

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Noelle Stehman  
**Date Submitted:** 06/07/2020 04:47 PM  
**Council File No:** 00-9999  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, I am trying to make a post for the Budget and Finance Council Meeting tomorrow, June 8th. Is there a particular Council File # we need to use? Thank you, Noelle Stehman  
noelle.stehman@gmail.com

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bianca Barnett  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 09:17 AM  
**Council File No:** 00-9999  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Any officer that has complaints against them for police brutality or false arrests in the black community should be fired before they actually kill someone

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Noelle Marie

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 09:49 AM

**Council File No:** 00-9999

**Comments for Public Posting:** Stop the militarization of the police. Stop the use of force on people of color and the homeless (because they get bullied by police every single day in Los Angeles) and it must stop now.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Katy McIlvaine  
**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 10:41 AM  
**Council File No:** 00-9999

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello Los Angeles City Council! I am writing today in response to the statement from the City Council members of Minneapolis. Of course you know the protests across the country are calling for similar changes and I am excited to see the local leaders here in Los Angeles join their Minneapolis counterparts in the wonderful reimagining of our city. I know it will be a big job, but it is well past the time, and when your district voted for each of you, they put their faith in you to represent us all here in LA - so we believe you can do it! I just wanted to let know that when you decide to announce that Los Angeles will also disband our city's police force you will have my full support. Thank you, Katy

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christine

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 11:25 AM

**Council File No:** 00-9999

**Comments for Public Posting:** For the last two weeks I watch a series of 8-10 police cars drive in a row in a circle around chinatown/echo park area. They go down college street, turn onto broadway and keep their sirens blazing as they drive up and around the empty streets, or past the 1-2 senior citizens who mainly reside in this area, on the same path, every day. This goes on ALL DAY AND ALL NIGHT and they start EARLY. We are more than a mile from any protest, in an area where all businesses are closed, and is majority senior citizen community who have taken the stay at home order very seriously. This showy act seems like a massive waste of time. I have to plug my ears at 8:00am while I simply walk the dog after a sleepless night of police sirens constantly going off for NO REASON AT ALL. The police presence in this area has been nothing but a nuisance to a peaceful quiet community. Also the police helicopters don't need to hover over the same area between midnight and 5am, for again, what seems like no reason at all.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tiffany Osborn

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 12:59 PM

**Council File No:** 00-9999

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to completely re-imagine policing. Public safety measures will still be in place- for example a rape and domestic violence task force. Drug rehabilitation program should be fully funded and available. Business loans work better than drug enforcement. Give people an opportunity and education- the tools to get out of poverty which can turn to "crime" when there are little alternatives. No more cops on the streets. No more bullying. The time for reform has come and gone. This change needs to be radically different.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Benjamin W.

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 02:50 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** In light of recent events, I think it's extremely disrespectful to delay the discussion of LAPD budget reallocation to next week. You are openly telling the people that Black lives are not a priority. You are telling all the people that are tuning in to voice our concerns over that topic that we have to wait an entire week to be heard. We will be here every single week to demand that at the very least, our voices are heard about this matter. Protecting the marginalized people of this community whose lives are in danger every single day that the LAPD keeps its current systems and budgets in place should be of UTMOST PRIORITY. This issue is as important as the pandemic or any other meeting topic. WE are the people who make this community what it is, and we demand that our voices are not just heard but that concrete action is put in place to stop LAPD violence and ensure the safety of our community. And we'll be here every single week until we see action put into place.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Heidi

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 03:54 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** It is time we recognize that the problems in under-served communities is one that has been created through historic and ongoing under-funding and redlining. Organized crime is built as a response to police terror and a lack of resources. If we had mental health counselors, trauma-informed care, after school programs, food justice, and guaranteed housing and medical care, we wouldn't see any of the problems that the police supposedly solve. It is time that we abandon the idea that people need to be arrested and locked up so that we don't have to deal with dangerous people. We must look at the ills of our city and address them in restorative, humane ways. We don't need the police. They create problems. They don't solve it. In the week of protests, I noticed that every time the police showed up in riot gear, they incited violence, throwing teargas at people during a respiratory-affected pandemic. The recent protests have been peaceful as a response to less policing. As a woman of color and survivor, I know that we are a community with a severe lack of resources and paths to justice. We don't trust the police to solve rapes. We need more free and confidential survivor support systems. We don't need police, 40% of whom are domestic abusers, to come to us when we need help. How are we supposed to find justice when cops who have never been trained in survivor-centered care can have the power to dismiss and discredit survivors? How are we supposed to find justice when the state views justice as locking up another person of color? Survivors don't want rapists in jail. We want the rapists wearing a badge to be defunded. We need systems of justice and support that centers our needs. It is absolutely insane that killer cops can walk around with masks branded with "police" that were created with our tax dollars while nurses have to petition and strike to get basic PPE. A better world is possible.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Caitlin Krenz

