

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 09:52 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** Item 48- I support the Wesson/Harris-Dawson motion to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violent emergency calls. General Public comment- We need much bigger cuts to the LAPD budget. Invest in communities in alternatives to police.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Melissa Finell

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 09:54 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of Los Angeles for almost ten years, I am writing to offer my STRONG SUPPORT for the Wesson/Harris-Dawson motion to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violent emergency calls. I also believe that we need much bigger cuts to the LAPD budget! Invest in communities and in alternatives to policing.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Megha Kohli

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 09:55 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a resident of Los Angeles for over five years, I am writing to offer my **STRONG SUPPORT** for the Wesson/Harris-Dawson motion to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violent emergency calls. I also believe that we need much bigger cuts to the LAPD budget! Invest in communities and in alternatives to policing.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carolyn Canterbury

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 09:39 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support CARE not COPS. Cops are not a one size fits all solution to our community problems. Stop trying to force us all to submit to a police state. We need unarmed crisis response. We need to end the mental disabilities to prison pipeline. Mental health is a delicate issue and cops are not equipped to handle it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alexsa K Durrans

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 09:41 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, my name is Alexsa Durrans 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. Please call an emergency city council meeting to reconsider. Please defund the police.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Keely  
**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 09:03 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0769  
**Comments for Public Posting:** 6/30/20 Support for Item 48 and General Comment I'd like to express support for the Harris-Dawson/Wesson motion to develop a model of unarmed response to mental health and other non-violent crises. This will first: save lives. Next: it will protect futures. Finally: it will save hours of straight time and overtime from sworn officers, so that we can drastically reduce the sprawl of LAPD and get armed officers off our streets and out of our neighborhoods. Too many non-violent offenders and even innocent bystanders have been hurt by our current system of policing. When we have humane options, there is no reason to continue in violence. There are many more cuts to be made to the LAPD budget, quite a bit more than \$150 million. Please ensure the funding of unarmed response and the defunding of LAPD happens immediately. There is no time to waste. Thank you,  
Keely District 13

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrea F.  
**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 09:03 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0769  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please support the motion to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violent emergency calls. This is an imperative step the city must take that can save lives and reduce trauma for our communities of color. It is a public health issue!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Emily Caesar

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 09:13 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing to express my support for the motion to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls. If implemented through a thoughtful, community-led process, this could contribute to the reimagining of public safety that the public is demanding. Please pursue implementation plans in earnest, as your constituents continue to call for meaningful divestment from the LAPD and investment in communities and in services that truly make us safe and well. The small amounts of proposed cuts to LAPD currently under consideration are far too little, far too late. Please use this motion to spark additional creative solutions to advance true divestment from law enforcement. This movement, the People's Budget LA coalition, and all who support them will be waiting for Council upon your return from recess, and we will not rest until we realize the transformational change we so desperately need.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jake

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 07:46 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** Proposed cuts do not even come close to meeting the demands and priorities of Angelenos. We need much bigger cuts to the LAPD budget, and we need to invest that money into communities and in non-LAPD alternatives to the police. It's time we ended systemic racism and these budget cuts will go part of the way towards that goal.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chasity Jennings Nunez

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 06:49 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support demands for alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violent emergency calls. This is a model that is long overdo and already utilized in most “first world” countries, The UK in a particular, around the world. Armed police have no place in our schools, when responding to traffic accidents, nuisance calls, theft and burglaries, especially after the fact, etc. The majority police calls involve non- violent crimes and there are many instances of deadly firearm force that would not have occurred if police didn’t arrive with guns drawn to situations where weapons were absolutely not necessary. Until the mentality and the training of the police is that a gun is not a necessary piece of equipment to even speak to a citizen, we can not trust them to exercise restraint or good judgement. Therefore the means to the deadly violence, their guns, need to be removed during those times when they are not appropriate. We have even been able to train police bot to use their bodies as instruments of deadly force, how are we going to trust them to use a gun correctly?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Turner Lott

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 07:39 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly support Item # 48 to divert funds from the LAPD and invest those funds in an alternative, unarmed public safety system. The proposed cuts to the LAPD are not enough; we need to make bigger cuts to create a new public safety system that actually responds to the people's needs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alisha Ketry

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 08:41 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi I'm writing to express my full support for the motion put forth by Herb Wesson and Marqueece Harris-Dawson - item 48. We must invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls. People who are suffering and need help should not be met with a person who has the ability to take their life and will do so if they feel the least bit threatened. We need trained people who care about improving our communities and the lives of the people who live in them. We don't need people whose only form of caretaking and safety is to put our friends and family members in handcuffs, traumatizing them and locking them up. That doesn't make me feel safe, it makes me feel scared. We need care not cops. I want to be proud to live in Los Angeles, let's be leaders in this country that so desperately needs it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Concerned LA City Workers

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 08:46 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** We, the undersigned current and former members of the Los Angeles City Family, present this attached statement of solidarity declaring unwavering support of Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles and The People's Budget Los Angeles 2020-2021, along with four key demands in alignment with this movement. We are inspired by the ways in which more than 24,000 Angelenos are powerfully reimagining public safety and an abundance of essential care and services, particularly for low-income communities and Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities of color. As city employees, it is our responsibility to uplift this vision and ensure that our strategies and services reflect these priorities. We firmly commit to charting a new path forward in which action is guided by community-driven solutions. We ask you, as our elected leadership, to do the same. We urge you to heed to the calls of action from fellow Angelenos, and lead this City of beautifully diverse communities and people with hope and imagination.

