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Comments for Public Posting: This is a comment for Item 23, 29, 30, and 31 on the Agenda for 7/1/20. I am relatively new to city politics but, like many people, I will never not pay attention again. I am confused why the LAPD is the recipient of so many donations and why you, the council, are so concerned about their budgets & funding when they are clearly able to gather funds from other -- often unclear -- sources. This is why we need to go after the funding we CAN control and divert it to other resources. The police have means of retaining their power & influence, whilst other and arguably more important city departments seem to be flailing. I understand other departments do work that is often supported by a network of nonprofits. But this work SHOULD be the job of publicly accountable and ran organizations, subject to the will of the voters/people. Can and do the Departments of Housing, Community Development, Aging, Workforce Development, etc receive as many, if any, donations as the LAPD? When I Google "LAPD Donations" the first thing that comes up is a link to donation to the LA Police Foundation. When I Google donating to any other department, it's unclear if it is even possible. Why is the LAPD even allowed to solicit donations in the first place, when the possibility of corruption is so apparent? When they are the ones tasked with supposedly (as if) objectively upholding the law? Why do we allow this with so little transparency?