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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(17) Nay(1) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: Please find attached a CIS approved by the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Governing Board at our June 3rd meeting, with a vote of 17-1-0.

Los Angeles City Council
City Hall
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012



Re: Council File: 20-0600, Budget Proposal Fiscal Year
2020-2021

Dear Councilmembers,

The City's budget reflects its priorities and worldview, and Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget would allocate 53.8% of the City's unrestricted revenues to the Los Angeles Police Department, out of a total of \$5.4 billion.¹

In contrast, appropriations allocated to the Housing and Community Investment Department is just \$81 million,² down from \$89 million in 2019-2020,³ despite the 16% increase in people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles last year.⁴

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council urges 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.

While we applaud Councilmember Martinez's motion to cut up to \$150 million from the LAPD budget, it is not enough. It is a start, but it is ultimately a symbolic drop in the bucket, and a very small percentage of LAPD's overall budget.

Furthermore, Mayor Garcetti's budget furloughs city workers and cuts budgets in almost all departments, except the LAPD (civilian workers at LAPD will be furloughed, but not police or detention officers).⁵ Instead, Mayor Garcetti's budget proposes increases to the LAPD budget, including pay raises, bonuses, and 34% in overtime pay.⁶ Crime is at unprecedented lows here in Los Angeles,⁷ in light of the City's Stay At Home order and coronavirus pandemic. We need more testing and contact tracers, rent relief and economic stimulus, not more overtime for police officers.

¹ <http://cao.lacity.org/budget20-21/SupportInfo/index.html#p=179>

² <http://cao.lacity.org/budget20-21/SupportInfo/index.html>, page 61

³ <http://cao.lacity.org/budget20-21/SupportInfo/index.html>, page 59

⁴ <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/06/05/us/los-angeles-homeless-population.html>

⁵ http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0600_misc_05-29-2020.pdf

⁶ <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-05-26/lapd-bonuses-los-angeles-city-coronavirus-budget-crisis>

⁷ <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-03-27/coronavirus-crime-lapd-reports-drop-march>

Police officers are not social workers, mental health experts, or crisis counselors, and to force them to fill these roles rather than fund restorative justice, mental health, and public health programs does a disservice to both the police and our community.

We urge the City Council to amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to shift significant resources from the LAPD to social services, housing, employment programs, restorative justice programs, rent relief, and public health efforts. **A \$150 million cut to LAPD's budget is not enough.**

The City's budget reflects the City's priorities, and we must amend the budget to reflect the values of our communities.

Sincerely,

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council

Passed 17-1-0