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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(7) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 06/17/2020

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

#### Impact Information

Date: 06/19/2020

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Council File Number: 20-0692

Agenda Date: 06/03/2020

Item Number:

Summary: We are in urgent and unprecedented times. As a result, we need urgent and unprecedented action. The Zapata King Neighborhood Council hereby requests that the Los Angeles City Council increase the annual budget of the neighborhood councils in South Central and other impoverished communities to \$100,000 for the upcoming fiscal year. It is feasible, fair, and long overdue. People of our communities have taken to the streets to demand the systemic transformation of how law enforcement and institutions treat Black people and other communities affected by a history of White supremacy in America. We demand an end to police terrorism in our communities. One way to do that is to reduce the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department and redirect those funds into community-improvement programs, jobs, youth enrichment activities, and other basic needs. As a response, Councilmembers Price, Martinez, 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." South Central Area Neighborhood Councils are ground zero for disadvantage, under service, and disinvestment.

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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,**

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The LAPD budget currently stands at over 53% of the city budget accounting for \$1,857,330,549 (1.85 billion) in comparison to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at \$2,828,444, (2.8 million) or .006% of the city budget. Neighborhood Council annual budgets were reduced from \$42,000 to \$32,000. 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 any other 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 will continue to reduce crime, trauma, and unrest.

For the reasons stated above, we demand the following:

- 1) that the City of Los Angeles reduce the annual budget of the Los Angeles Police Department by \$250,000,000 for the upcoming fiscal year
- 2) that the neighborhood councils in South Central and in other impoverished areas receive an annual budget of \$100,000

Thank you for your consideration,

Zapata-King Neighborhood Council