

Communication from Public

Name: Leidy Vasquez

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 04:09 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: I am a citizen of South LA, and though this program has good intentions, I strongly believe that money to amend the relationship between marginalized communities and the City of LA is to fund social programs and services, not the police department. Generations of trauma, fear, and anger towards unequal treatment by law enforcement can never be mended by the very institution that has perpetuated this systemic violence. No matter how many officers are placed on leave or are fired, LAPD time and again have demonstrated that they cannot keep their own officers accountable for the violence and harassment they have HISTORICALLY committed against low income Black and Latino folks. Even for small infractions such as traffic violations, I have personally seen the South LA region be more viciously policed and scrutinized than our West LA counterparts. I have seen people speed, drive on opposing lane, and disrespect traffic lights and pedestrians in Westwood, Century City, and the Rancho Park area. In one particular occasion, I saw an LAPD officer see someone drive in the wrong direction of a lane, and not pursue to provide that person with a ticket. Police do not protect and serve marginalized communities, they increasingly scrutinize us. A local news report (ABC7) reported that a man named Derrick Sanderlin, someone who has dedicated his career to bridging the gap between San Jose PD and communities of color through sensitivity training, was shot by a police officer with rubber bullets in the groin by the very Police Department he worked with. He was in the midst of trying to de-escalate a confrontation between protesters and police, and instead he was shot and brutalized by police who assumed he was hostile solely by the fact that he, a Black man, was approaching them. Though Mayor Garcetti has said that \$150 million of LAPDs \$1.8 BILLION proposed funding, THAT IS NOT ENOUGH! In the midst of an economic crisis caused by COVID-19, we need to be vigorously funding the EWDD, HCIDLA, Libraries, and the Housing Authority to make sure that LA residents are receiving the relief and support it desperately needs at this time. I call on the LA CITY COUNCIL TO REALLOCATE \$800 million to other departments that are facing furloughs and budget cuts in addition to increased investment in programs that directly benefit renters, Black families, and underserved communities in Los Angeles. An

expensive police force does not make LA safe. Our city needs to start reimagining public safety in order to make sure that all residents are treated and regarded with respect. We should not be paying for the cost of lawsuits, riot gear, or "less than lethal" weapons used by the very LAPD to brutalize the people it says it purportedly "protects and serves." I believe that even just \$1 BILLION IS STILL EXCESSIVE FOR A POLICE DEPARTMENT TO HAVE WHEN COUNTLESS HOUSEHOLDS ARE FACING HOMELESSNESS, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND POVERTY, ESPECIALLY DURING A PANDEMIC. Councilmember Krekorian, I ask you and the members of the Budget and Finance Committee to seek and find political courage to do right for marginalized communities and be part of the transformational change that is needed in our American and Californian institutions to continue to address the unequal experiences, treatment, and criminalization that the Black community has endured since the birth of this Nation.