Mayor Eric Garcetti and Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council

200 N. Spring Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

June 28, 2020

Dear Mayor Garcetti and Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

We, the undersigned members of the Los Angeles City Family, are informed by a wide variety of life experiences and serve in City government in a multitude of ways. We work and live on Indigenous land not given freely. For many of us, our personal histories and identities as Black, Indigenous, and People Of Color (BIPOC) and LGBTQIA+ people are inseparable from our sense of professional duty. We choose to honor these histories as we fight to reverse institutionalized racism and work towards an equitable city.

There is one dominant issue that demands our immediate attention and action — the ongoing brutalization of Black people at the hands of law enforcement, and the nationwide uprising to demand justice, accountability, and the reallocation of funds to provide community-driven solutions to safety. This story did not begin with the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd in other U.S. cities, but we are moved by how the injustices inflicted upon these three individuals have entered the national consciousness and sparked a movement for change.

In Los Angeles, despite record levels of public engagement in Council and committee meetings, and following unprecedented protests across the City, elected officials have failed to make significant changes to the Fiscal Year 2020-21 City budget, or meaningfully address community demands. The City of Los Angeles must not only acknowledge, but directly work to uproot anti-Black racism and its long-standing history of disinvestment in Black and Brown communities.

In these times, as we grieve and reflect, the Movement for Black Lives and People's Budget LA present a unique and inspiring opportunity to bravely reimagine our priorities as a City. We recognize this is a longstanding movement. We draw inspiration and strength from the activists and community members that have led this movement here in our own city, many of whom played a key role in launching it to national prominence.

We unequivocally align with Black Lives Matter Los Angeles and People's Budget LA. We recognize that as civil servants we are uniquely positioned to uplift calls for change. While decision makers lay out priorities, we are charged with delivering them on a daily basis. Our work can and should reflect the priorities spelled out in the People's Budget LA, where more than 24,000 Angelenos have articulated their needs. We uplift their calls to prioritize human-centered services by investing in the Built Environment, Universal Aid and Crisis Management, and Reimagined Community Safety. We envision a future where community safety and security is provided through secure housing, education, food security, and healthcare, and not over-policing. The call to defund police and fund communities is

urgent and timely for our City's Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities facing the dual crises of COVID-19 and structural racism.

We are moved by the actions of other agencies and fellow Angelenos, including the protests by unionized dockworkers against police brutality, demands for Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Los Angeles Public Library, and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to sever ties with the police, and calls for a care-first budget for Los Angeles County.

We too are making the political and moral argument that public safety can be reimagined to truly protect those who are most affected by various forms of oppression. Within our departments, we commit to build tools to center racial equity and dismantle racism; foster meaningful collaboration with historically oppressed and systems-impacted populations; and seed, nurture, and advance a new path forward toward full inclusion, holistic well-being, and self-determination for all communities—especially Black, Brown, and Indigenous people.

The Mayor and the City Council must act immediately to:

1. REINVEST: Reallocate funds to essential social services for communities of color as spelled out in the People's Budget LA with a commitment to decrease LAPD's operating budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and in the years that follow. Top priorities include low-income housing assistance and rent cancellation, alternatives to public safety, mental health support, food assistance, and free public transportation. Ensure a just transition for City Employees as we embrace this mission.
2. RELEASE: Investigate any LAPD officer who has been accused of using unreasonable, excessive, and/or deadly force, and provide justice for the 886 Black and Brown deaths at the hands of law enforcement in Los Angeles County since 2000. Start with an investigation of LAPD tactics used at the May 30, 2020 protests in the Fairfax district as called for by an alliance of community, labor, policy and academic organizations in LA.
3. RESPOND: Acknowledge the demands for justice that more than 50 Black Los Angeles leaders authored in April 2020 to address the disparate impacts of COVID-19 on the region's Black communities. Key demands include adequate testing, small business protections, and safe housing during the pandemic, as well as reparations, universal healthcare, food security, and education access in the long term.
4. REBUILD: Restore public trust in the public sector. Commit to authentic partnership with Black, Brown, and Indigenous community members on re-prioritizing the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget. Partner with community members to implement these budget priorities across City departments. Commit to implementing a participatory budgeting process for all future budgets.

We, as City employees, chose to do this work in the public sector because we believe in the power of our labor for social good. We are asking you, as our elected leadership, to join this urgent moral call to action and reimagine with us.

