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Comments for Public Posting: Item 48: I support the motion by Herb Wesson (CD10) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD8) to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls. I call on my Council Member David Ryu to support the motion as well.
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Name: Nicole Plescia
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Comments for Public Posting: I support Item 48.
To: Los Angeles Members of the City Council
From: LA Jews for Black Lives

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Sincerely,

Synagogues Beth Shir Shalom Nefesh Temple Ramat Zion Clergy Daniela Gesundheit, Cantor, Shir Libeynu Rabbi Adam Lautman Rabbi Aimee Gerace, Pasadena Jewish Temple & Center Rabbi Amy Bernstein, Kehillat Israel Rabbi Aryeh Cohen Rabbi Jocee Hudson, Temple Israel of Hollywood
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Feminism All Night
IfNotNow - LA
Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace
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Los Angeles Contemporary Archive
Mapping Jewish Los Angeles
Never Again Action - Los Angeles
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My name is Geoff Williams and I live in Chatsworth (District 12). I’m a member of the West Valley People’s Alliance and I am in favor of the People’s Budget. On Item 48, I support the motion by Herb Wesson (CD10) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD8) to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls. These are the kind of solutions we need. However, knowing that these kind of studies and reports can take a long time, I would just emphasize the urgency with which this kind of action is needed. Additionally I think the LAPD should be involved in this process as little as possible, as it it obvious they are looking out primarily for their own interests rather than the well-being of the community, and I do not trust them to participate in good faith. I would also like to say that while this motion is a great start, it is nowhere near an all-encompassing solution. To truly invest in our communities properly, we need to de-fund the LAPD. The proposed cuts of around $130 million to the LAPD budget do not even come close to meeting the demands and priorities of Angelenos. We need much bigger cuts to the $3.15 billion LAPD budget, and we need to invest that money into communities and in non-LAPD alternatives to the police. Thank you, Geoff
Hello, I am a resident of 90039, and I am writing today to say that I support the motion by Herb Wesson (CD10) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD8) to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls. As we have seen these past few weeks, armed police presence escalates non-violent situations, and more often than not results in unnecessary death and damage. We need alternatives to sending armed police into our neighborhoods in order to protect the people of our communities. Most police officers agree that they are ill-equipped to deal with mental health issues, and therefore investing money into a team of social workers or mental health professionals would not only be beneficial to the community, but it would be a relief to officers who are already overworked and simply lack the training and patience to deal with these situations. The way the system works right now is actually creating more crime, and through police presence it leaves behind a class of people that become labeled as "criminals." By having police show up to non-violent emergencies, they do what they are trained to do - punish the "criminals." What often results is these people are arrested and thrown in jail because it’s an easy solution for officers to “deal” with the problem. This results in more and more people unfairly caught up in our criminal justice system. And that’s often the best-case scenario. The reality is that when people are involved with armed police officers, they are often less lucky and do not escape with their lives. In fact 1 in 4 of every police killing is a person with mental illness. Los Angeles has an enormous homeless problem, which goes hand in hand with our inability to provide mental health to our community. By diverting funds from LAPD and setting up a system where unarmed service providers are able to help these non-violent people it will be the first step in breaking this deadly cycle. Thank you, Laura Zempel
The Wesson/Harris-Dawson motion offers a positive way for Los Angeles to move forwards towards appropriate care for our most vulnerable citizens -- I support creating teams of unarmed crisis response workers in Los Angeles, and I encourage you to support this motion.
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Name:  
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Comments for Public Posting: As a citizen of Los Angeles, I am writing in support of the motion by Herb Wesson (CD10) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD8) to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls. I hope that the City of Los Angeles can be a leader in reimagining public safety. Thank you for your consideration.
Communication from Public

Name:  
Date Submitted: 06/29/2020 12:14 AM  
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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to speak on action item 48. I support Wesson/Harris-Dawson motion to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violent emergency calls. How our city is responded to these calls is NOT working and will never work. We need trained professionals who understand mental illness and the communities that they are serving. We also need MUCH bigger cuts to the LAPD budget. Our LAPD should absolutely not be receiving over 50% of the city's budget. We are paying them to do more harm than good. This is NOT working. There are better ways and we need to figure them out, first by relocating these funds towards communities and alternatives to police. The police are making things worse. It is disgusting that during a pandemic you even had the thought to increase the LAPD budget while cutting the budget for housing and jobs. Who do you work for? Who pays for your jobs? How in the world does that make ANY sense? For some, there is truly no visible light at the end of this tunnel. As restaurants and bars shut their doors once again while we are STILL in the first wave of this pandemic and just waiting for the second to come in just a couple months. People can’t feed their family, anticipating having to pay months worth of back rent, houseless folks are having a hard time finding a damn bathroom and the city’s black and brown communities are being hit hardest by both the viciousness of this pandemic and by the LAPD. WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HOW ARE YOU PROTECTING WHAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE YOUR COMMUNITY? WHO DO YOU WORK FOR? The way I see it is there is already blood on your hands…. How much more do you want? How many more lives need to be ruined before you get your shit together. LA deserves better…. LA demands better.