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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 06/22/2020

Type of NC Board Action: Against unless Amended

Impact Information

Date: 06/23/2020

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Council File Number: 20-0600

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council opposes the Mayor's Proposed Budget for FY2020-21 and urges the City Council to revise it to reflect the values of our community by adopting the People's Budget. 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 allocation. We appreciate that City Council and the Mayor are moving in the right direction with the recent commitment to cut \$100-150 million from LAPD's budget to reinvest in disadvantaged communities. However, even with this cut, LAPD will still consume over 50% of the City's unrestricted revenues. City Council should reduce LAPD's budget by at least the amount necessary to: (1) prevent *any* cuts to social services in the upcoming fiscal year; and (2) allow trained, unarmed civilian personnel to replace police as first responders to calls for help on noncriminal matters such as mental health, homelessness, and neighbor disputes. Even before COVID-19, roughly one in three renters in our city spent more than half their income on housing, and, according to the 2020 Homeless Count, the number of people experiencing homelessness rose 14.2% since last year to 41,290. The pandemic will only make matters worse. This budget cuts \$230 million in services, weakening vital programs that many Angelenos rely on and furloughing nearly 16,000 city workers. It cuts housing programs by 9.4%, job programs by 8.9%, and homelessness programs by 6%. And it forces police to be the only responders to calls that would be more safely handled by civilian personnel. It is time to recognize that investments in housing and job security, mental health care, and after-school programs *are* investments in public safety—and are also cheaper than police spending. The ASNC also Calls for full funding to be restored for the Climate Emergency Mobilization Commission.



- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

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Position: Opposed unless amended

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