

Communication from Public

Name: Cidne Hart

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 05:48 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't eliminate LA City's Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO)! They are doing important work to help our city's most vulnerable populations as the climate conditions worsen. They are a hard-working group and should not be fired. I urge the Budget and Finance Committee not to try to fix the budget crisis by causing another. Sincerely, Cidne Hart
6142 Strickland Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90042

Communication from Public

Name: Christina

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 06:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I appreciate your time and attention to this request.

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April 23, 2025

Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Opposition to Proposed Layoffs and Call for Oversight of LAPD Civilian Resource Mismanagement

Dear Councilmembers,

As a civilian employee of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), I am writing to express my deep frustration and growing outrage over the proposed fiscal year 2025–2026 budget, particularly the plan to eliminate approximately 403 civilian positions from LAPD. This proposal is not only shortsighted, but also reckless and harmful to the Department’s functionality and to public safety.

Let me be clear: the LAPD already operates with dangerously understaffed civilian support. We are not just administrative accessories; we are essential to the daily operation of this Department. The civilian workforce keeps LAPD running. We manage critical logistics, communications, IT infrastructure, forensics, records, budgeting, hiring, and so much more. Without us, the system collapses.

And yet, every year, more is asked of us while our numbers dwindle. Many of us are already forced to cover multiple roles due to ongoing consolidations and a disturbing lack of understanding about what our jobs entail. The workload has reached unsustainable levels, and staff burnout is rampant.

Meanwhile, I continue to witness baffling mismanagement of sworn personnel in executive office roles, where they occupy desks at up to 95% capacity, reviewing memos and asking civilians how to perform tasks that these officers have never been trained to do. These are expensive, sworn positions, often earning two to three times the salary of a civilian, being used for duties well outside their intended scope. Why is this tolerated? Why are sworn officers doing civilian jobs while civilian jobs are being cut?

The Media Relations Division is another glaring example of resource imbalance, stacked with sworn staff, yet the output and transparency we should expect from that division rarely matches its staffing levels. Where is the accountability?

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There is a complete disconnect between the decisions being made at the top and the realities on the ground. Worse still, our own management often lacks a clear understanding of what civilians do day to day. Or, if they do understand, they are either unsuccessfully addressing issues or lack the resources to address them. How can you propose eliminating hundreds of us without first conducting a thorough analysis of our roles, responsibilities, and the operational fallout that will result?

Therefore, I am urgently requesting the following:

1. **Immediate halt to any proposed civilian layoffs until a full operational impact study is completed.**
2. **An independent audit of all classifications within LAPD, including sworn staff assigned to non-field administrative roles.**
3. **Justification for the continued use of sworn personnel in civilian-classified positions.**
4. **A review of Departmental structure to reduce bureaucratic redundancy and reallocate resources more effectively (which aligns with the mayor's proposal).**

The current structure: units within sections, within divisions, within groups, reporting to bureaus and then to executive offices is bloated, inefficient, and riddled with communication failures. I can provide an example where an issue arose in 2018, and we are now, in 2025, getting to the bottom of understanding it. Meanwhile, those of us doing the real work are expected to hold it all together with minimal support and maximum stress.

Councilmembers, you cannot in good conscience approve a budget that sacrifices hundreds of dedicated civilian professionals while turning a blind eye to internal mismanagement and waste. If public safety truly is a priority, then it's time to stop ignoring the very people who work alongside sworn personnel to make that safety possible.

CC: City Controller Kenneth Mejia – For review of budget accountability and resource allocation within LAPD

Sincerely,

Christina Flores

Civilian Employee

Los Angeles Police Department

cc: Kenneth Mejia, Los Angeles City Controller

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Name:

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 07:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please consider furloughs. The layoffs are unexpected, unnecessary, and devastating not only for potentially laid off city staff but also their families and LA residents. City workers give their very best every day to the millions of LA residents. Please reconsider layoffs.

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Name: Christina (see original letter)
Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 06:48 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I wanted to provide also that I am an EAA member. My letter submitted was RE: Opposition to Proposed Layoffs and Call for Oversight of LAPD Civilian Resource Mismanagement. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Diana Kohne

