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## Who do you protect? Who do you serve?

4 messages

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**From:** Gabrielle Seiwert <gabrielle.seiwert@gmail.com>

**To:** Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org

**At:** Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 12:26 PM

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**From:** Mandy Morales <mandy.morales@lacity.org>

**To:** Gabrielle Seiwert <gabrielle.seiwert@gmail.com>

**At:** Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 12:31 PM

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Thank you for your phone call as well, Ms. Seiwert. I will make sure your comments are added to the Council file.

I'm a fellow Oxy alum, go Tigers! :)

Take care,  
Mandy

On Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 12:24 PM Gabrielle Seiwert <[gabrielle.seiwert@gmail.com](mailto:gabrielle.seiwert@gmail.com)> wrote:

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## Demand for Change - City Council Meeting

1 message

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**From:** Bin Bez <binbez1357@gmail.com>

**To:** CityClerk@lacity.org, Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org

**At:** Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 11:59 AM

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Hello,

My name is Biniyam Bezabih. I am a resident of LA, CA. I am emailing you today to demand that the City of Los Angeles Defund the Police.

Regarding Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget, the amount that was cut from the LAPD budget to reinvest in communities of color is NOT enough, not even close. We demand that more money be allocated to services/programs for unhoused Angelenos, more mental health services, more funding for public school and resources to ensure all students - regardless of their situation - can continue learning during these uncertain times. GET THE POLICE OUT OF THE SCHOOLS, they are terrorizing children in marginalized communities. Oakland just did it, now follow suit.

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We want all of this addressed at today's budget and finance committee meeting (06/29/20)!

Thank You  
Biniyam

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## Budget & Finance Committee meeting 6/29/20 - Comment from LA resident- RE MEETING # 20-0600-S4

1 message

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**From:** Mary Ruth <mr@maryruthcasting.com>  
**To:** "CityClerk@lacity.org" <CityClerk@lacity.org>, "Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org" <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>  
**At:** Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 9:57 AM

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Hello,

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Regarding Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget, the amount he has cut from the LAPD Budget to reinvest in Black communities and communities of Color is NOT ENOUGH, not nearly enough. We want more money allocated to services/programs for unhoused Angelenos, more mental health services, more funding for public school and resources to ensure all students - regardless of their situation - can continue learning during these uncertain times. GET THE POLICE OUT OF THESE SCHOOLS, they are terrorizing children in marginalized communities who are simply trying to get an education. Oakland just did it, now follow suit. Whatever financial handcuffs the Police have over Mayor Garcetti and Jackie Lacey must be removed. The City Council needs to start helping the tax paying citizens in this city by giving them the resources they need to survive, especially during a global pandemic.

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Mary Ruth Manley

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**To:** "councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org" <councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org>, "mayor.garcetti@lacity.org" <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>

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