

Communication from Public

Name: Ross M.

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 05:28 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We need a budget that reflects our needs as a community. \$150 million out of a total police budget of \$3.1 billion is a drop in the bucket. We are not interested in your thoughts and prayers or empty gestures. We demand immediate action. We demand you defund the police.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: I wanted to express my continued and continual support for defunding and dismantling the Los Angeles Police Department. Given the added costs and increased service needs resultant of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is more critical now than ever that we are strategic about how public funds are allocated. That being said, the homelessness crisis, high rates of suicide, and other wide systemic failures make clear that many public health concerns have been left unmet long prior to this point in history. I urge City Council to prioritize the needs of community members over the interest to preserve the system that directly threatens their lives. Voting down the Mayor's Proposed Budget for FY 2020-21 and defunding the police as outlined by the People's Budget LA (<https://peoplesbudgetla.com/peoplesbudget/>) would decrease the LAPD budget from 54% of the city's total budget to 5.7%, redirecting the funds to areas that community members could benefit from. LAPD officers have killed and incarcerated too many people (disproportionally of black and brown communities) for their "services" to be justified and invested in. Conversely, as thousands upon thousands of protesters have demonstrated in recent weeks, people support alternate, more supportive tax expenditures in areas such as the areas of mental health, education, and other community resources. In the many years since the development of police forces, no internal reform efforts have yielded the level of transformative change towards equitable policing that should be expected from a public institution. The effort to further fund police efforts like the Los Angeles (LAPD)'s Through our Eyes program is a waste of money. Community members do not want our city's dollars funding police public relations stunts any longer. Please consider both the potential for public gain with the adoption of the People's Budget LA, and the potential for further destruction, polarization, and representative removal if community cries for help are ignored. Thank you

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Name: Hannah Murphy
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Comments for Public Posting: I just watched the People's Budget Presentation and cannot believe the lack of commitment I saw from City Council members. You were provided a comprehensive research report, the numbers and facts could not have been more straightforward, the call to action was clear and entirely within your power, but instead you all talked in circles. You "agree" that this is a problem, but you "need to see more". This is a larger political issue, outside of your scope of power. You patted yourselves on the back by listing all of the committees you head, that have all clearly failed to produce any real change. You all essentially want to commit to "looking into it" when the information was right in front of your face. You want to open up communication about the budget when you've pushed this conversation off for months. I can't even begin to express my anger and frustration. You have been pretending your hands are tied for too long, but you've been busted. We're all paying attention. We know what you have the power to do. Stop accepting money from Police PACS and vote the way the people want you to. Do your job and adopt the People's Budget. I'm embarrassed of you all.

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Name: Joanna Bould

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles CA-District 05 I am writing to request that the Budget & Finance Committee support the People's Budget LA and fully fund the LA Justice Fund. Please redirect funding from the LAPD into community support services and prioritize care over policing. I am opposed to more than half of the City budget going to LAPD, and ask that you defund the police and redirect these funds to resources and services that make communities safe. Please redirect funding to permanent housing, healthcare services (including mental health), public transportation, fair wage jobs, after-school programs, community care teams, environmental protection, parks, libraries, and arts programs. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Krystal

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 05:54 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please consider further cuts from LAPD--150M is NOT enough. We need to de-militarize and reallocate a SIGNIFICANT portion of the LAPD budget to invest in social programs that can get to the root cause of crime--to prevent the problems that cause people to commit crimes in the first place. When we take care of our citizens, when we have community-based watches, crime will fall. If you look to Camden, NJ you'll see what can be done when you just shrink a PD. I think we can take it even further here.