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 05:08 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing because I oppose elimination of the LA City's Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO). Under LA's current climate conditions, extreme heat already kills more people than all other weather related causes combined -- particularly Angelenos who happen to be low-income, elderly, people of color, outdoor workers, unhoused, or have chronic conditions such as heart and kidney conditions. The hottest heat waves kill dozens of our neighbors, but this tragedy rarely makes the news because their deaths are largely invisible. CEMO is an expression of the City's commitment to combat this harsh reality and it stands up for our most vulnerable communities. Since its founding, CEMO has coordinated intelligently to advance policy action, partnering both within and outside of the City family to conduct research and move forward equitable policy to protect Angelenos. CEMO has raised awareness of the threat that heat poses to community health and how to combat it in safe and effective ways. Eliminating CEMO would remove those community protections and put people in harm's way, resulting in heat-related illnesses and deaths that are avoidable. While we all must understand that the City's budget is in crisis and drastic measures are necessary, I urge the Budget and Finance Committee NOT to attempt to fix one crisis while causing another. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Edith de Guzman
Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 09:44 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Dr. Edith de Guzman. I work at UCLA to conduct climate research and engage with government, private industry, and community members on solutions to the climate crisis. I'm writing to express my opposition to the proposed elimination of the LA City's Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO). Climate change threatens LA's most vulnerable residents. Under LA's current climate conditions, extreme heat already kills more people than all other weather-related causes combined -- particularly Angelenos who happen to be low-income, elderly, people of color, outdoor workers, unhoused, or have chronic conditions such as heart and kidney conditions. The hottest heat waves kill dozens of our neighbors, but this tragedy rarely makes the news because their deaths are largely invisible. CEMO is an expression of the City's commitment to combat this harsh reality and stand up for our most vulnerable communities. Since its founding, CEMO has coordinated effectively to advance policy action, partnering both within and outside of the City family to conduct research and move forward equitable policy to protect Angelenos. CEMO has raised awareness of the threat that heat poses to community health and how to combat it in safe and effective ways. Eliminating CEMO would remove those community protections and put people in harm's way, resulting in heat-related illnesses and deaths that are avoidable. While we all must understand that the City's budget is in crisis and drastic measures are necessary, I urge the Budget and Finance Committee NOT to attempt to fix one crisis while causing another. Thank you.

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Name: Chelsea Rosales

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 10:47 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon LA City Budget & Finance Committee member/ City Councilmember, My name is Chelsea Rosales and I am a community member and resident that lives in CD14. I am extremely concerned about the LA City Budget. Our City needs to ensure that youth development is a budget priority for the 2025-2026 budget. It is our duty to build a city where future generations can thrive, step one is to fund our city like we believe we will be here for 100+ more years. There needs to be an investment in the Youth Development department in order to fund job pipelines for youth, paid internships, the arts, career preparedness, transitional programs for foster youth & academic support. Youth and parents want to see the Youth Development Department fully funded and for it to remain solely as its OWN department in order to holistically support & invest in LA City's youth. Youth ages 10-25 have been neglected for decades and they should not be umbrellaed under a different department because that defeats its purpose. One of our parent leaders shared how shocked she was to learn that the police budget was so inflated yet youth development only had a miniscule of the city budget. For her and other parents, investment in their children is a priority and they'd like to see it reflected in the city budget. We also need to be investing in senior services & programs such as mobile senior meals. Our elderly struggle with getting transportation & need support with securing meals to their residency. If the federal government makes cuts to social security programs, this investment can prevent elders in Los Angeles from going hungry. It is heartbreaking to see that our city does not care enough about the elderly. I have seen way too many elders being evicted and living in the streets. THIS IS NOT OKAY. Everyone deserves to have their basics needs met. There should be enough to go around to take care of our Angelenos. We all deserve so much better.

Communication from Public

Name: Kim Abeles

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 11:13 AM

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Name: Richard Miranda
Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 11:18 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I'm here to express my deep concern regarding the Mayor's proposed budget, which would effectively dismantle the Office of Wage Standards. This proposal eliminates the entire Investigative team—crippling the City's ability to enforce critical protections like the minimum wage ordinance, the Fair Chance Initiative for Hiring, the Hotel Worker Protection Ordinance, and the newly adopted Fast Food Workers Ordinance. Let me be clear: without investigators, these protections are unenforceable. Workers facing wage theft or unfair labor practices could wait up to five years for justice—if they receive any at all. Los Angeles has worked hard to establish itself as a leader in labor rights. This budget would erase that progress. OWS has endured high turnover even in the best of times. Now, in a financial crisis, to cut us entirely is not just short-sighted—it's harmful. It sends a message that labor enforcement, that protecting the rights of working Angelenos, is expendable. It's even more troubling when you consider what is being prioritized. This budget proposes a \$1 billion increase for sworn LAPD members—despite the fact that the City's financial strain is largely due to liability payouts involving that same department. And yet, departments like OWS, which protect workers and ensure equitable economic opportunity, are being slashed. With this budget, it's clear: the Mayor is prioritizing revenue, the upcoming Olympics, and public image over essential city services and the people who need them most. That's not leadership—it's a choice that will hurt the very communities we are supposed to serve. Our work matters. Our department matters. And the working people of this city deserve better than a budget that leaves them unprotected. I urge you to reconsider these cuts and preserve the Office of Wage Standards. Economic justice should not be a bargaining chip.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Symcox