Signed,

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Allie Kiekhofer  
**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 03:03 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support Wesson's motion and this process must be expedited. The non-law enforcement response team must be unarmed and LAPD must not have any authority in developing the response team, for they have shown they will use any power they are given to protect their own interests. Based on the actions of this council so far I have good reason to fear that this will be a symbolic gesture to shut people up and lock them out of criticism while perpetuating the same or worse level of police brutality. Do not make this an empty gesture. Do not make this another one of your incrementalist reforms. Speed up the process and fund it by DEFUNDING THE POLICE.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cait Cibulsky  
**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 12:11 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0769  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the police. WE DO NOT WANT REFORM. Reform does not work. Reform provides the police with MORE funding. We HAVE NOT ASKED FOR REFORM. We are asking you--indeed, we, as your constituents, the ones who elected you, are telling you--to DEFUND THE POLICE.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** James Mannion  
**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 01:02 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the motion by Herb Wesson (CD10) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD8) to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violent emergency calls. Every time an armed officer acts as the first responder, that is an axis along which violence against the community can be escalated. When there is a problem in the community and someone needs help, most of the time a police officer is not needed and would actually make the situation more likely to escalate because that is naturally what happens when you introduce weapons into a tense situation. The problem is, who else is there to call? We need to reinvest the vast resources we currently spend on policing into alternative forms of public safety, and other types of unarmed, non-law enforcement first responders and social workers who can deal with things like mental health checks, noise complaints, car accidents, drug overdoses, the vast majority of things people need help with. Even things like tracking down and recovering stolen vehicles could be handled by someone else (and should, let's face it, a lot of times the police don't even bother to look). We've spent all our money on this giant hammer, which is the LAPD, and to them everything looks like a nail. Most problems do not require a hammer, so let's use the money to actually make people's lives better and safer. And while this motion is a good start, we must go further than that, and certainly further than the paltry cut to LAPD the budget proposed by the Mayor and Councilwoman Nury Martinez (which is hardly a cut as it only cuts into the proposed INCREASE in the LAPD budget for 2020). We need significantly larger cuts to the LAPD budget so that we can use that money to address the needs of Angelenos such as housing & healthcare. So many Angelenos are in precarious economic circumstances, whether it be houselessness, job loss, crooked landlords, medical conditions that could bankrupt them, the list goes on and on. Instead of using our city's resources to address people's needs and help lift them out of poverty and uncertainty, we instead spend all of our money policing people (particularly Black and Latino people) into oblivion. It doesn't make any sense, it erodes public trust in city government and institutions, and above all, it is cruel. We must defund the police, reimagine public safety, and reinvest in Angelenos.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Yvonne Martinez Watson  
**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 01:44 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0769  
**Comments for Public Posting:** To Mayor Garcetti and the Los Angeles City Council, The Environmental Justice Committee of the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter supports the motion to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls. Please support Item #48, 20-0769

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Madison Hodges

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 10:24 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support Harris-Dawson/Wesson motion to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violent emergency calls. The LAPD have held too much power within this city and have abused and corrupted it so thoroughly. We need to make the change and reform this system. There need to be much bigger cuts to the LAPD budget. We need to invest in our communities and into alternatives to police. This is the bare minimum of what we need to do, but it's a step forward into making LA a safer and better city that actually puts its people first.



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 10:25 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support item 48 to invest in unarmed responders for non-violent emergency calls.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amira Nader

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 10:21 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge the LA City Council to adopt the Wesson, Martinez, et al motion to develop an unarmed response system for non-violent crisis calls. LA needs to follow the example of cities like Minneapolis on the road to abolition, and we need to lead the way for others. This motion is a first step. You can help move history along by supporting this initiative, but you need to do more. You are all aware of the People's Budget presented earlier this month by BLM LA and the People's Budget LA coalition. You are aware of the well-researched recommendations therein. You've been listening to community leaders and citizens like me telling you to defund the police and refund our communities. Now is the time to take the first step in action, but I remind you it is only a first step, and your constituents will leave you behind if you can't keep up.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Pearl C Hsiung

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 10:17 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a constituent of District 14, I support the Wesson/Martinez/Harris-Dawson motion to move non-violent calls to unarmed, non-police responders, and demand strong, community-driven implementation. I also demand that the LA City Council further defund the police. A \$150 million cut is nowhere near enough. Also, please look for new motions that roll back law enforcement functions and give to more appropriate units.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Hannah

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 10:26 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm Hannah, and I live in Sawtelle, LA. I support this motion to non-violent calls to unarmed, non-police responders, and demand strong, community-driven implementation. The motion to divert calls and service provision away from the LAPD is an important first step, but we need to reimagine public safety to a greater extent. I encourage City Council to work closely with BLMLA and People's Budget LA to truly defund the police. We want fully reimagined public safety. Departments like Parks & Recreation and Housing & Community Investment continue to experience harmful budget cuts (\$5.4 million and \$8.3 million respectively in 2020), while the LAPD received a \$124 million increase in 2020. We need to see more than just \$150 million in cuts to LAPD. \$150 million is pocket change. \$150 million is an insult to Black lives lost at the hands of LAPD. Defund the police, adopt the People's Budget LA, and amend the LA Police Union contracts immediately.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 10:26 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the Wesson/Harris-Dawson motion to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violent emergency calls. We need a safer alternative to LAPD that doesn't harm our residents. In general, we need to make much larger cuts to the LAPD budget. We need to invest in our communities and alternatives to the poorly-trained, violent police officers in the LAPD. We have seen the harmful effects of the police in our communities. Our city deserves better, and needs better.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chris Hohl

