

Communication from Public

Name: Christian P Nurse
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:24 AM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police and redeploy the funds to programs that don't incarcerate, kill or treat people as less than equal under the law.

Communication from Public

Name: David B
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:29 AM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in Glendale. I am writing to demand you consider 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 reappropriations — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the Peoples Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Thank you for your time.

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Comments for Public Posting: "General Public Comment" for LA City Council and tell them to #DefundthePolice

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Name: Jennifer Alcantara
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Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:36 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I call for the reallocation of funds, from a monolithic model of police funding, to the actual and meaningful support of local community needs and services. We are asking the police to do too much at the expense and neglect of communities of color, who need access to better public education and housing and freedom of movement without the fear of silencing and discrimination. I was born and raised in LA. As an Asian-American, I have been racially profiled by police and watched Koreatown burn while the police refused to help. I have seen other POC targeted while I was nearby. I am beyond grieved that 28 years later, under the leadership of Gil Garcetti's son who has done nothing to combat homelessness, my city continues to be left behind. We need resources to the people directly, not more money to those who beat them down.

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Comments for Public Posting: We must defund the police and invest in a community based structure (like Camden, like Minneapolis is working toward). We cannot tolerate systemic and institutionalized violence as exhibited by LAPD and LA County Sheriffs. As well, Chief Moore must step down and be replaced with a leader who understands how imperative it is that we have anti-racist leaders to change the culture of the system. PLEASE DEFUND THE POLICE and invest the community's tax money in the community.

Communication from Public

Name: Piper Redman

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:37 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm reaching out to express that I vehemently oppose the mayor's 2020-2021 budget, which allocates 54% of the city's funding to police. La absolutely does not need more police. What we need is funding towards educational enrichment, housing, healthcare, mental healthcare, good jobs, free public transportation, access to all for fresh and healthy food, and small business resources. It is up to you as council members to represent the community and their needs, and we need that money to be going toward human services, not police. We also that you please consider the People's Budget. As evidenced by the abhorrent acts we've seen during peaceful protests this past weekend, we can see LAPD only serves to incite violence and terrorize Black and Brown communities. DEFUND THE POLICE.

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Name: Scott Dittrich
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:39 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: #defundthepolice

Communication from Public

Name: Carmen Guan

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:40 AM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in District 13. I am writing to demand you consider 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 — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the Peoples Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air, and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused, and maimed. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Thank you for your time, Carmen Guan

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Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:41 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Reallocate funding for the police to other areas that better serve the people in the community

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Name: Kelly

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:45 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Mayor of LA, it is absolutely unacceptable that you are just allocating \$250M out of an original \$3B police budget to community programs. This is NOT ENOUGH! Defund the police and support the People's Budget.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:45 AM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of District 5, and I am asking you, in the interest of public safety, to defund the LAPD and invest in evidence-based strategies to decrease violence and improve safety in our communities. Let's take a public health approach to safety!

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Name: Lorenzo Marino
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:50 AM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police! Please reallocate funds to education, social services, and other community areas.

Communication from Public

Name: Joshua Geisler

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:52 AM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: It's time to make a change and reinvest the money that goes to the LAPD. Please adopt a People's Budget. Our city needs Universal Aid and Crisis Management, we need Health Care, Transportation, Education, Job Training, and Small Business Support - We need to reinvest in HUMANITY not AUTHORITY

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Name: Anselmo Ceballos
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:52 AM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: #DefundPolice. We need to invest money in our Black and Brown communities and divest money from the terrorist organization that is LAPD. LAPD terrorizes Black and Brown community under a false pretense of "safety". SAFETY FOR WHO?

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Name: Alexander Rodriguez
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:52 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police.

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Name: Kalie Haggarty

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:56 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please defund the police and use this money on things which will turn Los Angeles into a place that shows they value education, community, prevention/rehabilitation programs, and restructuring the police program to value human mentality instead of brute force.

