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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(15) Nay(1) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The LFNC opposes the Mayor's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21 and urges City Council to revise it to reflect the values of our community. At this critical time of converging health, economic, and racial justice crises, our city budget should increase vital social services, not cut them to preserve LAPD's enormous budget allocation. We appreciate that City Council and the Mayor are moving in the right direction with the recent commitment to cut \$100-150 million from LAPD's budget to reinvest in disadvantaged communities. However, even with this cut, LAPD will still consume over 50% of the City's unrestricted revenues. City Council should additionally reduce LAPD's budget by at least the amount necessary to: (1) prevent *any* cuts to social services in the upcoming fiscal year; and (2) allow trained, unarmed civilian personnel to replace police as first responders to calls for help on noncriminal matters such as mental health, homelessness, and neighbor disputes. The Mayor's Proposed Budget cuts \$230 million in services, weakening vital programs that many Angelenos rely on and furloughing nearly 16,000 city workers. It cuts housing programs by 9.4%, job programs by 8.9%, and homelessness programs by 6%. And it forces police to be the only responders to calls that would be more safely handled by civilian personnel. As Councilmember Ryu said recently, "If we make cuts to departments and services that serve low-income and working families, we will be paying for those cuts for decades to come." It is time to recognize that investments in housing and job security, mental health care, and after-school programs *are* investments in public safety—and are also cheaper than police spending. We understand that cuts must be made, but we urge you to revise the budget so that it meets the needs of this moment. We ask you for a compassionate budget—and, through it, for a more just, equitable, and humane Los Angeles.