

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jamie Connolly  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 09:20 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-0600-S39

**Comments for Public Posting:** The budget as proposed is an aberration of all that is normal and decent. Stop spending money on police to try to address the social ills in this city. We need housing, education, homeless support and outreach at a bare minimum. If a fraction of what was spent on the police went into adult education programs in our city libraries, we would have a stronger, more educated population. Who in turn would have better opportunities and equality. Greater access equals greater shared wealth and a side effect of this would even be higher earning potential and therefore higher taxes. You would be investing in community and in yourselves. Giving over 50% of the budget to the police is like watching a house burn and pouring gasoline on the rest of the neighborhood. Eventually the fire will go out, but there will be nothing left but ash.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ana Iwataki

**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 08:59 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am horrified and enraged to see the Mayor's misplaced priorities translated into such a dehumanizing, unconscionable budget. How he can justify spending more than half the city's budget on the most violent of public institutions, the police force, during a global health crisis is beyond comprehension. We are in the midst of a health pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed — and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of this city is renters — and if folx are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, there were around 60k unhoused folx; after evictions and economic insecurity due to COVID-19 and its fall out, we can expect thousands more. In this context, the Mayor is proposing an increase to LAPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. LAPD has seen a rise in overtime which, more often than not, is paid out to officers harassing unhoused folx, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. You need to adopt a People's Budget that centers people's lives, livelihoods, health, and well-being, not cops. Be on the right side of history. Show you have your city's best interests in mind.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jamillah James  
**Date Submitted:** 06/01/2020 09:03 AM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Not a single extra penny should be spent on the LAPD until they commit to antiracist training, stop using military grade equipment, and deescalate their campaign against unarmed black and POC citizens. White supremacists within the ranks need to be purged, and a pro-citizen/pro-community approach must be adopted. Angelenos do not want to live in a police state. Enough is enough.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kim ye

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a 12+ year resident of Cory if LA, I urge the city council to ADOPT THE PEOPLES BUDGET now. It is unacceptable that over 50% of our budget and tax dollars go to those who oppress and MURDER our black and brown brothers and sisters. Time is up and we demand to find a better way to help our city thrive. There will be no peace until there is justice and meaningful change. Adopt the People's Budget NOW.