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 10:33 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the Wesson/Harris-Dawson motion. Armed police shouldn't be expected to handle the gamut of social problems; they should have support for non-violent emergencies from specifically trained, unarmed social workers that can work in conjunction with armed law enforcement if necessary. By spreading out the PD's budget, it can allay public concerns about high police budgets as well as foster better community relationships to our governments law enforcement systems.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephen Torres

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 08:18 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the motion by Herb Wesson (CD10) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD8) to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls. I urge you to pass this motion- it is an incredible opportunity to become a city known for progressive, effective governance that the rest of the country can look towards as a model for making America a place worth respecting and emulating.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer Gordon  
**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 09:57 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0769  
**Comments for Public Posting:** On Item 48: I support the Wesson/Harris-Dawson motion to invest in alternative unarmed service providers for nonviolent emergency calls. General Public Comment: We need bigger cuts to the LAPD budget. Invest instead in communities and alternatives to police.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Emily

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 09:58 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council, I am submitting this comment to support the motion by Herb Wesson (CD10) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD8) to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls. I would also like to submit a general comment to further defund LAPD towards more community programs and resources. Care, not cops! Thank you,  
Emily

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Crista Castro

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 10:02 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I write to you today in support of Item No. 48 that will help develop an unarmed model of crisis response. We see the successful use of this model in the CAHOOTS program in Eugene Oregon. According to a 2016 study, 20% - 50% of fatal encounters with police officers involve people with mental illness. The CAHOOTS program in Oregon stated less than 1% of their calls would have required a police officer involved. We don't need more policing and firearms, we need people trained in mental illness and health responding to calls. Instead of sending out police officers for every call we should be sending a mental health expert as well as an EMT. Each of the crisis workers in the CAHOOTS program are trained 500 hours in medical care, conflict resolution, and crisis counseling. Compared to police officers who are trained just over 600 hours in physical fitness, firearms trainings, defensive tactics, canine training, and driving. This shows the priorities of each of these departments and how they respond to problems. Crisis workers put care first, and police officers focus on defending themselves and punishing others. With a homelessness crisis already happening and more sure to come from the results of Covid-19, we need experts who can help resolve issues one on one with individuals. Not sending police who are trained in enforcing and punishing rather than conflict resolution, community care, and empathy. Instead of punishing people when they are at their worst, we need to start putting care first. We need to create community based programs that help individuals instead of policing them. I implore you to further defund the police and invest in the programs that will help people rather than hurt them further. Thank you for your time, Crista Castro

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Steven Chun

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 10:04 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Steven Chun. I am a resident of District 5, so I'm speaking to all of you, but especially the lovely Paul Koretz on Item 48 and General Public Comment Defund the Police. **\*\*AND.\*\*** REIMAGINE PUBLIC SAFETY. i know You guys like to conveniently leave out that second part. As your constituent and a taxpayer that pays your bills, I demand that you make bigger cuts to the LAPD Budget in accordance with the Peoples Budget LA. Your measly \$150M cut is breadcrumbs and is a pathetic and insulting waste of our time. Put your money where your mouth is and make a meaningful Investment into the community and alternatives to police because this is what we as a community are demanding. Supporting the Motion by Wesson and Harris-Dawson is the BARE MINIMUM you can do right now. You are on the wrong side of history and will not be looked back upon kindly if you fail to live up to this historical moment. Peoples City Council and BLM LA have surveyed tens of thousands of your constituents and laid out this data for you, showing very clearly what the people want. It's not hard. As you guys seem to have forgotten, it is your *\*duty\** as public servants to follow the demands of your Constituents. I dont care about your personal views on LAPD. I dont care how much money the LAPPL pays you. Your job is to represent the demands of your CONSTITUENTS NOT your own personal agenda. NO MORE LIP SERVICE. DO YOUR JOB.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jessica Flamenbaum

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 10:15 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly urge you to support motion 48 put forward by Herb Wessen and Marqueece Harris-Dawson to invest in alternative, unarmed services for non-violent emergency calls. I also urge you to consider more cuts to the LAPD budget. The people of Los Angeles have been clear about their needs, please listen to us. We need more community services and more healthcare, we do not need more police in our communities. I wrote directly to my councilmember about the events that took place on Saturday May 30th in the Fairfax district because it sounds like the council is unaware of what took place on the streets. Please know that it was LAPD and the Sheriff's Department that caused chaos and destruction on that day and the VAST majority of protestors were peaceful and protecting themselves from the police. We need community care, not more policing. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brooke Jenkins

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 10:55 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** In addition to these reform proposals, I urge the L.A. City Council to amend the current budget and present a plan to meaningfully divest from policing in the coming years. Reform has not been effective in protecting American citizens from police violence, and it has badly failed BIPOC communities in particular. Please hear the public outcry to defund the police and work immediately to reallocate city funding to support our people rather than attack them. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** JEFFREY LIANG

