
Citizen response - FY20/21 budget

1 message

From: 'Jennifer Lieu' via Clerk Budget and Finance Committee <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>
To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org
At: Sat, May 30, 2020 at 4:03 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I understand the City of Los Angeles in the process reviewing it's 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 & Community Investments. Each of these Department's provide critical resources to the citizen's of Los Angeles.

In light of recent events including the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery and Geroge Floyd, and their impact globally, this is an important time to critically review the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department as well as strengthening it's oversight. The costs of this Department overshadows the rest of the City's budget exponentially, more than half of the general fund, and can provide much needed financial support to other programs.

While the cost of running a Department of this size I understand is extensive, it is critical 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 it's relationship to its citizens.

Thank you for your time.

Jennifer Lieu

Public Response (council file 20-0600) Mayor's Proposed 20/21 Budget

1 message

From: Cerrina Tayag-Rivera <ctayagri@gmail.com>
To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org
At: Sat, May 30, 2020 at 10:03 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I understand the City of Los Angeles in the process of reviewing it's 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 & Community Investments. Each of these Department's provide critical resources to the residents of Los Angeles.

In light of recent events including the deaths of **Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and George Floyd**, this is an important time to critically review the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department. The costs of this LAPD overshadows the rest of the City's budget exponentially, more than half of the general fund, and can provide much needed financial support to other programs. **I am asking you to redirect funds from LAPD to critical resources (see above departments) that do not create a culture of distrust and brutality in our city.**

It is critical 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 it's relationship to residents.

Thank you for your time.

2020-21 Budget

1 message

From: Aurora Tang <auroratang@gmail.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Sat, May 30, 2020 at 9:46 PM

Dear Council Members,

I understand the City of LA is in the process of reviewing its 2020-21 budget for the fiscal year. While I understand there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of Covid-19, this is not a time for dire cuts from some of the most important departments, including Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Rec+Parks, Transportation, and Housing and Community Investments. Each of these departments provides critical resources to the citizens of LA.

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Thank you,
Aurora Tang
Los Angeles resident (CD 4)

Constituent Response: 2020-2021 budget

1 message

From: Nick Lowe <thenicklowe@gmail.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Sat, May 30, 2020 at 9:46 PM

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In light of recent events including the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery and George Floyd, and their impact nationally, this is an important time to critically review the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department as well as strengthening it's 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 financial support to other programs.

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 it's relationship to its citizens.

Thank you for your time.

Nick Lowe
Constituent of Council District 14

Revise the Budget of LAPD

1 message

From: garrett hallman <ghallmanstudio@gmail.com>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org

At: Sat, May 30, 2020 at 9:00 PM

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While the cost of running a Department of this size I understand is extensive, it is critical LAPD is fiscally reviewed and its budget faces the same level of critical attention, if not more so, as other Departments. This is an important time for the City to reflect upon the fiscal management of LAPD, its overall oversight, and its relationship to its citizens.

Thank you for your time.

Garrett Hallman
Constituent of Council District 1

Constituent Response:2020-2021 budget

1 message

From: Rochele Gomez <rgomez6@gmail.com>
To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org
At: Sat, May 30, 2020 at 5:41 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

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Thank you for your time.

Rochele Gomez
Constituent of Council District 14
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Response to Fiscal Year 20-21

1 message

From: nateene diu <nateene@gmail.com>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org

At: Sat, May 30, 2020 at 5:14 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

While the City of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, I wanted to reach out as a concerned Angeleno. 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 to make debilitating cuts (which is what they would be) from some of its most impactful and resource distributing departments i.e. Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Rec & Parks, Transportation, and Housing & Community Investments. Each of these departments provide critical support to the citizens of Los Angeles.

In light of recent events - including the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery and Geroge Floyd, and their impact globally - this is an important time to critically review the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department as well as strengthening its oversight. The costs of this department overshadow the rest of the City's budget exponentially, more than half of the general fund which could provide much needed financial support to other programs.

While I understand that the cost of running a department of this size is extensive, it is critical that LAPD is fiscally reviewed and that its budget is subjected to the same level of critical attention as those of 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.

Sincerely,

Nateene Diu

pronouns: she/her/hers

Citizen Response:2020-2021 budget

1 message

From: paul pescador <paulpescador@gmail.com>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org

At: Sat, May 30, 2020 at 3:30 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

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Thank you for your time.

