

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident and homeowner in Los Angeles and I am urging you to bring the People's Budget back to the table. If a bloated police force could solve all the issues in the city, it would have happened by now. It is beyond clear that we need a different approach and that starts with funding all the departments and initiatives that have been stretched too thin. If all you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail. The LAPD is the hammer, and the people of LA are the nail - particularly the most vulnerable among us. What would actually bring crime down up is funding stable housing, secure food access, healthcare, childcare, rent/mortgage moratoriums, and mental health services. We don't need a bigger hammer, we need a bigger heart. I am urging you to follow the CAO's recommendation and lay off 951 officers starting with the ones who have done the most harm in our communities with the highest salaries - the ones who have assaulted people, raped people in their custody, participated in corruption and cover up, are part of gangs and take part in violent initiations, and those who have killed unarmed Black and brown people - including many children - for absolutely no reason. If there are so many "good cops" as many claim that there are, certainly there must be at least 950 "bad cops". Reducing the layoffs by 2/3 keeps those violent actors in our communities causing more harm and perpetuating the cycle. Follow the CAO's recommendation which is in the best interest of the people of Los Angeles who you serve.