

Communication from Public

Name: Brittany Cliffe

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 08:17 AM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge the council to #defundthepolice and instead support the Peoples Budget. I am a teacher in the Pico-Union neighborhood of LA. Many of my students live at or near the poverty line. Most of my students rely on school for breakfast and lunch. During this time of school closure, I volunteer at school to pack food bags for parents and students to pick up, because otherwise they would go hungry. When I saw the mayor's budget with 54% of the budget going towards law enforcement, I was mad. How can we put billions of dollars towards a militarized police force when we are struggling to make sure every child in LA has food? How can we spend our money on legal defense of killer cops, when we have students in LA who don't have wifi to complete their homework? How can we spend money to pay the salaries of cops who profile black and brown residents in LA, when my small school alone is facing over a million dollars in budget cuts this fall? We need to fix those priorities fast. The police do not feed our children, provide wifi and homework help, or support our schools. The mayors budget allocates 50% of the city budget to the police - those BILLIONS of dollars must be reallocate to the social services in our community. Adopt the Peoples Budget.

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Name: JC CALSO

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 08:06 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. In the midst of a pandemic and simultaneous drop in crime, the police department should not receive more money than public health or community resources. The majority of taxpayers, like myself, are in favor of defunding the police.

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Name: Amanda McParlane

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 08:08 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: A lifetime resident of Los Angeles, I do not support the Mayor's Proposed 2020-21 Budget. This budget — even with cuts and proposed reapportionments — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD. The LAPD cannot solve the social issues plaguing the City of Los Angeles, and as we have witnessed, the LAPD incites violence and fear within our communities, even attacking peaceful gatherings of protesters. I reject the Mayor's Proposed 2020-21 Budget, and support consideration of the People's Budget LA. I want to see funding go to vital human-services that truly serve ALL Angelenos, and lift up our most at-risk communities.

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Name: Katie Foster

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to urge the council and mayor to adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes essential services like housing, education, mental health, and care work. Law enforcement in this city is grotesquely expensive and dangerous and should not be getting the majority of our budget and resources. Defund the LAPD now and move funding towards making Los Angeles healthier, safer, and more equitable for all of its citizens. We want care, not cops. This is vital and urgent, and the people of this city have strongly and clearly come together in this moment to show that the majority shares these sentiments. Thank you.

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Name: Michael Hansen
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:49 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: I live in council district 14 and I would like to voice my support for the current movement to defund the LAPD and adopt a People's Budget. This is the time to make drastic changes and to stand up for our Black neighbors, friends, and family who are being victimized by our current system. This is the time to take a stand. Thank you for listening!

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Name: Betty Situ

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 06:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police, disband police unions, empower community alternatives to policing. Stop the militarization of police. Divest funding into specialists who are better equipped to handle situations such as those involving mental illness. Ban the use of "tear gas" (more accurately, pain gas) and rubber bullets - these have already resulted in countless blinding eye injuries, testicular rupture when a rubber bullet was aimed at a peaceful mediator's groin, and brain injury. Do better, please.

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Name: Logan

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 05:57 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I believe it is imperative that the city council defund the police. The systemic issues within the police department are too ingrained to be changed with reform. It is time to rethink how we approach law enforcement and how to appropriate funds to the benefit of underserved communities. We look to the city council for strong leadership. Please consider defunding police as a positive investment in the city's future. Thank you!

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Name: Hannah Louise Harding

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 07:24 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a concerned citizen of Los Angeles, I am outraged at the blatant apathy that city council has displayed towards the pressing issues that our community has been raising quite vocally, for weeks now. We elected you to represent the interests of the people; will you stay silent in disregard of our needs now, simply out of cowardice and complacency? LA is the City of Dreams; can we not lead our country in fulfilling the dream of MLK Jr., by finally disbanding the violent group of thugs we've allowed to terrorize our citizens for far too long? We've been protesting, rioting, rebelling, and using our Constitutional right to freedom of speech and fair representation to demand, time and time again for decades, a change to this defunct, racist, classist system. No more. Defund LAPD. If you're too incompetent to figure out a budget that will actually serve the community, we have already developed one for you. Adopt the People's Budget LA. <https://peoplesbudgetla.com/>

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 10:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund and abolish the police! Our communities deserve resources not cops.

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Name: Heather Ross

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 09:47 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm a mother and citizen of LA 90065 and I write to urge you to defund the LAPD and reallocate many of those resources to community and mental health resources. We can have a safer LA for everyone by reallocated resources more specifically. Thank you. Best, Heather

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Name: Kathrine Vogel
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 10:24 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Los Angeles police and reallocate those funds to community projects, homeless projects, community programs and outreach.

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Name: Katie M
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 09:11 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the LAPD

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Name: Jacob Winter
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 09:19 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police.

