

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Askren
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Comments for Public Posting: It doesn't surprise me that Mayor Bass again shows her priorities and corruption by investing ludicrous sums on policing instead of social services, housing support, and local assistance. She is committed to a vision of Los Angeles that results in more homelessness, more crime, and more poverty, while the rich receive all the benefits of security and protection. I demand that the following changes be made to this budget: ****1. Protect Life-Sustaining Services**** The proposed budget cuts endanger disabled, chronically ill, unhoused, aging, and immunocompromised Angelenos. Services like in-home caregiving, paratransit, HIV care, and housing support are essential. Cutting them will cost lives as demonstrated in the recent past. ****2. Remote Access Is a Civil Right**** Limiting public comment to in-person-only prevents access for those most impacted, which likely violates the ADA, Brown Act, and CA Constitution. Remote options (phone, video, written) must be restored for all hearings, including on April 25 and 28. This online form is not a substitute. Excluding disabled and high-risk residents is structural harm. ****3. Demand Equity and Accountability**** The City must disclose if and how it applied the Budgeting Rubric and MADE Index tools to the proposed cuts. These tools exist intentionally to prevent harm to high-need communities. Transparency and legal compliance are non-negotiable. Thank you.

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Comments for Public Posting: I have to refer to myself as a number. That's all we are to you, a line-item in your budget, Karen Bass, all members of the City Council, and Kenneth Mejia. It is deplorable and beyond my comprehension how you, Karen Bass, and your cohort believe that the solution to your and Kenneth Mejia's mismanagement, irresponsibility, and waste is to lay off the civil servants who have served your constituency selflessly and without your support. After having started my career with the City of Los Angeles in 1988 and within a few years of retirement, only to suffer the consequence of Kenneth Mejia's inexperience. Within the last few years, you, Karen Bass, have already subjected your workforce to furloughs and layoffs; yet, we find ourselves back here again. Please answer my question. After a 37-year career with the City, within 3 years of retirement and 56 years old, what are my options?

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Comments for Public Posting: As a current city worker, I am beyond disappointed by these proposed cuts. The city is proposing to layoff 1600+ civilian workers due to the negligence of the Mayor's Office and the incompetence of the Police Officers who are being sued.

-Proposing cuts to 403 civilian jobs from LAPD just to backfill them with Sworn officers who have cash OT considerations and are generally paid more than their civilian counterpart. Zero accountability to sworn nor are there any layoffs for those who caused much of this financial crisis. Higher overall cost, cash OT, expertise gap, are just some of the many issues with this. The Mayor and Chief have complained about the lack of new officers yet you want to take away actual police work to put them into administrative positions.

-Proposing cuts to 196 positions from Transportation in a time when the infrastructure for transit and transit related services should be expanded due to all the future events. LA is already gridlocked 24/7. Proposing to cut the funding and staff will result in even more inadequate traffic planning, reduced service in quality and more frequent delays just in time for major events.

-Proposing cuts to 80 positions in Animal Services when the already strained department is handling record numbers of animal related complaints and overflowing shelters

-NOT proposing cuts to the Mayor's office. There are currently 94 filled positions at the Mayor's Office and no cuts are being made there. In fact, 36 positions additional positions are budgeted "as needed." During the wildfires, you had 9 Deputy Mayor's act in your absence yet, complaints were made of Chief Crowley and the FD for not communicating. Couldn't 1 of the 9 Deputy Mayor's reach out? Or did Chief Crowley not have any phone numbers of those 9? If so, those 9 Deputy Mayor's who acted on your behalf should also be laid off. Los Angeles is turning into a global embarrassment. The short term economic impact will provide some budget relief, but the lasting impact of cutting 1600+ positions and funding to crucial departments will be felt for decades. Business losses and cost overruns due to lack of proper planning and staffing will be immeasurable. With no concrete plan in place, Los Angeles should give up hosting the 2028 Olympics. The lack of personnel and infrastructure will become even more apparent when the events come to Los Angeles. This is all compounded by the lack of revenue the city is generating and

no one wanting to build in LA anymore due to higher costs. Given the situation with the current budget and the projection that Los Angeles will only generate small amount of profit (if everything goes well), we should not host the Olympics and focus on making sure the city is stable.