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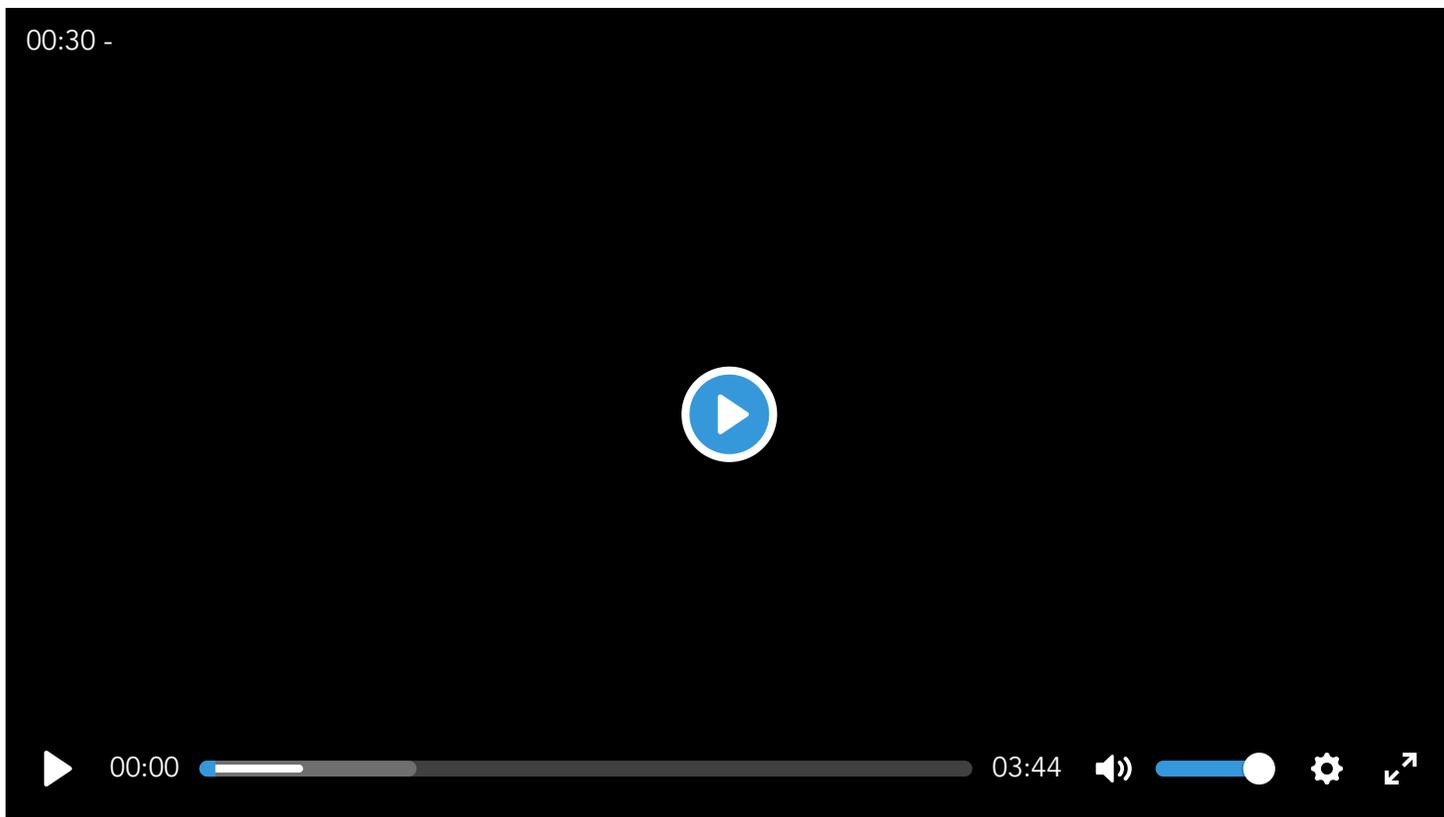
Man who trains San Jose police about bias severely injured by riot gun during George Floyd protest

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A community activist, who has worked for years to promote understanding between San Jose police and the public, was seriously injured by a riot gun in the George Floyd protest one week ago.

SAN JOSE, Calif. (KGO) -- A community activist, who has worked for years to promote

understanding between San Jose police and the public, was seriously injured by a riot gun in the [George Floyd](#) protest one week ago.

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He has now retained an attorney and spoke to the I-Team's Dan Noyes.

Derrick Sanderlin knows the San Jose police chief well and has worked with him for three years.

But tonight, he can't help questioning if they've made any progress at all.

When protesters shut down Highway 101 in San Jose last week over the killing of George Floyd, they targeted a blue Mustang.

The owner had a "Blue Lives Matter" license plate frame.

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He later said it was not in support of police, but to avoid speeding tickets.

When a man with a skateboard smashed out his window, 27-year-old community activist Derrick Sanderlin stepped in to calm the situation and escort the driver to safety.

