

Communication from Public

Name: Chantal Denny

Date Submitted: 05/03/2025 01:56 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Do not cut budget for animal shelters! Their budget has already been cut to the bone compared to other departments. Animals deserve live not to be thrown away like someone's trash.

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Name: Sandy summer

Date Submitted: 05/03/2025 03:42 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I disapprove of the increase to LAPD budget causing the decreases to the city planning, streets and LDOT and civil services budgets. Sure its nowhere near enough but We need a livable city and currently that still includes millions of vehicles and people. Not just cops, criminals and freak wildfires. The LAPD “dished out \$222 million in lawsuits. Nearly 50% of the money that the LAPD paid out in lawsuits had to do with allegations of excessive use of force, according to data from the controller's office.” That money would have prevented the cuts to the budget. City services cannot and should not be jeopardized because of bad LAPD behavior, not fair to law abiding voters or city employees. No amount of money to the fire department would make a difference in 100 mile an hour winds. The wildfires were an unprecedented tragedy but the council should not punish other departments for this natural disaster. We need our streets livable, people want to be proud and part of their neighborhoods, we are the streets we need planning and maintenance.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Pasini

Date Submitted: 05/03/2025 04:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Why is LAPD continuing to be funded at the same excessive levels while the City is looking at massive layoffs in other departments? LAPD taking up half the city budget is ridiculous and doesn't make the community safer. Under-investing in housing, mental health services, public works and more makes us all less safe. Please expand the unarmed model for crisis response - 91% of LAPD calls are non violent - we don't need more cops. Please don't purchase more helicopters for LAPD while laying off staff in critical areas.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/03/2025 10:34 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Fully fund LAPD. We need law and order. Stop building bike lanes- a waste of money and makes life harder for the vast majority. Stop funding legal counseling for those being deported- a misuse of tax money that should go to legal citizens for their benefit. Cut the pay of council members and the mayor who helped get us into this mess.

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Name: Robert Andrew Mueller

Date Submitted: 04/28/2025 05:30 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Andrew Mueller, and I am here to address the privatization of RAP funded childcare centers around the city. I am joined in the line waiting in front of City Hall to give public comment on April 28 and will submit this statement so it can remain on the public record. My daughter has thrived under the care of the staff at Downey childcare center in Lincoln heights, one of the centers expected to be impacted by this. In 2021 the city allocated \$20 million of federal relief funding to update and reopen 10 childcare centers in communities with demonstrable need for such services. With the mayors new budget proposal cutting funding to the centers the parents are left scrabbling for information. We have had no direct communication about when the grant funds will expire and thus are left without a secure placement for our children in the coming year. Though many of us are understandably concerned about RAP relinquishing control to private entities one of our main concerns is lack of clarity on how and when this transition will take place. Securing childcare is normally a lengthy process and these communities should not be additionally burdened with this considering RAP has demonstrated that civically run childcare is possible. Thank you to those who have advocated and continue to believe in this service. I would like to once again state how impressed I have been with all of the staff at Downey Childcare Center led by Allison Tillman. If families have affordable quality early child care resources available to them the parents are better able to contribute to the community and the children can grow into more well rounded and capable people. This benefits everyone.



Communication from Public

Name: Luis Lopez

Date Submitted: 04/29/2025 10:37 AM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We should not cut funds for the GRYD program—this initiative plays a vital role in helping at-risk youth find positive paths forward, stay out of gangs, and build better futures. Investing in prevention and support today means safer communities and stronger lives tomorrow.

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Name: Lily C
Date Submitted: 05/03/2025 08:58 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: LA City Unions Fight Back.docx 1 / 11 Los Angeles City leadership announced that the City is facing a \$1 billion budget deficit. Their proposed budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 balances the budget by cutting vital city services and laying off more than 1,600 City employees. City employees provide vital services, and 1,647 layoffs will take a grave toll on the Los Angeles community. Young kids and teenagers that rely on after-school programs offered by the department of recreation and parks, Angelenos that rely on MyLA311 for information, and senior citizens that depend on city transportation and meal services will be severely affected. Other city services such as sanitation collection, emergency response services, water quality control, and much more will be affected as well. Laying off City employees cannot be the solution to the budget deficit. City leadership must find other ways to balance the budget. There are other options that City leadership has yet to explore that could be viable revenue options. AFSCME District Council 36 is dedicated to protecting our members who work for the City of Los Angeles and the critical services they provide. City leadership has put our members in similar situations before, and we cannot allow them to continue to make our members the casualties of their budget shortfalls. They deserve respect and recognition for the work that they do. We must come together to push back against the City's decision to lay off employees. Take action and help us fight back! Click on the tabs below. Sign a membership card & join PEOPLE
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something's not right. Because we have a Union we are able to push back against layoffs. 3 / 11 Public Comment for Budget & Finance Committee To submit written public comment to the Budget & Finance Committee, visit Public Comment Form, fill out the form (make sure 25-0600 is listed as the Council File Number), then copy and paste the below statement into the comments field. Make sure to enter your name and local number into the blank spots in the statement. Dear Honorable Committee Members: Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments regarding the proposed budget for FY 2025-2026. My name is Lily and I am a City employee and member of AFSCME Local 3090. I am truly disheartened by the proposed budget for FY 2025-2026 which includes 1,647 layoffs. I am a proud public servant who serves my community selflessly and my job deserves to be protected not discarded. My co-workers and I are the backbone of the City. We pick up the trash, we keep the water clean, we take care of animals without a home, we assist sworn LAPD officers, we assist residents when they call, and so much more. To put it simply, we keep the City of Los Angeles clean, safe, and operating. These proposed layoffs will hurt your constituents. Response times for 311 requests will be significantly delayed. Emergency response times will also be delayed. Major events throughout the City such as concerts, the Olympics, and sporting events will not be properly handled. In a fiscal crisis, we cannot sacrifice the infrastructure and services that keep our City operating. And we absolutely cannot sacrifice the hard-working City employees that keep our infrastructure strong, keep our City services functioning, and keep our City beautiful. I strongly oppose the proposed layoffs and implore City leadership to protect City workers and find other options for balancing the budget

