I Support the People's Budget

1 message

From: Lauren Harman < harman.lauren@gmail.com >

To: mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org, mayor.garcetti@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org, Councilmember.Lee@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org

At: Thu, Jun 25, 2020 at 11:48 AM

Dear Mayor Garcetti,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 13 (Echo Park). I am writing to demand you support the Wesson/Martinez motion and 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 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 your constituents.

This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA.

Thank you for your time,

Lauren Harman

Enact the People's Budget LA

1 message

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

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
At: Thu, Jun 25, 2020 at 10:38 AM

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 adopt the People's Budget LA.

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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,

Jessica Liberatore

Enact the People's Budget LA

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From: Daft Dauphine <arnavarro416@gmail.com>

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At: Thu, Jun 25, 2020 at 9:06 AM

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Sent from my iPhone

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FY20/21 deadline: The People's Budget

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From: Annie Saunders <anniesaunders@gmail.com> **To:** Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org

At: Thu, Jun 25, 2020 at 8:28 AM

Dear Paul,

I listened in to the ad hoc police reform meeting on Monday and if I understand correctly the motion to develop a crisis response system that diverts calls for services away from police and towards unarmed, skilled, and appropriate care workers was passed? Thank you for being part of bringing this to committee, it means a lot to us in District 13. Can you update us on what the next steps are toward adopting the People's Budget? Have you had time to review the terms of that (it is at this link).

I am aware that the budget deadline is June 30 and we want to make sure major changes are executed into the FY 20/21 budget urgently. I'd love a response from your office on what the game plan/next steps are.

Annie

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