Sanderlin later made his way to San Jose City Hall. SKY7 was overhead to catch the confrontations with police, and ABC7 was on the ground.

Just across the street, Sanderlin saw police shooting rubber bullets at protesters, including young women at close range.

Officer Jared Yuen, who has already been placed on desk duty, is now facing an internal affairs investigation for his aggressive behavior.

"I really just couldn't watch it anymore," Sanderlin said. "And just kind of made like a parallel walkover, put my hands up, and just stood in the line of the fire and asked them to please not

do this."

The video shows the officers' training their riot guns on Sanderlin.

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He stood a good distance away, made no aggressive motions to police, yet they fired on him several times, one round hitting him in the groin.

"I pause for a moment like maybe this isn't, maybe this doesn't hurt and falling afterwards is like the most painful experience," he said.

Derrick and Cayla Sanderlin have been married four years.

They both work for charities helping people who are suffering economically during the pandemic.

After Derrick's emergency surgery for a rupture, the doctors aren't sure they'll be able to have children.

"The doctor had let me know before the operation that there's no way of fully telling until you try to have kids," Derrick Sanderlin said.

"And I just started weeping at the thought of that. You know, we, we do want kids and we're very close to having kids," Cayla Sanderlin said.

They have retained an attorney who is preparing a claim against the city and the police.

"They were aiming for a body part that is prohibited when using those type of riot guns. You're not meant to aim at the groin or the head ever," said attorney Sarah Marinho.

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That officer didn't know the person he shot has connections or that he knows the San Jose police chief personally.

For three years, Derrick Sanderlin has helped train new police recruits about implicit bias and procedural justice. He wonders now if that work was in vain.

"The way that the way that they've treated people out there has over the weekend has been really heartbreaking because the chief is like a good person, who's really trying to do the right thing," he said.

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ABC7 broke the news to Chief Eddie Garcia about what happened.

This afternoon, he called Derrick Sanderlin and issued a statement: "Derrick has been a real leader in our communities' efforts to reduce bias and discrimination through dialogue. I assured him we will be investigating this incident."

The chief also said he is re-evaluating at what point in a confrontation officers can fire those projectiles.

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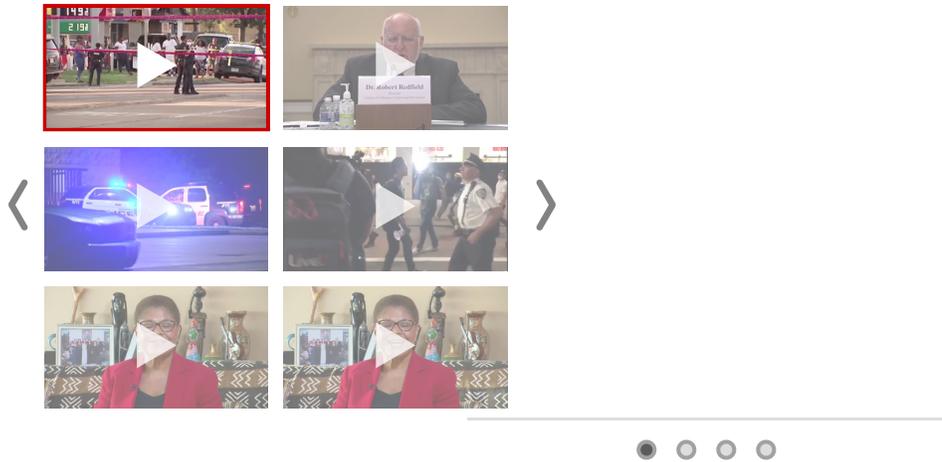
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Name: Sarah Thomas
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Comments for Public Posting: Look at the current budget. The LAPD does not need more money—they need to be defunded.

