

Communication from Public

Name: Guillermo

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Comments for Public Posting: I am deeply troubled by the desire to introduce more guns to our communities. Especially guns in the hands of people with a history of abusing the use of force. And even more so when the people in power have conspired to shield them from consequences after they abuse their power and needlessly hurt people. All that arming rangers will accomplish is more violence, more death, more distrust, more resentment, and more lawsuits against the city. Arming rangers is unethical, immoral, unnecessary, and wildly irresponsible. Lethal weapons lead only to more lethal encounters, never more safety. We should not be arming rangers, we should be gradually disarming cops and minimizing the probability that any citizen will have an interaction with someone that has a weapon. Guns will not solve poverty, guns will not solve homelessness, guns will not solve an inadequate social safety net, guns will not solve hunger, guns will not solve mental illness. The end result of arming rangers is simply that whenever someone disobeys a ranger on a power-trip, that person will die. This is a travesty and everyone supporting it should be deeply ashamed of themselves.

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose arming LA City Park Rangers because we do not need guns in city parks.

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Comments for Public Posting: Well, it has become abundantly clear that you don't serve us. Us being the people of Los Angeles and you being the assholes, you know who you are. How could you not? Arming park rangers? Maybe we should all start bringing our guns to the park! We could have some classic hollywood style western shoot outs! How fun! Look, actually while we're at it, maybe we should just settle this in a dual, me and Eric, 10 paces, six shooters, winner makes the laws. Fuck you all for thinking you're above the locals, above the homeless, fuck, I hope you become homeless! Then maybe you'd be able to empathize one bit! Hell, maybe you need to be shot by a park ranger to understand?!?! Is that why you're passing this shit??? To learn yourselves a lesson? Because I'll tell you, if the people of LA don't cannibalize you first, karma will find its way round and knock you on your ass. Be ready, you wont be. Or you could simply do what's right right now!! For fucks sake!!!!

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Name: Erin
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Name: Kath Rogers

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Comments for Public Posting: Vote no on this frightening proposal to arm park rangers. Park rangers have repeatedly used excessive force in Echo Park and elsewhere in the City. Two recent incidents involving park rangers tackling unhoused community members in Echo Park demonstrate this disturbing trend. The individuals who were tackled were not engaged in criminal conduct; they were simply existing in a public park or putting up flyers with scotch tape. The City Attorney subsequently declined to file any charges against the arrested individuals. The footage of these incidents speaks for itself. - Footage of incident in February 2020 linked here: <https://mobile.twitter.com/StreetWatchLA/status/1232799640283598853> - Footage of incident in June 2021 linked here: <https://twitter.com/streetwatchla/status/1403851838865121286?lang=en> It is frightening to imagine what might have occurred if these rangers had access to firearms...

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Name: Justin

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, I am writing to urge you not to pass this measure which would arm park rangers in Los Angeles. I have lived in Los Angeles since 2004. The fact that I need to write this to you is highly alarming. Certain members of this City Council have become essentially unhinged, in the same we can all agree, or should all agree, that our former president, Donald J. Trump became unhinged. Gil Cedillo, as the Council Member seconding this motion, what were you thinking in pushing this motion forward? Have you become unhinged and lost your mind? When we consider the behavior of authoritarian states to simultaneously bolster their influence over the public while augmenting their capabilities of violence, we generally connotate this behavior with the term "fascism." We would think that after working so hard to ensure Donald Trump would not get reelected, followed by witnessing the absurdity of January 6, we would perhaps learn to deescalate extremist thinking, but for this Los Angeles City Council, or at least members Buscaino and Lee, this is not the case. The goal, rather, seems to be that of amplifying the threat of violence and violence itself, the target population overall being the people of the City of Los Angeles. Moreover, the threat of violence not only applies to those who go to city parks but additionally is levied against park rangers who become at-risk of being liable for accidental shootings and murders which will inevitably occur. In arming park rangers, City Council Members would make our public parks more dangerous for children and the public at large. I am reminded of Donald J. Trump's proposal to arm teachers to prevent random shootings at school. If I were a parent, I would not take my child to a park where city employees are carrying guns. As a long-term resident of Los Angeles, I am terrified of the idea of park rangers carrying weapons in public; the public loses its right to feel or be safe in public space. Public spaces cease to be public. Moreover, in the same way we can look at fascist state-behavior led by Jair Bolsanaro in Brazil, or Recep Erdo?an in Turkey, we would locate a state-terror or fascist impulse within this Los Angeles City Council. In the same way that progressives and moderates banded together against the possibility of Donald Trump being reelected in 2020, progressives and less-than-moderates need to band together to start targeting and legally campaigning elected City Council Members out of

office. It would seem we first need to remove former police officers Joe Buscaino and John Lee from power and ensure they are never elected again. Then we need to look at the present implementation of 41.18, and start to ask how we may campaign and remove other members of City Council from power. I equate your present existence to a state-terror organization and your behavior terrorizes not only those who are the most unfortunate and vulnerable in Los Angeles, but also us regular working people who pay our rent, who need to pause from or exceed our work routines and write you in hopes of facilitating a better understanding of Los Angeles for your behalf. This entire debacle is extremely disturbing. Stop being utterly horrific.