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Name: Kimberly

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:56 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the City Council to amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to reflect the values of our community: Angelenos want more social services, employment programs, public health resources, rent relief, and restorative justice programs, not more policing. We demand the City Council adopt the People's Budget LA. While the Mayor recently announced he would decrease LAPD funding by up to \$150M, this symbolic gesture is simply not enough. There needs to be a drastic reduction of LAPD funding and an un-armed, community-based, alternative policing system –on top of more funding for social programs. People are marching through the entire city demanding systemic change and justice for the 600+ black people killed by police in LA County since 2012. We implore you to listen to the demands of your constituents. We are presented with an opportunity to improve upon the past instead of repeating its mistakes. It is in that spirit that I ask you for a compassionate budget—and through it, for a more just, equitable, and humane Los Angeles. We can lead the change we want to see in this country.

Communication from Public

Name: Mia Levy

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:58 AM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am a resident of district 11 of Los Angeles. It is ridiculous and unacceptable that the people of Los Angeles are struggling with the economic fallout of the pandemic while LAPD receives \$1.8 billion of the city's budget. The people of Los Angeles demand that you adopt the #PeoplesBudgetLA. A \$150 million budget cut for LAPD is not enough, especially considering that LAPD still has over 51% of the city's unrestricted funds. We need Garcetti to defund the police, and allocate the funds to pandemic recovery and social services. Thank you for your time, Mia

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Name: Kelsey Sanchez
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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police!

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Name: Thomas Lee
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:02 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police. Put that money towards nurturing our children, improving our public transportation, building new parks and other public spaces--the possibility of having a brighter, more beautiful, and FREER Los Angeles is well within reach. Help us--your citizens, your people, your BRETHREN of the human race--take it.

Communication from Public

Name: Ruthie Bolotin

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing as a resident of Los Angeles to express deep outrage at the gross misuse of funds and over-allocation to proven white supremacist institutions including the police force. I urge you to #DefundThePolice in favor of community-driven interventions and restorative justice practices. Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget gives 70.3%, or \$3 billion dollars to the LA police and fire department, institutions which have proven to consistently dehumanize, target, maim and murder Black and brown bodies in this city for far too long. Alternatively, the People's Budget shows what this city could look like if it valued restorative justice, #CareNotCops, and universal aid and crisis management over punitive and racist practices that are rooted in and uphold the values of an interminable history of American white supremacy. By addressing the root causes of police calls (e.g mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence) with trained trauma-informed care workers versus further instigation of violence, the “need” for a police force can be drastically reduced if not abolished. Follow the example of Minneapolis City Councilmembers, who recently listened to their constituents and elected to defund and disband the police in favor of community-based public safety members. It is high time to ask who exactly the police are meant to “protect and serve.” The answer belies that the alleged “safety” of white citizens is prioritized and set in contrast to the very real violence and complete LACK of safety Black people suffer at the hands of the police, upholding the racist and white supremacist structures that underlie our governing systems. I am calling on you to defund the police, who have long proven to be an overtly and implicitly racist institution. To stop the racial profiling, murder, and crimes against Black people, which further beget injustices like disproportionate incarceration rates, the destruction of Black families, the foster care and school to prison pipelines, and prison slave labor. To support the People’s Budget which centers Care, not Cops. Defund the police and be on the right side of history.

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Name: Nancy
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:03 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

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Name: Christina Shu

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council, As a minister, person of faith, and Los Angeles resident, I urge you to defund the police. Regarding the Mayor's proposed budget, simply not increasing, or decreasing the police budget by a small amount are tiny steps towards our desired goal of re-imagining community safety in a way that provides for safety and justice for all people. We need to invest in programs and services that address people's needs for healthcare, jobs, housing, education, mental health care, city infrastructure, NOT policing or giving those services to the police. I urge you to take courageous and moral steps like the Minneapolis City Council, to vote to dismantle the LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: MacKenzie
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:06 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police! Adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and put the money towards food, housing, health and mental health services!

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Name: Sarah Smith

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:09 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I know you're all probably waiting to see how it plays out in Minneapolis, but I think the country has waited long enough. Take the steps today. Take action TODAY. Defund. the. police. #defundthepolice

Communication from Public

Name: Alexandra Rich

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in Echo Park. I am writing to demand you consider 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 — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the Peoples Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Thank you for your time. Best, Alexandra Rich

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Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in District 27. I am also an USC medical student. I am writing to demand you consider 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 — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the Peoples Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimaged public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA.