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 12:07 PM

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Name: SE

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 12:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing as a concerned resident and employee of Los Angeles to strongly oppose the proposed budget cuts that would reduce funding and eliminate jobs across critical public safety and regulatory departments. These include not only emergency responders, but also the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS)—a department that plays a foundational, often overlooked role in protecting lives and preventing disasters. The recent Pacific Palisades fire is a powerful reminder of what can happen when prevention and enforcement fall short. With extreme weather events and wildfire risks increasing across L.A., now is the time to strengthen our safety infrastructure—not scale it back.

Economic Consequences

1. Job Loss & Local Ripple Effects LADBS, the fire department, and public health agencies provide stable, middle-class employment that supports local economies. Cutting these jobs directly harms the families involved and indirectly impacts thousands more—contractors, small businesses, and service workers who depend on these economic anchors.
2. Risk to Development & Housing Delays in permitting, inspections, and code enforcement caused by LADBS understaffing deter investment and slow housing construction. In a city already battling a housing crisis, weakening this department will only push projects further behind and reduce long-term revenue potential.
3. More Costly Emergencies Down the Line Preventative services save money. Underfunding LADBS and public safety agencies now may lead to more frequent fires, infrastructure failures, and safety hazards—each of which requires expensive emergency response and recovery efforts. The costs of prevention are far lower than the costs of cleanup.

Community Impact

1. Threat to High-Risk Areas Like the Pacific Palisades Wildfire-prone communities like the Pacific Palisades depend on timely inspections, code enforcement, and coordination with emergency services. LADBS plays a crucial role in flagging illegal structures, enforcing brush clearance, and ensuring that access routes meet safety standards. Cutting these services invites disaster.
2. Decline in Public Trust Residents must trust that their city prioritizes their safety. When departments like LADBS or the LAFD are defunded, it signals disengagement and can reduce civic engagement and compliance. It also demoralizes frontline workers already stretched thin.
3. Disproportionate Harm to

Vulnerable Communities Underserved neighborhoods, often with older housing stock and fewer private resources, rely heavily on LADBS to enforce safety codes. Cutting resources will widen safety disparities between affluent areas and low-income communities, increasing inequality and risk. Recommendations

Preserve and Reinforce LADBS Funding: Ensure the department is fully staffed and equipped to perform critical safety inspections and speed up permitting for urgently needed housing and infrastructure projects. **Invest in Prevention, Not Just Response:** Maintain robust funding for fire prevention, code enforcement, and public health programs. The return on investment is clear when disasters are prevented instead of just reacted to. **Prioritize Public Engagement:** Involve community voices in budget decisions, especially in neighborhoods most at risk from weakened safety oversight.

Conclusion The Pacific Palisades fire showed us what's at stake. Fires, structural failures, and preventable tragedies are not random—they are the direct result of gaps in oversight, preparation, and enforcement. The Department of Building and Safety, along with other public safety agencies, exists to fill those gaps before lives are lost and homes are destroyed. Cutting their budgets is not fiscal responsibility—it is economic and public risk. I urge you to preserve funding for LADBS and related departments to protect both our economy and our communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Maxwell Kessler

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Comments for Public Posting: Please fund the public bank feasibility study. The City of LA spends over \$1.4 billion every year on debt service, fees, and interest payments to Wall Street banks. That's money that could be going toward affordable housing, public transit, and community programs, but instead, it goes to shareholders who profit off opposing such programs that create civic endurance. Nearly half of infrastructure costs go to private banks. A public bank would cut borrowing costs and increase investment in local priorities. A public bank could also help with the \$250 billion in damages caused by the LA fires by holding state and federal relief funds locally and leverage them up to 10 times to speed recovery and help families in need.

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Name: Constituent

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 12:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: FUND THE PUBLIC BANK FEASIBILITY study Allow the people to benefit from the service charges No corporations We Constituents need the money - to fund and support us It is a logical choice Please listen to the Constituents like me Stop the madness Make better decisions on our behalf Thank you in advance for your cooperation

Communication from Public

Name: Jackie Rocha

Date Submitted: 04/22/2025 04:17 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To take away the livelihood of people who had nothing to do with the mismanagement of the City is unconscionable, and it is unethical. You think you can easily just cut away at the new people brought in? People who had to quit their previous jobs to join the city? People who can't go back? People who trusted that the city would take care of them after they made the choice to work for the government? That is absolutely abhorrent. My family celebrated my sibling getting this job and taking her out to eat, and now she is filled with anxiety at possibly being left with nothing. Her previous job even offered her a raise and promotion to get her to stay. But we told her the city was the opportunity of a lifetime. And now this is happening? A decision like that will have me lose all respect I had for any city officials that we should technically be trusting.

