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Summary: See attached below.



**Community Impact Statement
Regarding Increase In Funding of
Neighborhood Councils In Response
To Civil Unrest**
Council File 20-0692
June 16, 2020



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We are in urgent and unprecedented times. As a result, we need urgent and unprecedented action. The Rampart Village Neighborhood Council hereby requests the LA City Council increase Neighborhood Councils' annual budget to \$100,000 for the upcoming fiscal year commencing 2020. It is feasible, fair, long overdue and in tune with recent reallocation of funds away from LAPD's and into the community.

The People of our communities have taken to the streets to demand systemic transformation of how law enforcement and institutions treat black people and other communities affected by a history of white supremacy in America. We have demanded that systemic brutality in the hands of the police be addressed by redirecting funds away from the LAPD and directed into community-based programs, jobs, youth enrichment activities, and other basic needs. As a response, Council Members Price, Martinez, Rodriguez and Wesson introduced a motion that explains, "Crime exists where neighborhoods are destabilized because of a system of institutions that produce economic inequity and underfunded schools. But policing is not responsible for, nor can it solve unemployment, poor housing and concentrated poverty."

The motion calls for the City Council to "Instruct the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst, with assistance from the Mayor, work to identify at least \$100-\$150 million of cuts from the Los Angeles Police Department's budget". The motion calls for "recommendations on reinvesting these funds back into disadvantaged communities and communities of color." Our Central LA Area Neighborhood Councils are ground zero for disadvantage, disinvestment, and police brutality.

The Mayor's proposed LAPD budget currently stands at over 53% of the city budget accounting for \$1,857,330,549 (1.85 billion) in comparison to the proposed individual funding of each Neighborhood Council of \$32,000 (down from \$42,000 from last year) at a total of \$3,168,000 for the entire NC System, which is equal to 0.03% of the overall proposed city budget. The requested budget increase would only amount to \$9,900,000 or 0.09% of the overall proposed city budget.

Neighborhood councils are the most comprehensive systems of self-governance in the country. We have direct links, lived experiences, and connections to the communities we serve. No one is excluded from participating regardless of gender, citizenship, or social status. Funding neighborhood councils is funding food pantries, youth literacy, sports, recreational, and enrichment programs; it is funding the healing of our neighborhoods through mental health services, violence intervention and prevention, and other programs the councils have funded in recent and past history; it is funding local park activities, public schools, and after school programs through Neighborhood Purpose Grants and Community Improvement projects.

Funding neighborhood councils reduce crime, trauma, and unrest.

In service,

Board Of Directors
Rampart Village Neighborhood Council