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Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: With 3.1 billion dollars going towards the LAPD, a cut of 250 million dollars is not enough. Please do more to defund the police and redistribute that money for social services in Los Angeles.

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Name: Lauren
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:15 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Allocate those funds to the people!

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

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Name: LD

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:18 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Invest those funds to the people!

Communication from Public

Name: Tommy Nunan

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This city's values should be reflected in its budget, but the current budget does not represent the kind of city I would like to live in. This budget gives \$3,000,000,000 to LAPD while community services are SEVERELY underfunded. LAPD has enjoyed this inflated budget for far too long and has done nothing to inspire trust or safety in our communities. The people of this city deserve far better. That is why I and thousands of others are demanding that you defund the police and move that money into services that will actually improve our communities. People's Budget LA has proposed changes that would ensure that government money is spent in areas like mental health, affordable housing, homelessness, and public education. Los Angeles should be a model for cities across the country, and we are not living up to standard. Please make these changes to restore people's faith in their government.

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Name: Natally Acosta

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:25 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, Please defund the LAPD. It is time that we follow in Minneapolis steps and look into healthier alternatives for our community. We should not have police officers (who only go through weeks of training and are then given a gun) be the one stop shop for all problems that take place in the city. Their actions are resulting in lives being lost and more problems than solutions. Lets look into creating specialized organizations that can respond to emergency calls instead. Lets put this unacceptably high budget towards other funding that will actually help make Los Angeles a better place, because the LAPD is not it.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:25 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please consider the people's budget LA, #defundthepolice and invest in communities

Communication from Public

Name: Brenda

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:27 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a constituent of the city of Los Angeles, I am calling for defunding of the LAPD. The city budget needs to invest in communities, not policing. As a health care provider, I have studied the consequences of what can happen when patients are met too far down the line in their disease progress. If we look at the issue in this same way, it isn't hard to see the great impact that working upstream can have on our communities. Investing in mental health services, substance abuse prevention, housing, transportation and education is imperative. The city has spent generations expanding the size of the LAPD budget and we will no longer idly stand by thinking our city leaders have our best interests in mind. If good police are willing to look the other way when bad police abuse their powers, you can make changes to rules and regulations all you want but it's not going to matter. We won't be able to fix this problem until we start prioritizing preventative investments and have a police culture whose first priority is protecting and serving the people instead of protecting and serving themselves.

Communication from Public

Name: Shirley

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:38 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council, I am an Angeleno and I live in District 8. I am writing to demand you consider 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 — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the Peoples Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Thank you for your time Shirley De La Cruz

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police & reinvest the money into social services like education, housing, and public health.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, I ask the Budget and Finance Committee to not only accept the amended budget which reallocates \$150M but go further in defunding the police & spreading funds to communities of color. In the time of COVID especially its important that investments in public schools which need more resources to effectively teach virtually and health/hospitals are increased not reduced. A total disregard for freedom of speech and right to assembly was shown by the LAPD this week. Additional policing exacerbates the problems facing communities around LA that need social workers, affordable housing, and more. Thank you, Lily

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of the city of Los Angeles and I was to say that it is essential that we defund the police. The \$150 million proposed cut is so tiny that it is insulting. The city council should support a People's Budget. We should be investing in housing security, public health, mental health services, rather than policing. We must reimagine community safety. This has been done in Camden, NJ and it can be done here. Now is the time to lead by example as a city. We can do this.

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Name: Nikki Baida
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:43 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: #defundthepolice The Mayor's proposed cuts are not enough!!

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Name: Jen Willis
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:43 PM
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Name: Jayme Bell
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:43 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Please defund the police!

Communication from Public

Name: Erin Hammes

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:45 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Highland Park, CD-1. I stand in support of Black Lives Matter-LA, the People's City Council, Justice LA and Students Deserve in demanding that you defund the police and adopt a People's Budget. Funds should be redirected into BIPOC communities. I DO NOT support any funding that expands the LAPD budget. Thank you. Care NOT Cops!

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Name: Geena Andrews
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:48 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am asking for you to defund the police! The amount that has been defunded is NOT enough. Our community has more dire needs than a group of cops. Please, take into consideration humanity. We cannot keep living like this.