Communication from Public

Name: Jamie Baker

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 01:21 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: With recent cuts from the federal government that have put all LA County DHSP programs "on pause," it is vital that the City of Los Angeles at least maintain, if not increase, funding for both Harm Reduction and HIV services. These services impact the most vulnerable among us in this great city. And aren't we judged by how we care for our weakest and most vulnerable residents? The lasting effects of federal budget cuts will take years, if not decades, to undo. Please do not count include yourselves with the administration that is ignoring those among us who need the most support. Do the right thing and maintain funding at least at its current level.

Communication from Public

Name: Yana Gracile

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 02:48 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to you not only as a proud civil service employee of the City of Los Angeles for the past seven years, but as someone who has dedicated more than two decades to public service, including over 15 years as a contractor with Channel 35. For the last two years, I have served as the Principal Public Relations Representative for the Youth Development Department (YDD). I urge you in the strongest possible terms to vote against Mayor Bass' proposed layoffs. I am among the many employees whose positions are being eliminated. These cuts will have a devastating personal impact—causing severe financial hardship for me and my family. But even more alarming is the irreparable harm this will cause to the youth we serve. These layoffs will dismantle a vital department that has been instrumental in changing lives and creating opportunities for some of the most underserved youth in Los Angeles. There must be alternative solutions—whether furloughs, the implementation of a Separation Incentive Program (SIP), or a temporary pause on salary increases. Have these been seriously considered? Since joining YDD, I have put my heart and soul into fulfilling our mission. Under the guidance of our exceptional General Manager, Lisa Salazar, we have made significant progress in keeping youth engaged, educated, and on a path to success. Our Youth Councils have empowered young people to pursue higher education and meaningful careers—many even joining the ranks of City employees. The recent Youth Summit drew participants from across the country who shared moving testimonials about the life-changing impact of YDD's programs. These results are not theoretical. They are real. They are measurable. And they matter. This department may be small, but its reach is vast and its importance is undeniable. In fact, recent commentary highlighted that YDD reduces crime in Los Angeles at a rate eight times more efficiently than traditional law enforcement. This is the kind of investment that truly strengthens communities. Eliminating these positions not only breaks trust with the young people who have come to depend on us, but also undermines the very progress this City has worked so hard to achieve. We are more than just a city department—we are a lifeline, a source of hope, and a testament to what committed public service can accomplish. Please allow us to continue doing this important core work. Please do not allow this to be yet

another example of the government turning its back on the very people it claims to support. Stand with us. Stand with our youth. Please vote NO on these layoffs. Respectfully, Yana Gracile
Principal Public Relations Representative Youth Development
Department

Communication from Public

Name: Jamie Hwang

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 03:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Members, Please review and approve the Department of City Planning primary budget request and requested alterations to the proposed budget as detailed in Direct Bertoni's letter to the Committee. If adopted without modifications, the Proposed Budget will result in sweeping reductions in the Department's service levels as it proposes a 35% reduction in department staff positions. City Planning represents 1.6% of the City's workforce, yet is the target of 7.2% of the proposed layoffs. The department will be forced to stop many vital programs and projects in addition to losing many talented, young, and dedicated planners who chose to be public servants because they love this community and want to make LA a better place to live.

Communication from Public

Name: Janel Belovette Jenkins

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 03:54 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a co-Executive Director of the Los Angeles Black Worker Center and a proud member of the Los Angeles Worker Center Network, we are advocates for workers from communities all across the City of LA. We adamantly oppose cuts to the Office of Wage Standards. Our Office of Wage Standards was hard won and is a critical line of defense against wage theft for LA's most vulnerable workers. While the cost of living continues to rise to unbearable levels in the City, our communities cannot afford to lose any household income to wage theft. A divestment from our Office of Wage standards is an investment in poverty. Please consider reinstating key roles in the Office of Wage Standards.