Communication from Public

Name: Katharine Mound
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 11:47 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Look guys, we know the Los Angeles Police Department's PAC, the Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL), spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to help get some of you elected in the past 3 years. So let's stop pretending that providing additional funds to this program is anything but a lame distraction and attempt at appeasing what protests across Los Angeles have demanded. Listen to the community that elected you to serve their interests. Not your interests, and not the LAPD's interests. Defund the LAPD and reallocate those funds into developing better mental health resources, homeless support, housing security, public health programs, the list goes on and on. Investing more into promoting and supporting your police force is to blatantly reject what the Los Angeles community has been demanding of you. Listen to us and show us that you're more than just a political pawn that anyone who throws enough dollars at can play. Thanks! Oh, and if anyone's wondering, the LAPPL contributed the following amounts to the electoral campaigns for these city councilmembers from 2017-2020: \$17,475.85 for Gilbert Cedillo (District 1) \$24,998.91 for Paul Krekorian (District 2) \$44,933.89 for David Ryu (District 4) \$56,061.42 for Paul Koretz (District 5) \$108,090.99 for Monica Rodriguez (District 7) \$7,378.07 for Curren Price (District 9) \$26,553.43 for Mike Bonin (District 11) \$83,072.44 for John Lee (District 12 - shoutout to my city councilmember for taking the #2 spot!) \$28,101.07 for Mitch O'Farrell (District 13) Obviously, that's not everyone, of course.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:11 AM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: In order to defund the police, all programs focused on relationship building with law enforcement should cease to exist. No extra money should be committed to programs for children/teens/young adults to work with law enforcement knowing full well that law enforcement plays a huge role in making communities feel targeted, profiled, and subjected to police violence. I urge you to pull this request for more funding and do more research on how law enforcement in communities hard hit by inaccessibility to health care, education, and other opportunities does not work.

Communication from Public

Name: David Williams
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 08:46 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Feliz. I am appalled that the proposed 2020-2021 city budget includes over 50% of its funding towards the LAPD. The recent reduction in budget is only a fraction of what we need. We need a PEOPLE'S BUDGET. While healthcare workers have struggled to get the protective equipment they need, police are continuing to eat the majority of our city's budget, receive unnecessary military gear, while providing ineffective solutions for most of the city's problems. We need to: - end police brutality (you've seen the news) - stop terrorizing marginalized communities - reform the prison system (a for-profit system is unjust and racist) - invest in community housing (120k households could become homeless in the coming year due to high rent and high unemployment) - end poverty (it's the parent of crime) - increase public employment - increase public higher education opportunities - increase "green" legislation and funding so we can continue this work for generations in the future. The United States has by far the world's highest rates of police brutality in the developed world. Do not let Los Angeles continue to contribute to this. #BlackLivesMatter #DefundThePolice
Sincerely, David Williams

Communication from Public

Name: james weinstock
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 08:54 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of "reform." This includes Mayor Garcetti's paltry 5% proposed cut with no clarity as to where these funds will be redirected, if at all. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. We are in the midst of a pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed, and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of those in this city are renters. When people are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, 60k people were unhoused; the evictions and economic insecurity caused by COVID-19 will bring that number even higher. We demand that the City Council meaningfully defund the LAPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Garcetti's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. I will remind you all that Minneapolis is abolishing their police force entirely. Stand on the right side of history. Thank you for your time, James Weinstock

Communication from Public

Name: Mark Roeder

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 10:26 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: While it is absolutely earth shattering in LA politics for the Council to consider LAPD budget cuts at all, 150 million is not nearly enough. It's actually kind of a chicken shit offering. Los Angeles currently spends \$3.1 billion on LAPD, or 54% of the city's discretionary spending. We were on track to increase spending by \$200MM this year, so actually the \$150MM "cuts" would still result in an increase in spending, and we as a city would continue to spend over half of our budget on police.

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Name: Claudia Ribas-Armengol
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Comments for Public Posting: Please defund LAPD and disperse the funds amongst other groups, such as: Universal Aid and Crisis Management, Built Environment, and Reimagined Community Safety. Create a people's budget rather than providing millions of dollars to a fundamentally racist institution (the police).

