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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(11) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: NWWNC supports this motion but wants City Council to go further and enact the People's Budget: WHEREAS the North Westwood Neighborhood Council stands in solidarity with Black Lives Matter and demands justice for George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and countless others who have lost their lives at the hands of police brutality, racism, and white supremacy. WHEREAS, amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, \$230 million were cut from services imposing furloughs on nearly 16,000 workers. Programs essential to ensuring safe distancing and protecting vulnerable populations, along with the general public, saw significant cuts at a time when they must be increased. Housing programs were cut by 9.4%, job programs by 8.9%, and homelessness programs by 6%; all while boosting expenditure on police by 7.1%. WHEREAS the People's Budget LA Coalition, led by Black Lives Matter Los Angeles, has taken urgent steps to engage in a public process of participatory budgeting, and with over 10,000 people participating in this process has identified divestment from police and policing as a top priority. WHEREAS racialized police violence and mass arrests in tandem with cuts to municipal social services in the midst of a global pandemic creates a threat to public health, particularly for Black communities throughout Los Angeles. WHEREAS a reduction in aggressive proactive policing during the 2014-2015 NYPD strike actually caused a reduction in major crimes such as burglary, felony assault, and grand larceny. BE IT RESOLVED that the North Westwood Neighborhood Council endorses the People's Budget for Los Angeles, shifting resources away from policing and directing them to essential social services to promote the safety and wellbeing of Los Angeles residents. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Westwood Neighborhood Council recommends that LA City Councilmember Paul Koretz move to amend the Los Angeles City budget in accordance with the changes delineated in the People's Budget.