue learning during these uncertain times.

I'm also emailing to demand that you hold LAPD Chief Moore accountable by firing him for his unacceptable comments that were wrong and harmful.

Please defund the police. Please fire LAPD Chief Moore.

Thank you,
Sierra

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People's budget

1 message

From: India Wilson <indiasagewilson@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 5:23 PM

Hello,

My name is India Sage Wilson. I am a Los Angeles resident, writing to request that Mayor Garcetti adopt the people's budget and fire LAPD Chief Moore.

Thank you for your time.

Best,
India

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India Sage Wilson

Email: indiasagewilson@gmail.com

Opposition to the Budget Passed

1 message

From: Brendan Coyle <brc77@cornell.edu>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 5:11 PM

Hello,

My name is Brendan Coyle. I am an LA city resident from Pico-Robertson and I am writing today to express my anger that a city budget was passed today which gave 54% to the LAPD. We need to be defunding the police and putting those funds towards housing the homeless in our city and mobilizing social workers to answer 911 calls instead of militarized cops. We need to get rid of the riot gear and armored tanks and assault rifles and bring in a system that will not demonize the black and brown people of Los Angeles.

I also request that Police Chief Michel Moore be removed from his post after his disgusting comments yesterday that claimed those rioting and looting in light of the gruesome murders of another black person at the hands of the police were just as responsible as the officers involved? Excuse my language, but that's fucking bullshit. We need a police chief who will listen to the people of Los Angeles, not one that would cause the death of a protestor like what happened downtown on Sunday. The city is falling apart, but instead of deescalating, you call in the California State Guard? Shameful. I say no to the riot gear, no to the 54% going to the LAPD, no to Chief Michel Moore, and no to Mr. Garcetti if he can't remedy these mistakes before his reelection.

- Brendan Coyle

Call an Emergency Council Meeting to Defund Police

1 message

From: Toni Galang <a.galang14@live.com>

To: "councilmember.martinez@lacity.org" <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 5:09 PM

Hello,

My name is Toni Galang and I am a resident of Los Angeles.

I am deeply appalled by Mayor Garcetti's proposed 2020-2021 budget as it allocates over 3 Billion dollars, more than half of the entire budget to the LAPD!

I call on the City Council to call an emergency meeting to deny and block the proposed budget and submit a new 2020-2021 budget in favor of services over policing, something that supports what the people of Los Angeles want from their city budget. Los Angeles does not need more police who continue to brutalize and terrorize communities all across LA specifically Black and Brown communities. The city should start investing in its peoples' welfare not their oppression. We need to fund our residents and our communities. We need and demand a city budget that focuses on housing, education, healthcare, healthy food, public transportation, mental healthcare, small business support, and access to good and stable jobs for all LA residents.

Thank you for hearing me and as an elected member of this city council I hope you do what is right by the people you serve.

Sincerely,

Toni Galang

Sent from my iPhone

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2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Angelina Gonzalez <gonza436@mail.chapman.edu>

To: councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 5:05 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I understand the city of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. Obviously there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, but this is not a time for dire cuts to some of its most important departments including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Parks and Recreation, Transportation and Housing, and Community Investments. Each of these departments provide extremely critical resources to the residents of Los Angeles. Funding should instead be cut from the LAPD, and their budget reallocated to the people and programs that need it most.

In light of recent events including the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and many more and their impact nationally, this is an extremely crucial time to critically review the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department as well as strengthening its oversight.

The costs of this department overshadows the rest of the city's budget exponentially, more than half of the general fund, which could provide much needed and necessary support to other programs, programs that serve the public's needs so much more.

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Thank you for your time.

Warm regards,
Angelina Gonzalez

Sent from my iPhone

We Demand Change

1 message

From: Christina Pisani <chriscpisani@gmail.com>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org, paul.Krekorian@lacity.org

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 4:24 PM

Dear Mr. Krekorian and Budget & Finance Committee,

My name is Christina Pisani and I am writing to you all today because I am outraged. I am outraged by how police brutality towards black and brown people continues day after day, year after year. The video of Derek Chauvin along with 3 other "officers" murdering a man is disgusting. Why have the other murderers not been arrested? Why do we continue to militarize the police who then turn on own people? Why do we continue to take away fund's public schools, healthcare and communities? We are 2 steps away from living under a dictatorship when our own government begins to silence and arrest peaceful protestors and journalists. When it begins to grant members of the police force immunity towards unjust actions. Are we a Democracy found on equal rights and freedom? Or have Pinochet and Mussolini risen from the grave to take over?

I worry about our future as a nation. When people become upset over the protests, the looting and the riots I remind them that this all could have been avoided had the state simply done its job and not murder people because of the race of their skin. It could have been avoided had all 4 officers been arrested IMMEDIATELY. It all could have been avoided had we had a system that was not built on maintaining systems of oppression that directly target brown and black bodies. Everything that has happened as a result is the governments fault. Rioting, looting and protests do not occur for no reason. They occur from generations of silencing and oppression. They occur because there is blood on this nation's hands. If things do not change these protests and riots will only get more powerful. I was at the protest on Saturday. Everyone was peaceful and it was well organized. But then I saw a 6-foot cop who looked to be about 250 pounds pushing a young woman a quarter his size who was peacefully protesting. As she continued to fall, he continued to shout in her face to move. I then saw a cop fire a rubber bullet at another peaceful protest. How is this acceptable? I demand an answer. Because I have been trying to understand this for days.

I am asking that you begin to disinvest in the police force and stop their militarization. I ask that you move those funds towards education, healthcare and to community lead protection. We act like these things are not possible because we live in a society founded and maintained on violence. We are a violent nation founded on genocide and the kidnapping of entire nations. It is 2020. We should do better. YOU should do better. Although I am outraged, I am writing this because I have hope. I have hope that our local representatives want to and will do better to serve and protect its constituents. That includes protecting us from people like Chauvin and those you know in politics who take bribes from prison industrial system. This will not end until things change. Please do better.

Christina Pisani
430 S Palm Drive,
Beverly Hills, CA 90212
347-972-1217

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1 message

From: matt c <anthonymatt01@hotmail.com>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>, "councilmember.martinez@lacity.org" <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, "councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org" <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>

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Budget Fiscal Year

1 message

From: Ibeth Arias <ibethariasulloa@gmail.com>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>

At: Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 3:34 PM

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Care NOT Cops - 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: 'Leighanne Arellano' via Clerk Budget and Finance Committee <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>
To: councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org
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Thank you for your time,
Leighanne Arellano

LA Budget

1 message

From: Allison Herrera <danielaalli11@gmail.com>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>

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