

Communication from Public

Name: Gina Davis

Date Submitted: 04/22/2025 09:44 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Fund the Public Bank Feasibility Study. My name is Gina Davis and I've been a long-time resident of the city of Los Angeles. I urge the Council to immediately fund the next phase of the public bank feasibility study. Let's figure out a way to take the over \$1 billion/year that we give to Wall Street banks and keep it local at a LA public bank to address issues like our \$1 billion budget deficit, housing shortage, disaster recovery, and infrastructure decay. The State of North Dakota has a state-level public bank that has operated for over 100 years, while maintaining profitability (like a 18% ROE in 2023). That means there is a precedent set in this country to successfully run a municipal bank, so this idea is not new. I believe we can do the same, if not better in our city. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Nick Tucker

Date Submitted: 04/22/2025 01:24 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a parent who has a child who has benefited from one of the RAP childcare centers, myself, along with dozens of parents are asking that the continued maintenance and operations of these centers be considered in the 2025-2026 budget. At the very least, a clear plan for closure of these centers should be expedited so parents aren't left scrambling for childcare in a very expensive and competitive childcare environment. Even though many of our children are moving on to TK (including mine), these centers benefit many families in low-income communities by providing quality subsidized care and education.

Communication from Public

Name: Hasti

Date Submitted: 04/21/2025 04:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a mother of a child on the waitlist to attend Downey Child Care, I am deeply concerned that this center—and others operated by Los Angeles Recreation and Parks—may not be operational beyond the end of this fiscal year. This project was funded by a \$20 million grant through the American Rescue Plan Act, which covered the renovation of 10 city child care centers and their first year of operations. It has come to my attention that the Department of Recreation and Parks has submitted a proposed budget to your office, seeking funding to operate only a reduced number of child care centers for fiscal year 2025–2026. According to the proposal, only four centers are included. I find it unjustifiable that such a significant investment in infrastructure was made without ensuring ongoing funding to actually provide services at these locations. According to RAP’s own child care site, “as a result of the Great Recession of 2008, Recreation and Parks was forced to close its licensed child care sites due to lack of funding. The COVID-19 crisis highlighted the need for licensed preschool programs. In response to this crisis, our City Council took immediate action by identifying funding to restore and open low-cost licensed preschool facilities.” These centers—often located in underserved neighborhoods—are now full of children. The need for affordable, high-quality child care remains as critical today as it was at the height of the pandemic—especially in light of potential inflation driven by upcoming tariffs. I, like many others, was waiting to be able to enroll my child at Downey Child Care as soon as a spot is available. At Downey alone, there is currently a waitlist of 53 children. The demand is undeniable. RAP states in its proposed budget that “these variable costs were previously covered by the American Rescue Plan Act funds. It should be noted that RAP was previously directed to self-operate an additional 10 childcare facilities; however, the FY24-25 budget eliminated childcare staffing and directed RAP to operate childcare services through an alternative service delivery model. Therefore, this request is premised on the identification and selection of qualified childcare service providers, which is currently in progress.” While there is precedent for the child care budget line to be temporarily set to zero and later reinstated, I do not agree with RAP’s assessment or proposed course of action. If the City is unable to continue

subsidizing these centers directly, I urge that alternative funding solutions be presented. Currently, Downey Child Care is only operational due to a grant set to expire at the end of this fiscal year. The proposed budget shows an increase in projected grant funding—have these funds been secured to ensure continuity of services? Downey remains tuition-free, but a fee was intended for families not meeting the financial requirements of the grant program. I ask that the City implement this tuition model, similar to other city child care programs, for applicable families before considering the closure of the center. I have a friend whose child has thrived at Downey Child Care and cannot speak highly enough of the program, its director Allison Tillman, and the dedicated teachers who nurture and support children each day. It is proof that families do not have to pay thousands of dollars each month to access exceptional early childhood education. These publicly run child care centers are essential, safe, and transformative for our communities. I stand in solidarity with other parents whose children attend city-run child care centers and who would also be affected by their closure. I ask for full transparency regarding the future of not only Downey but all RAP-operated centers. Please do not take this vital resource away from the residents of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Jeanne Armstrong

Date Submitted: 04/19/2025 08:25 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Just saw a meeting Mayor Bass had about the budget on the news and was pretty upset to see people wearing defund the police T-shirts!!! We need more funding for police and fire dept. People's homes are being broken into, cars stolen, theft in stores, and car chases on our streets. Then there are people speeding putting innocent people at risk. We need more police out there to enforce the law. The mismanagement of funds is insane! Homeless is still out of control with encampments, trash and people panhandling and sleeping on the streets. It's time for the council to fight for the people, cleaning up our streets and make it safe again.