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Name: Brenan Dwyer

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 09:22 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support The People's Budget and other initiatives to defund the LAPD. We have seen that reforms do not work. We have seen that the violent, illegal and inhumane actions of police officers are not prosecuted by the D.A. The way to protect and serve the people of Los Angeles is to invest our money and human resources into education, food safety initiatives, transit and transportation solutions, health care access and affordability, mental health counseling and resources, business development and financial solvency for communities that have been denied communal and personal wealth for generations, and support for community groups already doing these things. We are a large and wealthy city. If we put our money towards these values, we do our part to dismantle white supremacy, a supremacy that is also patriarchal, and classist. A small reallocation of LAPD funds is not enough. We need large change. And if it doesn't happen with a snap of the fingers, there can be a plan adopted to ensure the movement of our city towards a future that actually protects and serves. Does the government of this city only support its employees? or does it also support its people? Please. I beg you. I am white. I hold many privileges. Moving away from a system I have always known will be hard. But we can do hard things. Please do the right thing to adopt The People's Budget and commit to defunding the LAPD. Black Lives Matter.

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Name: Alyce

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 09:22 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to DEFUND THE POLICE and keep our citizens and neighborhoods safe! Please reinvest in social services. Not every problem needs to be met with brute force. Not every problem can be fixed by the police. Often they are the wrong resource. We need social services, we need public health, we need housing, we need mental health services. Take care of your people. Serve and protect the PEOPLE not the police.

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Name: Askual
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 09:23 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: #DEFUNDTHEPOLICE

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Name: Rosalie E
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 12:26 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: The police need to be defunded. There is no reason why our police should have weapons of war. They are actively hurting our citizens beyond reform. This is completely unacceptable. Put more of the budget towards education, mental health resources, creating jobs, public art, after-school activities, and all things that actually help citizens and decrease crime

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Name: Kerri-Ann Doherty Bush

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 12:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please divert more than \$150M of the \$1.8B budget from the police department and into the community. We need more funds for mental health resources, education and housing.

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Name: Elizabeth
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 01:59 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and adopt a People's Budget!

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Name: Nicole Blue

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 02:21 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The funds allocated towards the LAPD is heinous and inexcusable. If this city put the funds used to terrorize low income and minority communities into important things that actually mattered like education, social services, and healthcare, we would not be in this mess. DEFUND THE POLICE.

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Name: Strack Azar

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 11:25 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I demand Mayor Garcetti heed the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Unlike the mayor's budget, which — even with cuts and proposed reapportionments — allots more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. The mayor needs to consider how unforgivable the discrepancy is between his proposal and the will of the citizens he purportedly serves. The city of Los Angeles must act immediately to drastically defund the LAPD and reinvest said funds in universal needs (such as housing, healthcare, education, childcare, etc.), pandemic recovery, built environment, and re-imagined public safety (not policing). The city must engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder, the most affected by the pandemic — to create a budget that actually serves all Angelenos. To do anything less is a complete and utter moral, social, and political failure, and will actively result in the harm and death of many more of our citizens.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Set an example for the rest of the country.

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Name: Thomas Greenough
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 03:38 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE LAPD

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Name: Veronica Holcomb

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 03:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a citizen of Los Angeles, I am contacting you to urge you to alter the city's proposed budget in favor of services over policing. COVID-19 has shown us the true needs of the city -- needs that benefit small business, homeless, and lower income citizens who rely on public transportation. COVID-19 has also shown that we need more spending on our hospitals. We do not need more of our budget to be spent on police. #DefundThePolice Thank you for your time, Veronica Holcomb

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Name: Colleen Evanson

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 03:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to voice my support for defunding the police. I know that the Mayor recently announced cuts to the police budget -- but, as the budget had already proposed an increased allocation for the police in the upcoming fiscal year, this cut is really only symbolic and does not go far enough. I urge the Council to take up the People's Budget and defund the police in order to allocate money to community building programs, mental health, housing, and other areas that truly do not require police involvement. We are currently asking too much of our police and keep throwing money at the problem but nothing changes. Let's put the money elsewhere. If there were ever a time for real, substantial change, this is it. Thank you for your time and service.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: I have been a proud Angeleno, by choice, for 34 years. But I am ashamed at what I have seen out of the LAPD during these times of demonstrations, legal, mostly peaceful, guaranteed by the first amendment of the Constitution. There is no excuse for the behavior of the police here. Something has to be changed, radically. Not just moving a small percentage of the budget, but remaking the police force entirely. Please look at what other countries do. My wife and I watch you speak clearly every night, and we are moved by your words. But the actions on the streets do not match those words. Please do what we elected you to do. Please give Los Angeles police department to be proud of, not ashamed of. Do the right thing.