Communication from Public

Name: Marabi Madrigal
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 10:49 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing as a concerned citizen of the City of Los Angeles. My concerns currently relate to the massive increase in funding of the Los Angeles Police Department ("LAPD") and lack of funding to other massively important social programs that align with the city's, and the Mayor's supposed priorities for Los Angeles. According to Council Member Martinez on Twitter, a motion submitted was to amend the proposed budget by 100 million dollars, and subsequently Mayor Eric Garcetti released statements claiming, "We will be working to identify \$250 million for further investments in community programs, including cuts to LAPD's budget." I would like to see those items discussed and action items put forward in the subsequent Budget and Finance Committee meetings for the rest of the month, well before the finalized budget is due. To be clear, the outrage expressed by citizens of the City of LA have not called for further investment in community programs (though that would be great), the people have been calling for massive cuts to the LAPD budget and re-investment of THOSE LAPD allocated funds to community programs. The comments/ proposals that have been made by Councilmember Martinez and the Mayor are just that, comments, proposals, and need real action and traction behind them. This agenda item relates to further investing funds to the "Through our eyes" program, which is another LAPD program, and would include allocating additional funds toward the LAPD. The initiative is meant to tap into community-based policing, but at this point, and given the actions over the past couple of weeks of Mayor Garcetti, Chief of Police Michel Moore, and countless officers of the LAPD, the entire organization has done a huge disservice to itself in trying to establish any kind of social covenant with the people of the City of Los Angeles. The priorities of the people of LA and the LAPD are not aligned. According to the open budget data on the City of Los Angeles' website, the Mayor's proposed budget allocates 1.49 billion dollars toward the LAPD. Even with the proposed cuts in budget, which I will choose to interpret as though both Councilmember Martinez's and Mayor Garcetti's proposals will be summed to a reduction of LAPD funding of approximately 300 million dollars, the LAPD will still have access to a massive amount of funding, almost 1.2 BILLION dollars. The last thing the people of the City

of Los Angeles need in times like this is a City Council that rewards the atrocities and violence perpetrated by officers of the LAPD over the last couple of weeks. As we have seen, the repression, violence, and attempts to quell public outrage have not worked, and as such, the City Council and the Mayor must act to hear the demands of their constituents, and follow the lead of other cities, start by removing LAPD from LAUSD schools, disbanding and defunding the LAPD and re-investing those funds into community-based social programs. Earlier this year, the president of the Police Protective League, Craig Lally made claims that "the nature of police work has evolved, and the expectations and demands placed upon police officers have increased... In addition to being police officers, we are also now therapists, drug treatment counselors, social workers and EMTs, among many other things...". This statement demonstrates the recognition that the nature of LAPD work has changed, and SPECIFICALLY because of this change, the LAPD should not be taking the role of therapists, drug treatment counselors, social workers... etc. Many of those stated professions require YEARS of education, multiple degrees even, none of which LAPD does sufficient to train, nor do the majority of rank and file officers have and understand. If the expectations of the job have changed so much so, the REASONABLE thing to do would be to bifurcate duties, instead of compensating police officers MORE because of these duties, they should be relieved from those duties, and those responsibilities should be taken from and investments should be made in individuals who have the necessary qualifications to perform those duties, not heavily militarized, under-trained individuals acting in these roles. Angelenos are feeling the pressure amidst COVID-19 that tore through the country, but also through Los Angeles, no one who has walked the streets of Los Angeles can deny that homelessness is a major issue, the lack of affordable housing in the city and rapid and violent gentrification of neighborhoods all throughout the city of Los Angeles has created a huge need for allocation of resources. Should appropriate funding and prioritization NOT be given to these issues, they will only get worse. Crime will rise, and politicians and police unions will only use it as an excuse to advocate for increases in funding, only to further brutalize citizens of Los Angeles. We do not need more police, we need more programs that meet our needs.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Huang