Communication from Public

Name: FloraG.

Date Submitted: 04/21/2025 06:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As our representatives, Mr. Bob and Mr. Brad Sherman already know about the ongoing issues we have in Winnetka, at Mason Ave /Sherman way. Street vendors and swap meet that disrespect our community by playing loud music, leaving trash, liquor, poop and all kinds of debris behind to this neighborhood. The block looks more than a ghetto, worse than a Tijuana block. City of Los Angeles disrespects and unwelcomes members of its community to fix problems by ignoring our petition to our "representatives" and our own "neighborhood council members". What is the main function of a representative? If it is not to listen to the community? Our seniors, children, and the entire working class do not deserve such an environment: loud music over the weekends (which vendors have already been advised and requested to lower), disputes, firearms, and other dangerous activities at night. Our sick elderly and/or special children have to deal with this trash because they have been ignored for years by the city of Los Angeles. We have submitted a collection of pictures and signatures requesting attention to this block, requesting the use of planters or anything else that may help prevent the vendor from setting up and using the oversized walkways of this block in Winnetka. Please listen to us, we can even volunteer a "beautification venue" for our community. Several local businesses are willing to donate(if you will) to clean this area permanently. This can be done, vendors can be displaced to "commercial" corners. Do not worry about street taco vendors, their main restaurants are located in nearby cities such as El Monte. We are resending petitions to the city, again and again, until someone is interested in seeing Winnetka clean again. Thank you for sharing this with the audience.

To City of LA

Here are some pictures of the issue in Winnetka, at Sherman way/Mason ave. Our Daily nightmare.

Day and night, drunk by the Liquor and in the alley.



Loud music is the perfect environment for drunk men across the street at the Liquor.



Unnecessary hours of operation, No control whatsoever. Matrix restaurant collecting lots of money daily. For sure.

Help the environment and help our community by recycling (reusing) these types of planters removed from Reseda.



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Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Karen Bass released her proposed Budget for 2025-26... the mayor proposed laying off city employees and consolidating city departments. While the LAPPL refuses to make concessions... just look what they posted? The LAPPL isn't doing its part in trying to solve the city's financial woes but rather make things worse by hurting the general fund. It's unfair for the LAPPL to defund the city while other city departments have to make concessions like laying off employees. This is unfair! The LAPPL should not be holding the city hostage!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PRESIDENT
LIEUTENANT CRAIG D. LALLY

WORKING GROUPS, BUDGET DEFICIT, AND COMMAND STAFF CHANGES...

WORKING GROUPS

Over the course of the last several weeks, League Directors, legal staff and our consultant have been working with Command Staff in several Working Groups that Chief McDonnell has commissioned to recommend changes and improvements to Department operations.

These working groups are composed of 5 League Directors and 5 Command Staff members appointed by the COP. The mission of these Working Groups is to recommend improvements to key aspects of the LAPD, including: discipline, minimum patrol staffing, RMEC, crowd control, morale and wellness, use of force, and retention and recruitment.

The League has relied upon input from member surveys, best practices from other like-sized jurisdictions, and direct experiences from Directors and members on how they have been treated by the Department to craft and present proposals to the respective groups.

At the time of this writing (end of March) we are approximately halfway through the process. We will update the membership once these Working Groups issue their final reports.

CITY BUDGET DEFICIT

The CAO has announced a \$1 billion budget deficit. The League is analyzing the current fiscal condition of the City, including its spending on non-public safety programs, its current reserves, and its investment portfolio which is outside of the general fund.

The Board has made clear in a recent member message that we will not agree to any concessions contained in our hard-fought-for contract.

COMMAND STAFF CHANGES

The COP has conveyed to the League that he will be moving some Command Staff members. When those moves will be made is a little unclear, but we, as well as the membership, eagerly await these changes.

Fresh perspectives in key commands are needed to improve morale and point the Department in a new direction. It is our hope that the COP delivers on his mandate for change and installs the right people who have the confidence of the rank and file. ❖



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Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie C

Date Submitted: 04/22/2025 08:25 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am commenting on the layoffs the mayor is proposing. I think it is very sad that no cuts are being proposed for the Mayor's Office. It just goes to show where her loyalties lie. If the workforce is their greatest asset, it sure does not seem that way. I think it is sad that furloughs have not even been considered. All I see is a Mayor who is in bed with certain departments and with herself. As elected officials, I hope you stand up for the employees who provide services to the City in already bare conditions. Furloughs, holding back on COLAs and more can be done to avoid these layoffs. It is causing an undue hardship on employees to go to work now knowing that they may be on the chopping block. This mayor and this City Council can kiss their jobs goodbye if this situation is not curtailed.