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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Impact Information

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Item Number:

Summary: The Board of Directors of the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council held a special zoom board meeting on 6/27/2020. The community impact statement was unanimously approved by the 12 board members present, not to defund the Los Angeles Police Department. We stand in solidarity with the world, and denounce the murder of George Floyd. We have empathy for the racism and actions of officers in the disadvantaged communities of color. The People's Budget while well done, did not factor all the needs and concerns of all the people of The City of Los Angeles. Public safety for millions of residents, risk management, disaster preparedness and emergency preparedness were not included. We appreciate your consideration of all the research conducted to prepare and present our attached community impact statement. Respectfully, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council

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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 Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

We applaud your efforts, in making the first steps toward the reforms to end racism, and inequities which are contributing factors to socioeconomic, disadvantaged communities of color.

The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council, denounces the tragic murder of George Floyd. We believe all police officers with use of excessive force records should be removed. We support reforms, including ethnic sensitivity training for all law enforcement from LAPD, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and California Highway Patrol.

GHNNC asks the Los Angeles City Council to consider, in round numbers, there are 7,000,000 people in our city during the day and 4,000,000 residents in our city evenings and weekends. There are only 10,000 officers over 467 square miles. 10,000 officers is disproportionate to 7,000,000 people (700 people per officer) and 4,000,000 residents (400 residents per officer).

GHNNC supports the public safety demands of the residents of the Granada Hills North community and neighboring Northwest San Fernando Valley communities, to not defund the police. Our communities are of all races, including but not limited to: Armenian, Asian, Black, Eastern European, Jewish, Latino, Middle Eastern and White. We have special relationships with and trust in LAPD within our communities.

GHNNC asks the Los Angeles City Council to consider demands of the 6,975,000 (people daily) and 3,975,000 (evening and weekend residents) who do not support the defunding of LAPD. The 25,000 residents who completed the survey submitted by Black Lives Matter and affiliated groups, to defund the police, is disproportionate to the 6,975,000 (daily) and 3,975,000 (evening and weekend) residents who do not support defunding police in their communities. In the event of a catastrophic event, such as an earthquake or wildfire, communities would be in great danger. Evacuated homes would be unprotected and in great jeopardy of looting.

GHNNC asks the Los Angeles City Council to consider: decreasing police will not decrease crime. In disadvantaged communities and communities of color, crime is considerably higher unlike in other areas of our city. Millions of residents are terrified of anarchy that will result from defunding LAPD.

GHNNC asks the Los Angeles City Council to consider, residents can expect increased insurance premiums for life insurance and property and casualty insurance, with the decrease in police response times. The increased risk, justifies increased premiums. With the tourism and business losses due to the Covid19 pandemic as well as furloughs, unemployment, and more, increased insurance premiums would hurt every insured person or business. Los Angeles is too large, with too many variables, to justify decreasing the police for the entire city.

GHNNC supports the demands of Black Lives matter and other affiliated groups specific to the the disadvantaged communities and communities of color with an estimated population, per the 2014 Census of 272,000 residents. The Census results were 61% Latino, 29% Black and 10% other.

GHNNC recommends that rather than defund LAPD, the Los Angeles City Council reallocate those funds to provide longer, comprehensive officer training. GHNNC asks for more transparency when police unions are negotiating and established timelines for reporting all police incidents to the public. The training should include diversity and ethnic sensitivity training, community outreach and engagement in the disadvantaged and communities of color. When officers are trained in the communities they serve, they build unity and trust. We have many communities throughout the 467 square miles of Los Angeles, who have unity and trust with LAPD.

Should the Los Angeles City Council adopt the motion to defund the LAPD, GHNNC asks the Los Angeles City Council to require a formal business plan and consider establishing a Quality Compliance and Control Review Board or Budget Advocates, to audit and review expenditures for any funded programs should funds be reallocated to the People's Budget from the LAPD.

GHNNC asks the Los Angeles City Council, not to defund LAPD.

Thank you for your consideration of this Community Impact Statement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keren Conner Waters

6/27/2020

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