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Garfel

Date Submitted: 04/30/2025 01:21 PM

Council File No: 25-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I, Robert Garfel of Champions in Service am a intervention worker for the past 34 years, during that time there has been a drastic decline of gang violence through the work of our intervention team, we feel our community are safe. We provide a multitude of rap round service to our clients and their families insuring the client is not involved in gang violence while on spare time. We work in many of the schools around the San Fernando Valley providing peace efforts during school hours and after school. We have staff posted at 3 Assurance Learning Academy to provide services to at-risk youth and maintain a non-violence location. Through our peace efforts we have provided over 285 games for peace with rival gangs with no incidents. Our message is to save lives and provide every effort to deter gang violence in our GRYD and beyond our responsible areas. We believe without the funding for Champions in Service there will be a break down of peace established here in the San Fernando Valley through for the past 40 years. If you believe in the safety of communities, don't cut GRYD founding. We believe our work here at Champions in Service has been ordained by God for His purpose to provide love and peace to His people. Respectfully Robert Garfel, Violence Intervention Specialist

Communication from Public

Name: Liliana Sanchez

Date Submitted: 05/03/2025 09:15 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Honorable L.A.City Council, These are difficult times and the city budget cuts will be a difficult decision to you all. I propose that as a service to the community that city councilmembers voluntarily take a one time salary cut of \$100,000 each. That would total to 1,500,000 that could be allocated to the greater good. AI says: The annual salary for a Los Angeles City Councilmember is \$244,727.00, effective July 1, 2024. This is the highest salary in the nation for City Council members, due to a decision to align their pay with municipal judges' salaries. Additionally, Councilmembers receive a car, and meal and travel expenses are covered. It's time for all of us pitch in to help our neighbors during these very difficult times and I am hopeful our city council will consider this suggestion. In gratitude fir your service. Liliana Sanchez

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/03/2025 09:27 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear city council, its cohorts and the clerk, As a long time resident of LA there were alarming proposals to the measures and bills in the recent budget. I strongly oppose the overturning of SB1137 which ensures two things: first is the right to live safe distance from sources of toxic emissions and second is that historically marginalized communities will be protected from another case of injustices as they are the most affected by the lack of protection built into environmental structuring of the city. I support the bill that will provide resources to those convicted of felonies during their trial. They deserve translation, If either of you are available tomorrow at 10AM, there will be city council meeting on a number of measures including overturning SB 1137 which regulates oil/fracking to make sure its a certain distance from neighborhoods, supporting a bill to provide resources to anyone convicted of felonies in their trial (translation, medical examination, legal services, and expand scope of services for immigrants). Fair trial means language justice and giving the convicted person the bare minimum resources to represent themself. Lastly, I oppose creating a bill for allowing the police to arrest shoplifters without a warrant. Thank you.

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Comments for Public Posting: The proposed budget is a failure and must be significantly amended. It reduces funding for vital services for LA residents, which will end up costing us more in the long-term. We must reduce LAPD funding, which continues to make up the largest portion of our budget, despite the clear evidence that more policing does not make us safer. The police also cost taxpayers millions of dollars from lawsuits due to excessive force and violence. The budget must be amended!!

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah E Starr

Date Submitted: 05/03/2025 10:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: LA City Budget, We seem to be running out of money. We could do a better job saving it. I think it is because we give too much money to some departments and their budgets become bloated, and therefore, overwhelmed with complacency, which leads to abuse. We have too much money accumulating at the top and not enough for the people doing the actual work. Law suits: I suggest making the LAPD pay for the law suits against them out of their own budget, not out of the general fund. Then won't we see them clean up their act fast enough. Pensions: Too, make it illegal to take their Police and Fire pensions and then move out of state, or make them pay their California taxes on our money even if they do move away. It's absurd that we don't have our own Health Department that works with our police. The disconnect between the city and County is too great. The police have only guns. The fire department has only hoses. They should not be the people on the front lines of dealing with all the mental health and drug issues, that are costing us dearly. We need teams that work in tandem. We need the fire department to put out fires. We should have a different Rescue Squad, ambulance service, to help people in need. That will be much cheaper in the long run. Developers: Don't give our proposition money to developers to build \$600,000 single units. That money was for the homeless and housing on city and LAUSD extra land, should have been easy to do with prefab and preprinted housing. Now we still have an equal number of people living on the streets. Building more business class housing will not solve this problem. And shouldn't we the taxpayers own these buildings built with our money? Do not under fund the animal shelters. They need more money.