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 11:10 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge all member of city council to move forward with the motion by council members Wesson and Harris-Dawson to invest in alternative service providers for non-violent emergency calls. That's just one small step we can take in ensuring true community safety and I also hope there are further discussions on how that definition of what non-violent emergency calls are. I also urge the councilmembers consider funding this by taking more funds from the current proposed LAPD budget which is way too high.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Liz Hirsch

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 11:08 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the motion by Herb Wesson and Marqueece Harris-Dawson to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violent emergency calls. I think it's crucial that this be taken up and implemented immediately. Additionally, please hear the overwhelming demand from your constituents to end ALL funding to the LAPD and local agencies of policing. These funds should be reinvested toward vital community needs like housing, education, healthcare, environmental justice, transportation, and crisis management. The current proposed cuts to LAPD are not nearly enough. Please adopt this motion, and furthermore, please build on the spirit of this motion in adopting a People's Budget LA.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rachel

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 11:04 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm a resident of West Hollywood leaving public comment on Item 48. I support the Wesson/Martinez/Harris-Dawson motion to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls. The current model of policing in our city does not work. A community-driven model is a tangible answer. So I urge you to greatly reduce the police budget and reallocate those funds to our communities and non-LAPD alternatives to the police. You'll find that if you invest in the community and uplift all its members the problems that you may think we need the police for will no longer be problems. Will it take bravery and imagination? Yes. But not doing so is cowardly, ignorant, and demonstrates your lack of interest. Finally, speaking as the grand daughter of holocaust survivors, accepting a harmful and dangerous status quo because it has become normalized is deeply problematic. Stand on the right side of history. You have the opportunity to transform LA and be lauded as visionaries. I hope you take it.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Adriana Barba

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 10:58 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am in support of the "Unarmed Model of Crisis Response / Non-Violent Calls for Service / Non-Law Enforcement Agencies". You need to take funds from the LAPD and invest in models that help citizens and do not put them in harms way by using the LAPD who are extremely militarized and dangerous. Invest in communities and not the police. As the City Council, you are here to serve your citizens. You watch the news, you see what the LAPD has done to citizens, some of you have been harassed yourselves. It is time to DEFUND THE POLICE. REINVEST IN COMMUNITIES. Do the right thing.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lupita

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 10:59 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is in regards to Item 48: I support the motion put forth by Councilmembers Wesson and Harris-Dawson to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violent emergency calls. We need to divest from police and push forward community centered, safe alternatives that critically assess the needs of residents, with special attention to those of black and brown residents who have been disproportionately affected by police violence.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lyndsey Q Nolan

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 10:45 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I join my fellow Angelenos in demanding that all council members support CM Wesson and Harris-Dawson's motion to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violent emergency calls. We need to invest in communities and alternatives to the police.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lauren

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 10:38 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please pursue unarmed crisis responses. Divert non-violent calls for service (mental health crisis, substance abuse, neighbor disputes, etc.) away from LAPD to non-law enforcement groups and DEFUND LAPD by MILLIONS!!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sean  
**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 10:39 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing in support of the motion in Item 48 to develop unarmed systems of crisis response. LAPD indiscriminately brings guns, batons, and handcuffs into too many situations, which escalates rather than diffuses violence, and endangers the most vulnerable in our communities. It is not just a waste of money, but a violent and harmful weaponization of money. It is imperative that we instead develop and invest significantly in unarmed systems of crisis response: systems which will professionally nurture and aid communities and individuals, rather than recklessly punish them. It is imperative that these systems are not connected to LAPD.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Samantha Smart

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 02:06 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly support the creation of a NON-POLICE crisis response unit. This unit must be created without any partnerships with LAPD and must be completely independent. We must divest from police and into services that actually protect and serve our community. Police simply cannot be the answer to every question. I urge you to commit to creating a better future for our city, where everyone feels safe.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Peter Haderlein

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 02:07 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am in support of this motion to deescalate law enforcement interactions by creating a policy for responding to a subset of non-emergency scenarios without weapons or firearms.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Martha M

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 02:08 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi I am a member of the Community Coalition in south-central LA and I am for defunding the police budget we are asking for more services in our community especially during These difficult times during the epidemic that are greatly needed that are affecting our children at home we are in need of mental clinic services, More funding for public schools in great need of summer programs, homes for the homeless, Stopping rent increase. For these services we will need more than 150 million dollars. I heard there has been a cut from 150 to 133 million which is less then originally was proposed this is unacceptable we're asking for more services and you're still cutting less to fund these services in south-central LA we're gonna need more than 150 million so I am for defunding the police budget! And in favor of supporting the peoples budget! Thank you for your time God bless.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ruth D. Ashford

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 02:12 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I Ruth Ashford would like to support the motion by Herb Wesson (CD10) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD8) to invest in alternative,unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls. These proposed cuts do not even meet the demands and priorities of Angelenos! We need need bigger cuts to the LAPD budget and these monies need to be be invested into the communities and in non - LAPD alternatives to the police. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 10:50 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** Very much interested in police reform per the terms discussed in this item. I love the rapid response we have been seeing; let's keep wringing hope out of this desperate time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Julianna Kufeldt

