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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(19) Nay(1) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: At a Special Meeting of the NoHo Neighborhood Council on July 20, the council voted 19-1-0 (Yeas-Nays-Abstentions) in favor of supporting Council File 20-0692, which calls on the City of Los Angeles to identify at least \$150 million worth of cuts to the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department and to provide recommendations on reinvesting these funds back into disadvantaged communities and communities of color. Protests in the wake of George Floyd's murder helped shine a spotlight on systemic racism in America as made manifest by how people of color are policed. Nationwide calls for reductions in police department budgets are borne from a desire to end police violence and address long-standing inequities in municipal funding allocations. Reimagining law enforcement in our city to address systemic racism and curb police brutality will require bold actions, and this council strongly supports the motion.

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Community Impact Statement in support of City Council File 20-0692
LAPD Budget Cut / Communities of Color Reinvestment

August 6, 2020

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

At a Special Meeting of the NoHo Neighborhood Council on July 20, the council voted 19-1-0 (Yeas-Nays-Abstentions) in favor of supporting Council File 20-0692, as presented by Councilmember Nury Martinez et al., which calls on the City of Los Angeles to identify at least \$150 million worth of cuts to the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department and to provide recommendations on reinvesting these funds back into disadvantaged communities and communities of color.

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For instance, Black Angelenos make up a staggering overrepresentation of persons experiencing homelessness in our city: 21,509 people at last count, or 34% of the total, while only making up 8% of the population¹. The documented disproportionate effects of COVID-19 on the African American community will only worsen the disparity: it already takes longer for black persons experiencing homelessness to find housing and they are more likely to be evicted. Now more than ever, the urgent need to find housing for our neighbors dovetails with an opportunity to provide redress.

¹ <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-06-12/racism-making-more-black-people-la-homeless>

Requests for a change in these budget priorities are not new, and particularly reflect the recommendations of LAHSA's 2018 *Ad Hoc Committee on Black People Experiencing Homelessness*, which found homelessness to be a "byproduct of racism" and called on the city to "conduct a system-wide fiscal, cost, and racial equity analysis of criminal justice investments, with the goal of redirecting high-cost system expenditures (e.g., criminal justice system spending) to housing and service investments to help those exiting long-term incarceration, formerly incarcerated individuals, and people with lived experience of homelessness thrive in the community".²

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Sincerely,

The NoHo Neighborhood Council

Paul Storiale, President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Storiale". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

² <https://www.lahsa.org/documents?id=2823-report-and-recommendations-of-the-ad-hoc-committee-on-black-people-experiencing-homelessness>