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Name: Lucy LaViolette
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:49 PM
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Name: Al Verik
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:53 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: 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.

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Name: Mariela R.

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:54 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Our communities need care, not cops. #DefundThePolice and reinvest in Black communities, education, affordable housing, mental health services, healthcare and livable wages for all workers.

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Name: megyn cawley
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:54 PM
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Communication from Public

Name: Jesse Cole

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As proposed by BLM organizers and the Peoples Budget, please defund the police and reallocate the funds properly to the community.

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Name: Raquel R
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:57 PM
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Communication from Public

Name: Jazz hager

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 01:03 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund LAPD! Reform is not working, the current system must be abolished and rebuilt from the ground up.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 01:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND the police and reallocate funds to underprivileged neighborhoods, i.e. public schools, social work/mental health services to low income communities, more low income housing, and investments to DIRECTLY benefit black communities.

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Name: Sharon Oh

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 01:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge the Budget and Finance Committee to reconsider the Mayor's budget proposal and adopt the People's Budget. We Angelenos want to divert the funds from the LAPD and invest in low-income housing, more services for the homeless, more mental health services, rent suspension, and more funding for our public schools. We want human-centered services. We do NOT want more police.

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Name: Brandon Mercer
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Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 01:07 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police, the \$150 million in budget cuts to the LAPD is POCKET CHANGE while they still have over half of the city's unrestricted funds. Adopt a People's Budget that Black Lives Matter Los Angeles is pushing for. Invest in CARE not COPS.

Communication from Public

Name: Christina Newhouse
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 01:08 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles. I am writing to demand that the LA City Council adopt a budget that prioritizes community well-being for all and redirects funding away from the police. As has been well-documented throughout history and highlighted more urgently over the past few weeks, police departments across the country - and the LAPD is no exception - have been abusing and murdering Black Americans with almost complete impunity. Contrary to their presumed *raison d'être*, the police have made Black communities less safe for those that live there. This cannot continue. The policing system needs to be reformed, but more urgently it needs to be defunded, taking second priority to initiatives that actually create safer, healthier communities. The proposed \$100-\$150 million dollar reductions on the LAPD budget is far too little compared to the overall LAPD budget of over \$1 billion. We need to divert more funds away from the LAPD into programs that actually serve the community, such as: housing security, homeless support, mental health, and public health and wellness. While the proposal for cuts is a step in the right direction, the reduction does not demonstrate the requisite commitment to change that this moment demands.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephen K
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 01:14 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police! We NEED to critically look at resource allocation and how we can better use funds to improve the lives of our most vulnerable and marginalized community members.

Communication from Public

Name: Dalton Sargent

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 01:18 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Take the money out of the LAPD Budget and put it towards helping communities of color recover from the years of abuse they have suffered at the hands of the police. Now is the time to put your your money where your mouth is

Communication from Public

Name: Joyce Tang
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 01:21 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police

Communication from Public

Name: Madeline Meyer
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 01:26 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah J Seresinghe
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 01:30 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: In light of the recent rollback of \$150 million from the LAPD budget, I do not support giving more funding to the LAPD. Please stop giving the LAPD more money - we need to divest from the police department and invest in our COMMUNITIES - aka mental health, social work, creating more jobs for LA residents, education promotion, and health equity. The LAPD has proved that they should not be trusted with funding because they disproportionately harm/kill black and brown individuals. Invest in the organizations/community groups/departments that have shown clear records of empowering and helping vulnerable communities - the LAPD is not one of those. We don't need more police on the streets, we need more social resources for our residents. We don't need more police in schools, we need counselors, social workers, and psychologists. As a current medical student, racism and police violence is a PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE - we need leadership to show their support by taking actions that combat these issues at the SOURCE. Therefore, I strongly oppose increasing funding to the LAPD and implore the City Council to further defund the police department and re-allocate resources to community programs that will empower the people and tackle root causes of crime (e.g. poverty, inequity).