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 11:31 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, My comments are regarding item 48 and general comment on the city budget: For item 48- This is a great idea but there should be absolutely no association or assistance with the LAPD. The LAPD is dangerous. Non violent responses need to be clearly defined and item 48 needs to add that all responses made regarding or towards the unhoused. The homeless needs to be the #1 priority in Los Angeles as the number grows each year. This is a human rights issue and an incredible shame that there is such a lack of care. For General Comment: We need to build trust with community members and need healing in Los Angeles. I am asking you to completely defund the police and adopt people's budget LA. It was an inspiring opportunity to see them present in front of you, as I saw councilmembers reactions from their presentation- I hope you felt inspired as well- especially you Nury. Los Angeles right now has the opportunity to value and lean on the experts and intellectuals in this city who can help navigate the path forward. As other callers have mentioned the helicopters and ridiculous amount of them. Every day and night helicopters fly over District 13 -this is psychological warfare on your constituents, Mitch Ofarrel. This is threatening and a clear tool for fear. How dare you allow this -ever since people were rightfully protesting for the death of George Floyd- our city has turned into a unstable and has become even more divided and untrusting of the police. The first step for you councilmembers, would be to publicly acknowledge the money you have received from the police! Do the right thing and redirect that money to organizations that benefit the Black community. This is a serious conflict of interest with Councilmembers Cedillo, Krekorian, Ryu, Koretz, Rodriguez, Price, Bonin and of course our most uncaring bud Mitch Ofarrell, whom have all received money. We are still all in a dangerous pandemic - people are dying and many will possibly be loosing their homes as the economy is collapsing. The homeless population is growing - you are all aware of the problems in Los Angeles and this is the opportunity for actual change. The money from the LAPD's budget can benefit all the ACTUAL NEEDS of your constituents. WE WANT CHANGE - NOT REFORM- NOT CUTS TO BUDGET. We want complete dismantling of the police. Thank you - I yield my time. Fuck you. -Julianna Kufeldt

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lindsay R Burke

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 11:41 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support Item 48. We need to move non violent calls to unarmed, non-police responders. However we need to rework the language and be specific about what is being considered "violent." Also, we should not do this "in assistance" with the LAPD. They have already proved that they cannot tell the difference between a threat, and a child with a water bottle. They do not get to be a part of this program.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Angela Siekman

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 11:37 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I reside in Council District 4- I want to speak on item 48 and item 73 as well as make a general public comment. Item 48 does not do enough to clarify what non-criminal activity is. We want a comprehensive plan that replaces police with unarmed safety personal that actually protects and serves the people and allows those in need to receive care and not cops. Item 73 I support LATU and the tenants of Hillside Villa for eminent domain On general public comment: We demand that the City Council and the Mayor disinvest from the police. We want a budget that invests in our priorities and needs. We know that the police do not make our communities safe—we want services that help and strengthen our communities. Calls to police have not served to be effective to increase public safety rather they encourage escalation, abuse and the death of our citizens especially in black, brown and POC communities by the police departments. What the people need is safe and affordable housing, physical and mental health support, safe public transit without police, police free schools and education that empowers children, not a school to prison pipeline. Police reform is a pacifier and does nothing to make people safer. Mayor Garcetti's 150 million is not enough. Put the money back into the community. We the people are not going anywhere. We will keep being loud. Consider that the PIC system took imagination in order to be created. So Use YOUR imagination -support Black Lives Matter, Defund the Police and adopt the Peoples Budget LA. The time is NOW. I yield my time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephanie Hirsch

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 11:44 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** Writing in support of Wesson - Marquis Harris Dawson motion 20-0769 on the City Council Agenda on 06/30/2020 - the day before Mayor Garcetti's deplorable budget for fiscal year 20-21 is go into effect tomorrow which would reward over half of funds to police. Want to express my ongoing support for Black Lives Matter and the demands they put forward and steps they expertly laid out for you in their presentation of a Peoples Budget which embodies the vision of our community. If this body continues to drag their feet know that the people will remember and when Election day comes (and every day up to and afterwards) we will flex our power to replace you. As a resident in CD5 I want to condemn in particular the opposition to Defunding the LAPD by my councilperson Mr. Koretz. To quote from his May 31st Newsletter to constituents; <http://www.simplesend.com/simple/textlink.asp?NewsletterID=118870> "As last night came to an end, I was surrounded by the sounds of sirens, looting, and burning buildings around me. Sadly this should have been a day of peaceful protests of the devastating and senseless murder of George Floyd and all who suffer the inequities of abject murder and racism. The murder of an innocent man, and the issues surrounding his tragic death, have been lost in the destruction of our neighborhoods." This sentiment was emphasized by a tweet of his a day before which equated the destruction of property with the loss of life which he then described as a "tragic death" the very next day. "I'm heartbroken over the senseless death of George Floyd. The violence & looting we saw last night was no less troubling." - @PaulKoretzCD5 May 30th 2020 After public backlash to this tone-deaf tweet he tried to walk back the comments citing the difficulty in expressing nuance on the social media platform. <https://twitter.com/PaulKoretzCD5/status/1266870841100259328> But was not refrained when he continued to build on his facetious contempt for protest. And demonstrated no nuance with his language in the same May newsletter. He continues to lament the damage to property in the area that both my Grandparents lived and Mother was raised; "I toured the Beverly Fairfax district, which is my neighborhood. I found vandalism and destruction all along Third St., Beverly Blvd. and Fairfax Ave. Particularly disheartening was the vandalism to the Fairfax Jewish community. Fairfax is the center of the oldest active Jewish neighborhood in Los Angeles. Synagogues and Jewish institutions and Jewish-owned businesses were graffitied." I want to go on public record as 3rd generation Angeleno and member of Bend The Arc Jewish Action to state that I and others in our community stand unequivocally with Black Lives Matter LA and support the calls to #DefundThePolice. I am disgusted at the trivializing of the experience of "all who suffer the inequities of abject murder and racism" by comparing the centuries long destruction and violence and true looting of Black communities and bodies to

