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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(16) Nay(2) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The LFNC opposes the recommendations of the City Administrative Officer, the Budget and Finance Committee, and City Council as they pertain to wide-ranging budget cuts to various departments. We urge Mayor Garcetti to veto these recommendations and City Council to amend them to better reflect the values of our community. We recognize that there is an expected revenue shortfall and a need to reduce the city's budget, but at this critical time of converging health, economic, and racial justice crises, our city budget should increase vital social services—not cut them to preserve LAPD's enormous budget. For this reason, we suggest that the entire necessary budget reduction be taken from the LAPD, with no further reduction to any other department. Furthermore, because the cost of using sworn officers to do civilian work is so high, we encourage the City to block the LAPD from enacting their budget reduction by reducing their civilian staff. Considering the LAPPL's refusal to negotiate with our city at its moment in crisis, we feel that they are not operating as a good faith partner, and thus this action is warranted. The CAO is recommending a citywide \$103 million in non-layoff budget cuts, plus \$45 million in layoffs. Taken together, this would still amount to less than 10% of LAPD's operating budget. If we also accelerate plans to reimagine public safety and allow trained, unarmed civilian personnel to replace police as first responders to calls for help on noncriminal matters, this LAPD budget reduction should be reasonable. It is time to recognize that investments in community improvements and city services *are* investments in public safety—and are also cheaper than police spending. Delaying vital projects and laying off civilian staff are not the answer to this crisis. We urge you to revise the budget so that it meets the needs of this moment. We ask you for a compassionate budget—and, through it, for a more just, equitable, and humane Los Angeles.