Communication from Public

Name: Chris Cohen

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 01:34 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a lifelong resident of Los Angeles calling for the city to defund the LAPD immediately. I request that all funding for LAPD be redirected into social services like public health care, education, and ending homelessness. The organization is not able to adequately reform themselves and in the past week we have seen LAPD escalate and initiate violence against our citizens. LAPD is being used to take away citizens' constitutional right to protest. Reducing LAPD's budget by 5% is a joke, a trick, it's meaningless. I want to see the entire organization dismantled. Thanks for your time.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 01:49 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the LAPD. Policing as it stands is harmful to the black community and has also proven ineffective in addressing a range of issues it was not designed for. Please substantially reduce the budget of the LAPD and reinvest that money into health, education, housing, and other public services which have been historically underfunded and which with more investment may better remedy the dire socioeconomic conditions from which crime arises in the first place.

Communication from Public

Name: Isabel Berg
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 01:51 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Defund LAPD and redistribute their budget to services that actually protect and help LA residents, like healthcare, public transportation, housing, and education.

Communication from Public

Name: Alyssa Cabrera

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 01:58 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police It is clear that repeated attempts at reforms to our Police Department have been unsuccessful. The continued mistrust that exist between law enforcement and the community and the ongoing issues with discrimination and use of excessive force against people of color make it abundantly clear that the Police as they exist today are beyond simple reforms. I am writing to demand that you defund the police. Meaning we massively reduce the current budget and reallocate those funds to community services and programs that are better suited and equipped to handle the real needs of our communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Marjorie Schuetz
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 01:58 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing you to demand the defunding of law enforcement in Los Angeles. Specifically, you need to stop killing black people and people of color. The bottom line is, Angelenos trust in the LAPD has been completely lost. You can argue about how difficult the job is, and that you have many "good cops", but Citizens who do not trust you are not going to be persuaded by these arguments, because they DO NOT TRUST YOU, and their actual experience with the police has been fraught with brutality and destruction. At the end of the day, the trust is broken. The only way to rebuild the trust is to start over. Defund the police per the demands of the People's Budget created by a coalition led by Black Lives Matter. You want our communities to be safe? They need to trust you. If they do not trust you, then the communities are not safe. Please. I am begging you. Please do the right thing. Lay your pride down, and make a change.

Communication from Public

Name: Terra Ashe
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:00 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: The city council needs to defund the police, and adopt the People's Budget LA that prioritizes its citizens over the police. The police system here is completely corrupt and past any point of reform. Defund the police today.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:09 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD habitually engages in violent and racist actions, including the murder of black people, yet receives an exorbitant amount of public funding. The funding that LAPD receives must be redistributed to other organizations/ agencies in order to effectively address the concerns that black and brown communities face. DEFUND THE POLICE.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Ruby

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:09 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing in support of the People's Budget LA & Black Lives Matter to add my voice to the calls to reallocate funds from the ever growing police budget to strengthen/create more effective social services and quell the over-militant police brutality and obvious racial injustices (read: murder of black community members at the hands of uniformed officers). Enough. WHAT WE HAVE IN PLACE NOW IS NOT WORKING. Reform is not the answer: defund the police and invest in communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Harrison Whitford
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:18 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: I find it reprehensible that the LAPD is allocated such a gargantuan budget and that as a direct result, vulnerable communities (i.e. homeless people, BIPOC people, homeless BIPOC, BIPOC with mental illness) are left to suffer continually, and largely due to the LAPD's embedded criminalization of these communities. Why are we not re-directing those funds into social services that would directly benefit these people? The current operating budget is over \$1.8 billion, and mostly for salaries. The total spending on police tops \$3.1 billion when items like pensions and HR benefits are included. The system of policing is broken and has consummately failed the people that need protection most, why continue to invest such an incredible amount of \$ into it? Garcetti exhibits zero moral aptitude, and consequently no real leadership skills whatsoever. Defund the fucking police. Listen to the people, that's who you work for.

Communication from Public

Name: Cory Heskett
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:26 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Defund The Police!

Communication from Public

Name: Michaela Squier

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:33 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: The people of LA have spoken. We want to defund the police. We would like our money and resources to go towards education, housing, and mental health services. We don't just want less police violence. We want no police violence. Police are hurting and killing peaceful protestors. And it must stop. There is so much wrong with our police that reform isn't possible. A place to start is to defund the police and give the money to other services. As we transition away from police, we need to take away their weapons. A militarized police force has no place in our society. Police officers, if they really are trying to de escalate violence, do NOT need guns.

