
Budget Overhaul / Defund The Police / Reinvest Wisely

1 message

From: 'michael mattera' via Clerk Budget and Finance Committee <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, Jun 14, 2020 at 11:51 PM

Hello Mandy....these are ideas of what we can do to fix the rotten cop culture and lack of police accountability and prosecution that leads to our communities and cities being terrorized by cops, and in turn...all of us hating not trusting them for good reason, and causing societal breakdown that harms all of us directly and indirectly. Thank you.

1. One strike and you're out forever from serving as a police officer, federal officer, or in the military for the following offenses: Excessive Force, Turning Off Your Body Camera, Planting Evidence, Denying Miranda Rights, Sexually Groping during arrest or at any point while a citizen is in custody, Involvement in any racist/bigoted in any way organizations via official membership, chat rooms, email/text chains, financial support, or secondary/tertiary assistance or support of ideology or actions of said group in any way. Additionally, the construction of a national registry (just like for sex offenders) where that officer is listed, so they can't precinct/state hop and terrorize citizens elsewhere. YOU'RE DONE. No one is saying being a cop is easy....which is why only the best of the best that can handle the job are hired to have the PRIVILEGE of the public's trust to look out for their safety. And only the cops that can do the job as it's supposed to be done are deserving of the respect and admiration our society has blindly heaped on all of them no matter what up until now. No more blind hero worship of those in uniform. The uniform doesn't earn you respect...it's what you do while you 're wearing the uniform that does.
2. Reform the Grand Jury Indictment process that consistently fails to return guilty verdicts on police brutality and misconduct.
3. A silent cop is a bad cop. Just like there are laws to convict people as an accomplice to murder...officers that stand by silently or enable police misconduct in any way should be held to the same punishment as those actively committing said crime. At the very least, they should be banned from ever being officers again. Because, officers who commit crimes are enabled by silent cops that look the other way...and that only leads to them doing it again. Silent cops taint the oath of the badge just as much as those actively committing the crime.
4. Medals of honor & public recognition/praise for cops that are whistleblowers. No more enabling the rotten cop culture that stokes fear and inhibits cops with morality from crossing "the blue line". No more "fraternity of brotherhood" that crucifies cops that put their oath above their police union. No more fear of being fired, or fear of their career being ruined, or fear of being murdered (Watch Serpico) if they speak up against a fellow cop who breaks the law.
5. Mandatory overhaul of all police training from the chief on down. That means an extension of the 6 month training period for new cops as well...(LAPD) by as long as it takes to complete the following: (6 months & then having a license to kill is too short of a time period.)
 - A. Extensive background checks that go into not only their professional history, but their personal history. Cops are proven by every study to have much higher percentages of domestic abuse and alcoholism than normal citizens. If a cop beats their spouse, they surely will have no issues with beating a citizen. Any spousal abuse and you're fired. Additionally, no cop with a substance abuse problem of any kind past, or present, belongs having a firearm or baton in their power....unless that addiction is FULLY under control and being treated with documented proof from a health professional. No cops with untreated mental health issues are allowed to be in the streets either. This is overseen by mandatory independent mental health professionals with no cop, DA affiliations that all cops are required to have monthly check ups with. If you go off your meds, you're fired. Again, nobody is saying being a cop is easy....therefore...let's make sure all cops have a consistent healthy state of mind to be the best cops they can be and aren't in danger of hurting citizens.

B. Any cop coming from the military requires additional re-training to differentiate their mindset and use of lethal skills from the battlefield to a community/city/neighborhood that they patrol. Any former military member with war crimes of any sort are not allowed to be cops. Additionally, all prior military offenses that left them unconvicted are reviewed again, and made part of their publicly accessible record, before hiring.

C. All cops are required to attend a minimum of 10 community events in minority communities (LGBTQ, Muslim, Jewish, Black, Sikh, Asian, etc.) each year. A mixture of solo events for sole focus on each minority groups history, community needs...as well as minority mixed events for cohesive community interaction and love. Empathy is not a weakness.

D. Defund the police by half their budget at least until the following community enrichment below is completed. Then a permanent public oversight of their line budget each year thereafter which must be voted on by their community, with town hall discussions and explanations of each part of the budget and why it is needed. Take said money from budget reduction and reallocate it to community needs in minority communities and especially communities of color. Invest in schools, health care access, mental health care, access to financial capital resources for investment in the community, fixing physical infrastructure (i.e.-roadways, parks, sidewalks, street lights, etc.). Use that money to also put together regular events that require all cops to have group screenings/discussions on documentaries that explore the minority experience in America, with special focus on each minority groups interaction with cops throughout history...with a extra time spent on the black community. Enrich these discussions and screenings with a Q & A afterwards with community activists and historians that can speak to each minority groups struggles with cops and their overall life experience in America with anecdotal evidence. This puts flesh & bones on top of a celluloid experience to really impact these cops. Let's make them better community servants....not slaughterers.