misdemeanor vandalism. Walls can be repainted. Property can be replaced. But the lives lost to a racist and violent policing institution cannot.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brittani Nichols  
**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 11:30 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I Support Item 48: I think we should invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violent emergency calls. When you all continue to task police officers with things they aren't trained for and aren't good at because they lack empathy and basic communication skills, you are also preventing job opportunities for people that are accredited and prepared to do this type of work. The economic impacts of overfunding the police are far reaching and this is one of many steps needed to provide equilibrium to our communities. Defund the police and support efforts such as these.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Marcel

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 11:30 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the motion by Herb Wesson (CD10) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD8) to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls My name is Marcel Borbon, I am a resident of CD 13 and a Constituent of the Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council and I am calling on my District Representative CouncilMember O'Farrell and the rest of the City Council to encourage the City Council's Budget and Finance Committee to adopt a People's Budget, a budget in favor of social services over policing Proposed cuts do not even come close to meeting the demands and priorities of Angelenos. We need much bigger cuts to the LAPD budget, and we need to invest that money into communities and in non-LAPD alternatives to the police.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ivonne Arias

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 11:26 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I've been an elementary school teacher in LA schools for the past 6 years and I've seen how police have traumatized LA's youngest communities. Most of my students were 9 and 10 years old and even by then, they were terrified and understandably mistrustful of police officers. LAPD's practice of criminalizing entire communities has not been effective or humane. In my line of work, I have learned that when something only works for part of the community, you do something better. I expect the same responsiveness from city leaders. I fully support adopting the People's Budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Arianna Lapenne

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 11:26 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of DISTRICT 1. I support the motion by Herb Wesson (CD10) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD8) to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Zoe Nissen

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 11:24 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the Wesson/Harris-Dawson/Martinez/Price/Blumenfield motion to invest in alternative, UNARMED service providers for non-violent emergency calls. These service providers MUST be trained and salaried from cuts made to the the LAPD budget. This is a good first step towards a more peaceful world - don't screw it up.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Adele Slaughter  
**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 11:53 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I fully support this motion to develop an unarmed model of crisis response. I think the idea to defunding the police is an unrealistic reaction to cope with the issues our society sees with police. Perhaps it is a wake up call to have the city continue to re-train our police and completely eradicate the culture of violence and systemic racism. This is not news to any of us. Nonetheless, I want to have police to call in emergencies or to respond to criminal actions and behaviors. I believe that police serve essential roles in our society. My interactions with police officers have not been negative, as I am a white middle class female. However, all of my black male and some female friends have been stopped by police without due cause. The issues being brought to the forefront are very real and need an honest and real response from the City Council and from the Police. Without a doubt, the police must continue to work on reform. As you know in 2002 the city government entered a "consent decree" promising to adopt scores of reform measures under the supervision of the Federal Court. Los Angeles police department has been working on deep and profound reform and should be offered up as an example to the Nation. The wounds of segregation and racism are deep and will take time to heal and I think our police are up to the challenge. Thank you for working with the community, not against us.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mellie Nolen

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

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support items 48. This is the absolute bare minimum, you need to do more immediately. Defund the LAPD, adopt a people's budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Meridith

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 12:44 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** Item 48: I support the motion by Herb Wesson (CD10) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD8) to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls. I call on my Council Member David Ryu to support the motion as well.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mariel Hohmann

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

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a Los Angeles resident, I support the Wesson/Harris-Dawson motion to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violent emergency calls. In fact, I believe that Los Angeles should work towards the complete abolition of the police department in favor of community development and transformative justice. Mayor Garcetti's proposed \$150 million cut to the LAPD is not nearly enough at this time. We cannot uphold the status quo. The system of policing is not working. Especially during this time of crisis with the Covid-19 pandemic, we need investment in health care, housing, and public welfare, not in armed forces patrolling our streets. The people of Los Angeles are crying out for change--please take serious action. Thank you.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stacy