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Name: Soma Snakeoil

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 03:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon, it is with grave concern that I write it strong opposition of the proposed budget cuts to the department of disability. The fact that this is even being considered is a grotesque statement in our priorities as a city. While the overall City workforce is proposed to be cut by 5.75%, the department of disability faces the largest proposed reduction of staff for any department across the City at 40%. This reduction threatens core programs and day-to-day operations that put our disabled populations at massive risk, especially considering the federal cuts to medicaid and other lifesaving programs. An almost 45% proposed budget cut to HIV prevention and harm reduction program would eliminate HIV prevention-specific contracts and harm reduction programming funded by the City—cutting vital support for some of L.A.'s most vulnerable residents. These are the programs that are historically underfunded, while also being the programs that have the most challenging jobs to keep people alive. Why are the Mayor and city counsel not looking to the bloated police budget for cuts? Especially considering the billions of dollars being spent by the County to deal with sexual assault litigation caused by police and juvenile hall staff! This is a literal atrocity and lives in the realm of social cleansing if we choose to defund the department and programs that support our most marginalized. We should be absolutely ashamed of ourselves that the department of disability is looked at as a solution to keep police well funded for their surveillance equipment at the cost of people living with HIV or participants in harm reduction programs. This is the kind of choice government in the 80s made to neglect people suffering from the early stages of the HIV epidemic. Are we back there to a time when we have plenty of money to fuel police violence of BIPOC communities and no money for healthcare? Scandalous.

Communication from Public

Name: Luana Kasych

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 08:07 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am born, raised, and now own property in Los Angeles. PLEASE STOP GIVING LAPD MORE MONEY. My neighborhood's sky is full of fucking helicopters FOR NO REASON. Why not lay-off those who are the largest liabilities? I would like to submit a section of the following 2022 Reuters article for consideration, as the 2025-2026 Los Angeles City Budget has been proposed. [reuters.com/legal/government/police-are-not-primarily-crime-fighters-according-data-2022-11-02/](https://www.reuters.com/legal/government/police-are-not-primarily-crime-fighters-according-data-2022-11-02/) Police are not primarily crime fighters, according to the data By Hassan Kanu November 2, 2022 10:33 AM PDT Over the past decade, “consistently less than half of all violent crime and less than twenty-five percent of all property crime were cleared,” William Laufer and Robert Hughes wrote in a 2021 law review article, [opens new tab](#). Laufer and Hughes are professors in the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania’s Legal Studies and Business Ethics Department. Police “have never successfully solved crimes with any regularity, as arrest and clearance rates are consistently low throughout history,” and police have never solved even a bare majority of serious crimes, University of Utah college of law professor Shima Baradaran Baughman wrote in another 2021 law review article, [opens new tab](#), including murder, rape, burglary and robbery. Existing research also affirms the findings in the recent report on police work in California. Law “enforcement is a relatively small part of what police do every day,” Barry Friedman, a law professor at the New York University School of Law wrote in a 2021 law review article, [opens new tab](#). Studies have shown that the average police officer spent about one hour per week responding to crimes in progress, Friedman wrote. Police spend most of their time on traffic violations and routine, minor issues, like noise complaints, according to three different, recent analyses of dispatch data from Los Angeles, [opens new tab](#), Baltimore, Detroit, New Orleans, Seattle, [opens new tab](#), and New Haven, Connecticut, [opens new tab](#). The New York Times reviewed national dispatch data from the FBI in June 2020, and found that just 4% of officers’ time is devoted to violent crime. “We hope the report helps reshape the narrative about the relationship between law enforcement and safety,” Smith told me. Californians “should understand that a reimagination of community safety is far overdue and that equitable and community-centered solutions” are more effective alternatives.

Communication from Public

Name: Erin Bergren

Date Submitted: 04/23/2025 10:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We all know that the recent fire disasters are a major factor in the city's current budget crisis. So why does the mayor's budget proposal cut funding for the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office and the Climate Emergency Mobilization Commission? A climate change related disaster has cost the city billions of dollars, and the answer is to eliminate the tiny number of city employees who are specifically tasked with making our city more resilient? Why does this budget choose to make LA more vulnerable to climate change - setting us up for future disasters? We also know that a major factor in the budget crisis is liability payouts for malfeasance on the part of the LAPD. These systematic abuses of power are facilitated by a culture of silence within the department and a Police Union which has abandoned the needs of people in this city. In fact, the lack of monetary consequences incentivizes this behavior. I am tired of the people of Los Angeles footing the bill for criminality in the police department. If the police department costs us \$222 million in damages in a single year, why isn't their budget being cut by that amount of money? Instead, basic services like animal control and affordable housing are being cut - punishing the city for crimes of a small number of corrupt bullies. This budget is totally irresponsible and sets us up for a vicious cycle of ever-diminishing city services.