E. Retroactive Punishment for all past offenses, which will also require the unsealing of secret disciplinary files. If found guilty, you are fired and put on previously mentioned "Do Not Hire" list of officers, military, and federal officers. Banning all secret disciplinary files from now on.

F. Mandatory body cameras that must be turned on at all times while on duty. Files are uploaded automatically to a cloud server which can't be accessed or manipulated by anyone but independent oversight committees consisting of elected officials that aren't cops, DA affiliated. Mandatory proper functioning of cameras to be checked on the hour with recorded tests of 1 minute.

G. Once all new and old cops have completed re-training they are eligible for pay raises in the form of an end of the year bonus....which will come from their current budget and not by imposing new taxes or taking money from anywhere else in a city budget to be satisfied.

6. Every single cop involved in beating peaceful protesters is fired and placed on banned list. Every single silent cop/accomplice that did nothing as it happened is fired as well. That's gonna be a lot of fired cops, you're correct. Which is exactly what we need....so, that new cops deserving of the badge and that respect their oath can help repair this mess.

7. De-Militarization of police departments. A tank belongs on a battlefield, not in a community. No more used weapons of war used to police citizens.

...That's a good start.

[#PoliceBrutality](#) [#BlackLivesMatter](#)

Best,

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Enact the People's Budget LA

1 message

From: Leah Olbrich <leaholbrich@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sun, Jun 14, 2020 at 9:40 PM

Dear Mayor Garcetti and Councilmembers Krekorian, Price, Koretz, Blumenfield, and Bonin,

People are marching through the entire city demanding systemic change and justice for the 600+ black people killed by police in LA County since 2012. We implore you to listen to the demands of your constituents.

PLEASE enact the People's Budget and defund LAPD! The funds are put to way better use if redistributed to benefit the citizens via social services, housing, employment programs, restorative justice programs, rent relief, public health efforts and MENTAL HEALTHCARE for our communities and employees of the city. \$150M in comparison to the entirety of the budget is NOT ENOUGH. You can do a lot better than that.

Please protect your people by investing in us rather than those that have power over us. We can see that you hear us but are you listening?

Sincerely,

Leah Olbrich, citizen of Glendale, CA

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1 message

From: Christina Boyar <christina.boyar@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sun, Jun 14, 2020 at 6:23 PM

Dear Mayor Garcetti and Councilmembers Krekorian, Price, Koretz, Blumenfield, and Bonin,

I write to express my deep concern regarding the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-21.

I urge 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. We request the City Council adopt the People's Budget LA.

While the Mayor recently announced he would decrease LAPD funding by up to \$150M, this symbolic gesture is simply not enough. There needs to be a drastic reduction of LAPD funding and an un-armed, community-based, alternative policing system —on top of more funding for social programs. People are marching through the entire city demanding systemic change and justice for the 600+ black people killed by police in LA County since 2012. We implore you to listen to the demands of your constituents.

Public safety should no doubt be one of the City's highest priorities. But investments in housing and job security, mental health care, and after-school programs are investments in public safety. By cutting these services, this budget will not make Angelenos safer.

Furthermore, protests in Los Angeles following the murder of George Floyd have exemplified the issue of police brutality, including the indiscriminate use of tear-gas and rubber bullets against protesters, demonstrating the need for an overhaul of the LAPD. We are presented with an opportunity to improve upon the past instead of repeating its mistakes. It is in that spirit that I ask you for a compassionate budget—and through it, for a more just, equitable, and humane Los Angeles.

I urge the City Council to adopt the People's Budget LA and amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to shift resources from the LAPD to social services, housing, employment programs, restorative justice programs, rent relief, and public health efforts.

Sincerely,
Christina Boyar

re-allocate police funds

1 message

From: Carol Springer <crlsprng@gmail.com>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org

At: Sun, Jun 14, 2020 at 4:26 PM

I strongly support

- the People's Budget call to Re-allocate a significant share of LAPD's budget
- redistributing those resources to
 - community services
 - alternatives to policing
 - investments directly benefiting Black communities

I also support Healthy LA's platform and call to invest in much needed affordable housing, tenant protections, and protections for workers and their wages.

