

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I live in Boyle Heights and glad that Huizar is gone. In 2016 we had several LAPD Hollenbeck station police killings of our young men and Huizar never even made a comment. I look forward to a different approach from our new Council person Kevin de Leon; to speak out and inquire why the LAPD continue to kill our young men. Two of the young men killed in 2016 were teenagers, one officer Eden Median killed two in two weeks in 2016 and he is still in LAPD.

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Name: Veronica Melvin
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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I stayed on the line for the Budget Committee meeting, but as you know, the meeting experienced technical difficulty and has not resumed after 45 minutes. Therefore, I am writing my comments out verses stating them as a public speaker. My name is Veronica Melvin and I am the President of LA Promise Fund and on the Steering Committee of the South Los Angeles Promise Zone (SLATE-Z). I write on behalf of SLATE-Z and the LA Promise Fund to encourage the Budget Committee and the full council to dedicate as much funding as possible of the LAPD Reinvestment Funds to the South Los Angeles communities that are defined as City Council Districts 9, 8 and 15. 40% of an already reduced \$150 million, as \$40 million will now go to other purposes for which they were not initially intended, is simply not enough. We encourage the Council Members to dedicate a larger percentage of the funding to these districts as it has been the intent of the Reinvestment funds to benefit the communities that have been most negatively impacted by generations of systemic racism and the regions of LA with the highest populations of African American residents. South LA is home to 35% of the City's Black population, compared to 9% regionwide, and is 60% Hispanic compared to 48% across the city. The population of South LA experiences extreme poverty with 50% of the population below the federal poverty line, and 2/3 of the population experience financial hardship due to the cost of living. Further, South LA continues to experience the highest levels of crime, violent crime and youth arrests. Further, South LA schools and students have among the lowest outcomes across nearly every academic indicator. Additional resources are needed to ensure that South LA is transformed into a healthy, vibrant and thriving community for every resident, school and business!