Your budget is unacceptable

1 message

From: asher hartman <crazyspace@sbcglobal.net>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Sat, May 30, 2020 at 3:00 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

The proposed budget the heavily funds the LAPD is absolutely unacceptable to this constituent, and many others. In light of recent developments around police abuses across US cities, the fact that the proposed budget appears to fund the LAPD at the expense of housing, transportation, and cultural affairs is outlandish.

People need shelter, food, safety, jobs, and meaning. How does the LAPD provide for any of the basics-- which if satisfied, reduce the need for policing in the first place?

Please pass a budget that is reasonable, sensible, and logical.

Thank you,
Asher Hartman

Proposed 2020-21 Budget

2 messages

From: Maya Rudolph <mayaevagunstrudolph@gmail.com>

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

At: Sat, May 30, 2020 at 12:16 PM

Dear Clerk,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to Mayor Garcetti's proposed 2020-21 budget.

Angelinos DO NOT want increased police presence or power!!! We want increased funding for schools, public parks, public services, public arts, and and most importantlu we want significant investment in time and money to HOUSE OUR HOMELESS POPULATION!!!! We want assurance that emergency funding for climate disasters can help us survive and give housing and resources to our most vulnerable.

The police will not accomplish any of the things our city so desperately needs to see accomplished - better infrastructure, housing for all, and robust public services.

Yours,

Maya Rudolph
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Maya E. Rudolph
603.498.6621

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From: Maya Rudolph <mayaevagunstrudolph@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 1:08 PM

Dear Clerk,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to Mayor Garcetti's proposed 2020-21 budget.

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LA City Budget

1 message

From: Melissa Mendoza <mmendoza08@apu.edu>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org

At: Sat, May 30, 2020 at 9:01 AM

To Whom it May Concern,

Thank you for your work on the budget and finance committee. I am writing to you as a citizen from the 10th district and I have several concerns about the current budget proposal.

1. Performance Measurement

The current measures of performance of the city's goals lack an ability to truly see if the outcomes we are seeking are those that are being delivered. The current measures are numbers focused and do not provide any picture of how citizens feel about living here, or other relevant information on the services being provided. These measures should be revisited and funding should be directed towards reaching these measures.

2. Police Funding

Police brutality is horrendous. It is time to rethink this system and program. I understand that there will be furloughs to the civilian employees in the LAPD but all other funding has remained the same. There is a need to look at the outcomes for performance measurement that are being sought through the police department (e.g. number of crimes and the percentage of internal affairs cases closed). These measures do not address how many internal affairs cases were opened, what the police are doing to engage the community, or any sort of participation in bias training. It is imperative that we redesign the way the police are interacting with and serving their community. There must be new and improved outcomes that are discussed between the citizens, city council, and police. There should be an increase in funding for programs and services that will help people and the current model is not working.

I hope this committee takes time to truly examine these documents and fight for what it is your citizens are asking for.

Thank you for your consideration.

Take care,

Melissa Mendoza

Concerns re: 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Sarah Hansen <sarah.k.hansen@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Fri, May 29, 2020 at 8:05 PM

My name is Sarah Hansen and I am writing in support of the People's Budget LA Coalition.

We are in the middle of an economic and health crisis. We do not need a budget that increases funding to LAPD when crime is low, and slashes funding to services and support when the need is so great.

Through the People's Budget, the people of LA have spoken. We call for decreased funding of LAPD and investment in services that support and strengthen our communities.

Though City Council declined to vote on Mayor Garcetti's draconian budget on May 21, your inaction since then is tantamount to approval. You have the choice to uphold the systemic racism inherent in the Mayor's budget by allowing it to go into effect on June 1, or to lead us in creating a more just and equitable future for Los Angeles by amending the budget to align with the priorities of the People's Budget.

Today, we are calling on you to:

- Reject Mayor Garcetti's budget
- Propose and vote for amendments in line with the People's Budget

In this crisis especially, we need you to adopt a People's Budget and defund the police.

Thank you for your time.

Sarah K Hansen

People's Budget LA Coalition

1 message

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

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

At: Fri, May 29, 2020 at 8:00 PM

Dear Council Members,

My name is Jessica Tardieu Haines and I am writing in support of the People's Budget LA Coalition.

We are experiencing an economic and health crisis and the people in our community need help with rent relief, healthcare, and hazard pay for our frontline workers like grocery workers and delivery workers. We do not need a budget that increases funding to LAPD when crime is low, and slashes funding to services and support when the need is so great.

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- Reject Mayor Garcetti's budget
- Propose and vote for amendments in line with the People's Budget
- Call an emergency meeting of City Council for this Monday, June 1 to pass a budget that prioritizes our needs and values

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Thank you for your time.

Jessica Tardieu Haines