Decades of racist policies, land use planning and disinvestment from LA's Black communities continue to have devastating effects today. Black residents continue to experience higher rates of unemployment and are overrepresented in the homeless population. For instance, when i moved to the densely populated, multicultural Vermont/ First St. neighborhood area 9 years ago, very few black people lived here. In the past few years they seem to be the largest number of people living here - UNHOUSED!

Black and Latinx communities still face the deepest inequities and are most impacted by eviction and displacement, so we must invest in housing solutions and protect their worker rights and wages.

I am asking you to reallocate a enough of the of 2020-2021 LAPD budget to make a significant difference in funding affordable housing, fully fund Right to Counsel and Eviction Defense and fully funded Office of Wage Standards and Day Laborer Centers. The cost of funding these programs is miniscule compared to the \$1.189 billion police operations budget. I believe that, over time, these investment will automatically reduce calls for police intervention and automatically reduce the \$215,000,000 overtime budget. In my opinion, the police could easily reduce \$150 + million just by reducing the number of \$3000 helicopter deployments and reducing the number of military-style weapons.

I urge you to re-allocate at least \$150 million from the 2020/2021 budget and begin funding programs that truly help people, instead of criminalize them.

Thank you.

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Black Lives Matter/Defund The LAPD

1 message

From: Megan Salinas <megan.m.salinas@gmail.com>

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At: Sun, Jun 14, 2020 at 1:32 PM

Hi all,

I hope your weekend is treating you well! I'm still doing my best to adhere to quarantine guidelines to keep myself and others safe. I hope you all are in good health and good spirits in the midst of this global crisis.

That being said, I'm not writing to you today to discuss my quarantine routine or talk about the warm summer weather. I am writing to you today to once again urge you to defund the police and invest in our community. By reducing the vast amount of the city's budget going to the LAPD, more money could be invested in the LA Unified School District, helping the homeless, healthcare, infrastructure, social services, housing, and other community programs that ultimately would make this city a better place to be for everyone.

Furthermore, I am asking you all to hold Police Chief Moore and the entire LAPD accountable for the numerous acts of police brutality against peaceful protestors. An independent investigation should be launched to make sure that each and every officer guilty of these horrific acts of violence against innocent people is brought to justice. I love this city, I've lived here for nearly 15 years and I am proud to be a part of the Los Angeles community. But seeing how the LAPD attacked peaceful protestors completely unprovoked disgusted me and made me ashamed to call this city my home. It should make you all feel ashamed too. And if it doesn't, then clearly we as a city voted the wrong people into office. Prove to us that you care about the health and wellbeing of your constituents and that you are loyal to us, not the police union.

Make the changes to the budget that your citizens have been demanding.

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All the best,
Megan Salinas

Enact the People's Budget LA

1 message

From: Matthew Goodbla <mgoodbla@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sun, Jun 14, 2020 at 1:19 PM

Dear Mayor Garcetti and Councilmembers Krekorian, Price, Koretz, Blumenfield, and Bonin,

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Sincerely,
Matthew Goodbla

Sent from my iPhone

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1 message

From: Tracey Withoelder <tlwithoelder@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sun, Jun 14, 2020 at 10:42 AM

Dear Mayor Garcetti and Councilmembers Krekorian, Price, Koretz, Blumenfield, and Bonin,

I write to express my deep concern regarding the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-21. I urge 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. We request the City Council adopt the People's Budget LA. While the Mayor recently announced he would decrease LAPD funding by up to \$150M, this symbolic gesture is simply not enough. There needs to be a drastic reduction of LAPD funding and an un-armed, community-based, alternative policing system –on top of more funding for social programs. People are marching through the entire city demanding systemic change and justice for the 600+ black people killed by police in LA County since 2012. We implore you to listen to the demands of your constituents. Public safety should no doubt be one of the City's highest priorities. But investments in housing and job security, mental health care, and after-school programs are investments in public safety. By cutting these services, this budget will not make Angelenos safer. Furthermore, protests in Los Angeles following the murder of George Floyd have exemplified the issue of police brutality, including the indiscriminate use of tear-gas and rubber bullets against protesters, demonstrating the need for an overhaul of the LAPD. We are presented with an opportunity to improve upon the past instead of repeating its mistakes. It is in that spirit that I ask you for a compassionate budget—and through it, for a more just, equitable, and humane Los Angeles. I urge the City Council to adopt the People's Budget LA and amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to shift resources from the LAPD to social services, housing, employment programs, restorative justice programs, rent relief, and public health efforts.

Sincerely,

Tracey Withoelder