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RE: Los Angeles Police Department Budget Cut / Disadvantaged and Communities of Color Reinvestment
Council File: 20-0692

Los Angeles City Council City Hall
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable members of the Los Angeles City Council

We applaud your efforts in making the first steps towards divesting in policing and investing into communities.

Atwater Village Neighborhood Council (AVNC) appreciates the City Council is pursuing the agenda of cutting LAPD's budget in response to the tragic killing of George Floyd and the light that shined on police abuses nationwide.

AVNC believe the proposed cuts are insufficient to respond to the crisis of police violence affecting Los Angeles specifically. The proposal, which reduces the LAPD's FY 2020-2021 budget by \$100-150 million, functionally serves to roll back raises and bonuses that officers were already scheduled to receive, keeping police spending flat in the city. AVNC asks that the council seize this moment to adopt cuts that would transform the role of policing in our community and reinvest into our health, education and rehousing our city so desperately needs.

AVNC supports the demands of Black Lives Matter LA and other affiliated groups demanding divestment from the police department and reinvestment into our communities especially those disproportionately affected by the structures that uphold racism and inequality and directly oppress their community.

AVNC asks that the council cut LAPD funding related to homeless outreach, mental health outreach, and other forms of outreach currently done by the police that could be restructured into other public departments.

AVNC asks that money be used for non-armed first responders to respond to public health and safety situations.

AVNC asks that the balance of funds be used to reinvest in communities that have been disproportionately affected by police violence.



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AVNC also asks that 80 million in liability be reduced to 10-30million to limit liability specifically when LAPD is involved. The remainder should come from the LAPD's budget to hold the department accountable. This liability should not come at the expense of the city's taxpayers.

]Atwater Village has had a use-of-force incident recently that ended with an LAPD officer shooting a man in the midst of a mental health crisis. While the shooting was justified under departmental guidelines, having police respond to this situation rather than professionals capable of and tasked with de escalation led to the death of a man in our community at the hands of LAPD. We heard testimony from friends of the individual who spoke to feeling like they might be next. This is how residents in Atwater Village feel, it is our obligation to our constituents to speak up.

We need policing in Los Angeles to change, and we believe that can be accomplished in part by this budgetary process.

Thank you for your consideration,
Atwater Village Neighborhood Council