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:08 AM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor and Councilmembers, I am writing to demand that you revise the budget NOW to reduce LAPD funding, and to voice your support for the firing of LAPD Chief Moore. The budget is a moral document, and if this budget goes into effect as it is, it will be a moral stain on Los Angeles and on each of your legacies. That you would allow such a misguided budget in our current context of pandemic emergency and police killing is unconscionable. That you would permit billions of dollars to flow into the LAPD while other city services, not to mention emergency needs regarding coronavirus, are left with scant funding is not acceptable. I demand that you revise the budget to reallocate a significant portion of this funding into other city services, such as health services, housing for the homeless, arts and culture, parks and recreation, and infrastructure and the built environment. We are supposed to be living in a global city, not a police state. That the LAPD would have the lion's share of our budget is an utter embarrassment. Furthermore, this spending, as recent events have shown, is more than unnecessary: it is actively harmful. Most protests against police violence have been peaceful, and only escalated into looting and violence because of the active antagonism of police forces. We have all seen either firsthand or from shared videos the numerous instances of police forces, under the direction of Chief Moore, fire teargas (designated a war crime by the Geneva Convention) and rubber bullets (which are supposed to be fired onto the ground, not directly into bodies which can be lethal) into demonstrators. These actions suggest that the LAPD is either grossly incompetent or actively waging war on the very people it is supposed to "protect and serve." Either way, it is obvious that Chief Moore must be fired, and the officers that carried out these illegal orders should be held to account. Regardless of your action or inaction, these events will likely be an enormous weight on our city budget for years to come because of lawsuits brought on by the criminal acts of these police forces. I demand that you defund the LAPD and speak out TODAY to voice your support for the firing of Chief Moore. Anything less is unacceptable. Sincerely, Andrew Huang

Communication from Public

Name: Kate Jopson

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:18 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: \$100,000 for "Through Our Eyes" is just tokenism. As a grant-writer I know that isn't enough to support a single youth-serving violence-prevention non-profit for a year. Nevermind, help a broken institution connect with the community in any meaningful way. More importantly, that money shouldn't go to an LAPD program! It should go to the community organizations themselves! We need a budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of "reform." This includes Mayor Garcetti's paltry 5% proposed cut with no clarity as to where these funds will be redirected, if at all. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources.

Communication from Public

Name: Amin El Gamal
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, My name is Amin and I live in Historic Filipinotown. I was disheartened to see such a large portion of the mayor's proposed budget going to the murderous LADP — in a time of historically low crime. Since 2013, at least 601 folks have been wrongfully killed by the LAPD. Homelessness and unaffordable rent is at a crisis, our schools are broken, and many of our parks are in despair. And yet, the mayor is proposing cutting so many social services during a pandemic no less in order to boost the salaries of the LAPD. That is disgusting and unconscionable to me. The recent \$150M reallocation is simply too little and too late. In a time when cities across the country are considering defunding police departments, I urge you to do the right thing and put the great city of LA on the right side of history. Defund the police! Care not cops! Please reference <https://peoplesbudgetla.com/>.

Communication from Public

Name: Collin B

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:52 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Council Members, Today is the start of what could be a better Los Angeles. We need you, as chair of the budget and finance committee, to take a step forward and side with the folks you represent to commit to creating a budget that works for the people, not the police. If this past week of protests has shown anything, it should be that we have the numbers behind our movement. Now to claim that you don't have the power to defund the police has been proved wrong by the Minneapolis City Council as they've made clear their intent to begin cutting police in favor of services. You have the power and the moral obligation to put an end to over-policing and brutality of the underserved communities. The video of the LAPPL confronting Council Member Rodriguez should show that they are scared of the voices that have been rising up, which had previously been kept down for so long. They resort to intimidation tactics and the willful spreading of false information because they know their position within the status quo is finally being challenged and that they must now confront the history of prejudice and violence in which they've been complicit. Take this as a sign that you are doing the right thing when you choose to defund the police.