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

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Stacy, and I am a resident of Los Angeles in District 5. I was among the 500 people who were on the phone waiting to speak but were cut off on June 30, 2020. I would like to speak on items 48, 73, and give general public comment. For item 48, please support the motion to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violent emergency calls. For item 73, please approve the recommendations to use eminent domain to purchase Hillside Villa and keep it permanently affordable. For general public comment, please reduce the LAPD budget by more than \$150 million. I demand that you defund the LAPD and adopt the People's Budget LA. For my general comment, as a Korean American, I would like to directly address Councilmembers John Lee and David Ryu to adopt the People's Budget and defund the police. You both made history as the first Asian-Americans in City Council and I now urge you to take your responsibility and be on the right side of history and vote for a greater cut than \$150 million. In the 80s, the LAPD held my immigrant father in a chokehold for disputing a parking ticket and had he died, I would not be alive today. In 1991, Soon Ja Du, a Korean liquor store owner your parents age, and from my parent's generation, killed Latasha Harlins, a Black girl, for assuming that she was stealing orange juice. If Latasha were alive today, she would have been 45, the same age as Mr. Ryu and a few years younger than Mr. Lee. Koreans are victims to police brutality, but we also enable the death of Black and Brown people by not taking action. Our immigrant parents faced racism and injustice, but Black and Brown communities faced worse. White people today have to contend with more than 400 years of racism because of their ancestors. We have the opportunity to address the wrongs of only the last 117 years, our immigrant parents' generations, those before them, and ours. Do the right thing and defund the police or you will also make history as the first Asian American councilmembers who did not do enough to address systemic racism. Regarding public comment, 40 min is not enough for 500 people. When public comment has become more accessible because we can call in instead of attending meetings in person, it is unacceptable that we are artificially restricted by unrealistic time limits. Neighbors like Glendale City Council have previously allowed their meetings to go to 3AM for the public. The comment

form in its current form does not ensure that general public comments will be received or connected to a specific City Council meeting. The form must be revised to ensure that general public comment is tied to a specific City Council meeting and not get lost. After calling President Martinez's office, I was directed to the Office of the City Clerk, whose number led me to circular recording messages. No one is available to address this. Given that the Council will soon be going on recess, please ensure that staff who will not be going on break use this time to optimize the public comment process by extending the comment period and ensuring that general comments on the form are traceable to specific City Council meetings.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jade Quintero

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 12:16 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0769

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'd like to express my support for item 48 in the agenda. I think it's great that the council is considering alternatives to police response to non-violent situation. However, the budget in its current form demonstrates that the council is not actually willing to invest in these alternatives or in community services aimed at preventing non-violent crime. Item 48 does not indicate where the city will source funding for this measure. It further indicates that the CLA and CAO will work in conjunction with LAPD. This language is broad and makes it very unclear what the LAPD's role will be in the supposed non-police response team. As a former public defender, I know first hand how difficult it can be for 911 operators to gather information during a crisis and then communicate that information to responders. Item 48 as it stands does not make it clear that police will not be called to non-violent situations. It only moves to develop an unarmed model of crisis response. I believe the city council needs to go one step further to divest a significant amount of funds and authority away from the LAPD and devote such funds and authority to this unarmed crisis response team. The city council should develop specific language that indicates that LAPD ARE NOT to respond to these non-violent situations at all. Not as back up. Not just in case. Because police presence, as we know, only escalates tensions, fear, and violence in otherwise non-violent situations. More importantly, the city should be focusing on investing in communities first. Non-violent crimes are often the result of poverty, inadequate access to health resources, unsupportive education systems, and housing insecurity. Taking away more money from the outrageous amount of money the LAPD receives and investing in community services will no doubt positively impact the relationship between police brutality and civil unrest we are seeing today. The city has heard an overwhelming cry from the public to defund the police and invest in community services. The only way to do this is to reject the mayor's budget and completely reimagine the way allocate resources. The People's Budget does a great job of outlining where we can invest. We are demanding that this council reject the mayor's budget and adopt the people's budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joseph Aponte

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**Comments for Public Posting:** While listening to City Council meetings these past few weeks I have had the pleasure of seeing people unite and stand against a corrupt and unjust LAPD. The people overwhelming want action taken to cut the budget of the LAPD, yet you don't listen to your constituents and worst of all you put on this farce of empathy. Let me explain how elected officials work: 1. We elect you to represent us and OUR interests, not your own. 2. You listen to us and then vote how the majority of your constituents would like you to vote. 3. You do not advance your own agenda or interests because that would represent conflicts of interest. You unfortunately are not doing any of the things that your constituents are calling for and whats more you are equating the loss of property with the loss of life. Property can and should be insured by landlords collecting rent, this would be one of the most obvious pieces of advice one would give to a property owner. Property owners who collect rent as income would almost be foolish to not have property insurance. Human life can be insured however the window that is broken is replaced and is "as good as new" the human life does not come back. That persons family is left to pick up the pieces forever while the property owner does this until the area is cleaned. Maybe you're scared of the rioting? Maybe you think the "barbarians" will be at your gates if there are no police around? If you don't vote to cut the budget of the LAPD then I can assure you when you run for office again the "barbarians" will go to the polls.