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 10:47 AM

**Council File No:** 00-9999

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, my name is Caitlin Krenz and I'm a resident in Highland Park, Los Angeles, I am writing because I didn't get the opportunity speak during the Board of Supervisors meeting the morning of 6/9/2020 to address items 2, 2-D, and 4. I want to express my support for item 2-D and echo the sentiments of those who have urged you to include explicit terminology that ensures that the people who need affordable housing most will be the beneficiaries of this agreement. With regard to number 4, I want to urge you to listen to constituents who have explained why reform is not enough. 8 can't wait seems like a step in the right direction, but the truth is that police reform is not enough. We need to abolish the police and invest in community systems that work for the people. Villanueva shared a tweet yesterday that asserts that LAPD "has been at the forefront of use of force training" outlines how the LAPD already checks off all 8 items on the #8cantwait list. I would like to see the Board take a stronger stance so that we can move forward in abolishing the police and reimagining the system. On item 2, I am in support of the motion to sustain the reduced daily jail population. I am eager to see this motion pass, and to see its vision explicitly focused on the work and leadership of impacted communities and public health workers. The pandemic has highlighted the public health threat that jails pose to those inside, and we want care not cages. I urge you to explicitly articulate in Directive One that implementation will center the voices and leadership of directly impacted people within the Reentry Health Advisory Collaborative, not just law enforcement and system-actors; nor just the Director of ATI Implementation, once hired - we need to listen to the \*experts.\* The motion should prioritize and build the capacity of public healthcare workers, who routinely point to lack of resources and interruptions in care as rendering truly therapeutic treatment impossible. I also want to assert that the motion should articulate clear and measurable directives to end the crisis of warehousing Black people with mental health conditions in the County jails. I celebrate the reduction of the daily jail population and support this motion's efforts to impose a lasting cap on that number. However, it must be acknowledged that the reduction in daily jail population has not equated a shift to public health-centered approaches, particularly for the Black community. Even after reducing the

daily jail population by 5,000 people, LA County jail remains the largest “mental health facility” in the world. While Black people comprise 8% of the County population, they make up 30% of those in County jails, and 41% of the jail mental health population. Yet Black people are less likely to receive psychiatric care than white people with mental health conditions of similar severity. In designing strategies to address the arrest and incarceration of Black people with mental health needs, the County should include explicit mandates to end this crisis. Thank you for your consideration.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Frances Pasamba

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 11:24 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** On behalf of Christopher Mitchell and his family, and the community of Torrance, CA, we would like to know the names of the officers who murdered Christopher Mitchell on December 9, 2018. We want these officers fired and prosecuted. Mayor Furey and the city council have refused to give any information and refused to set up an independent commission to review this case and police misconduct in the City of Torrance. We demand justice for Christopher Mitchell! Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Siddharth Mehrotra

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 01:53 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** To Whom It May Concern: Whereas, the invocation of police authority for trifling matters has occasioned the deaths of innocent citizens; Whereas, the deaths so occasioned have been disproportionately those of Americans of color, without adequate justification; Whereas, the militaristic manner lately assumed by the police departments of the United States, is antithetical to both theory and practice of representative democracy; We, the undersigned, in the interests of justice, peace, and civil rights, toward the establishment of a just and equitable society, and in the name of the rule of law, do hereby request the police department of your city, to be summoned, employed, permitted to take command, etc., when and only when a violent crime has been committed: not suspected, not feared, not anticipated, not expected, not believed to be intended, but committed. Sincerely yours, Siddharth Mehrotra.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Megan McEwen

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 05:56 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to see some action on the city's part to help the people know they are being heard. This is an historic time, and it requires an historic rethinking of who we are as a society, and how we exist. Steps we need the City Council to take: 1. Support black-owned businesses to occupy at least a demographically representative percentage of business in LA. 2. Large businesses must employ diversity-based hiring initiatives, publish their companies' demos, and publish a pay scale to ensure equity. 3. Desegregate schools 4. Require implicit bias training for all educators/counselors/administrators 5. Revamp education to teach students a full history of everyone in the US, LA (bring in consultants to help decolonize the curriculum) 6. Dissolve the LAPD, and replace it with an eye toward separating social service work from security work. Those who work on the new force must live in the community which they serve. 7. Promote progressive tax plan, with eye toward reparations 8. Provide support for black home buyers, to provide reparations for red lining. 9. Diversify the Chamber of Commerce to include more women and POC.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mary Beth Peterson

**Date Submitted:** 06/08/2020 06:09 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We are long overdue with investing in the black community in impactful \$\$'s in Education (better and more schools), mental health and child support. I think the Police Dept would be happy to not have to deal with marriage counseling, mental health and homelessness. There's a huge opportunity to look at the entire PD culture and structure differently. LA should be the example for the US!!!! Get rid of poor performers immediately.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sandy Rodriguez

**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 03:10 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a 2019 City of Los Angeles COLA recipient I am asking that City council eliminate exhibit H and fund the Department of Cultural of Affairs. Art is essential to the health of our communities and critical to healing. We need the 21 art centers, galleries, theaters and historic sites across the city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Julie  
**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 06:46 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Support your officers!! Enough is enough. Protect the majority of the city's residents or resign. The majority elected you. Remember that.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amber  
**Date Submitted:** 06/09/2020 10:23 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Define the police. Our taxpayer money should be supporting education, health and public works projects, not brutality.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Thomas Kolsrud  
**Date Submitted:** 06/10/2020 11:32 AM  
**Council File No:** 00-9999  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please follow Minneapolis's example and reexamine how we protect and support our communities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/12/2020 08:15 AM

**Council File No:** 00-9999

**Comments for Public Posting:** Good morning, How are small landlords ( I own a duplex) when tenants don't pay rent? My tenant has not paid rent for the last 3 months. How am I supposed to pay my bills? My insurance? How can the small landlords survive? I need your help. Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/12/2020 10:21 AM

**Council File No:** 00-9999

**Comments for Public Posting:** We are very adverse to having our small community between Topanga and Mulholland Dr, off of San Feliciano, torn up to allow 19 homes and 3 streets to be built. We have enough congestion as it is on San Feliciano, and adding this many homes to the area is going to stress the small street, and add to the crowded area we have lived in for 48 years. We love the oak trees, and find it appalling that they would be torn down, as well as the natural homes to the animals that live in that area. We don't have enough protection from the police here already, and it would stress our already stressed fire department and water resources. We don't need another Warner Center! Please do not allow this development to take place. We are already dense enough. Thank you