Communication from Public

Name: Veronika
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:37 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE. LAPD has more funds than other services combined. That's outrageous. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

Communication from Public

Name: Ryn Savage

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:40 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police for George Floyd, for Breonna Taylor. For Sandra Bland. For Ryan Twyman, Javier Ambler, and countless innocent black souls like the aforementioned For myself, Ryn Savage, who is not nor has ever been black but has been targeted similarly. I lived after Emerson and Holmes made me scream I can't breathe, much to the delight of Officer Duncan (not the guard, the cop. I love the guard) I lived, they didn't. I refuse to be silenced. Defund the police, then start a wave of accountability so that nobody has to speak like I must for those who can't. Ever again.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Petr
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:42 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: A Magoutas

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:49 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Council Members, This is an historic moment in the United States. You have, as our elected officials, not just the opportunity, but the OBLIGATION to enact the will of the people. You have heard, at this point, hours of phone calls demanding the LAPD be defunded. We are not asking for small, placating budget cuts. We are asking for true defunding, as a path towards abolition. The stats are there, the information is out there, the LAPD has done more harm to our communities than good and the people have spoken. We need to imagine a new system for the world we currently live in. To continue to support the LAPD as it is, is to continue to support the systems white supremacy built. As the second largest city in America, we have the power to influence the country at large. Be brave. Be imaginative. Be on the right side of history. Do your duty as our elected officials, or we will vote for people who will. Thank you for your time Sincerely, Anastasia Magoutas

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Batten

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:49 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Hi there! I would like to recommend that LAPD funding be reallocated to programs and professionals better equipped to nonviolently serve our community. This can include support for guidance counselors, mental health counselors, and other resources to stop our school-to-prison pipeline. Please demilitarize the police!

Communication from Public

Name: Grace Roth

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:51 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Adopt a people's budget and spend OUR taxpayer money on building up and supporting communities instead of terrorizing and criminalizing them. Put money toward housing, education, public health, voting rights, and re-imagined public safety. Do more. Do better. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Anna Cavasos

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:57 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Why is Sheriff Villanueva not fired for obstructing the Office of Inspector General from doing their oversight? He has lied about the truth and reconciliation committee, he lied about taking care of the banditos problem, and his department is literally being investigated by the FBI. Why is he still employed when he has shown blatant corruption? Not to mention rehiring an officer who was fired for completely justified reasons, and scaling back background checks? Why does the Office of Inspector General not have more power than to make simple "recommendations"? LAPD can and has brushed off these recommendations, with no further recourse from OIG or the police commissioners. The OIG needs the power to conduct their own completely separate investigations, and to bring those cases to trial if they are found to have broken the law. If cops are found to have acted out of policy, they must receive discipline from OIG, NOT the department. Transferring cops is not a punishment, as they will continue to be a problem in their new precinct. Interdepartmental complaints must be handled by an outside agency, because internally, they will be brushed off, ignored, or punished. This makes it impossible for the "good cops" to make any real changes, as the system does not currently allow them to. My request is that the police budget is slashed, with that money being put toward programs that will benefit the community. Housing, health care, mental health, food security, after school programs, etc. I also request that the money be used to bolster up the OIG, and expand their oversight and powers. I request an end to qualified immunity, and an end to police unions who do nothing but protect cops from facing justice, or for being fired when they do not do their jobs. I request that every disciplinary report is released by LAPD, reviewed by OIG, and made accessible to the public, as it was before 2012.

Communication from Public

Name: Leticia Ortiz Benitez
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:58 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Please defund the police and invest in communities, schools, mental health, healthcare, and other social services. \$100 Million out of a \$3 BILLION police budget is not enough.

Communication from Public

Name: Danielle Issa
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:01 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Nathaniel Miller
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:02 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: To the LA City Council and Mayor Eric Garcetti, Your commitment to modest reductions in the police budget is a start, but not nearly enough. The current numbers as they are reflect more of a "freeze" than a true reduction. I call on you to adopt the Peoples Budget. The LAPD have failed at keeping our city safe, and it's time we allocate those funds elsewhere where they are more useful. Personally, I've never met a single person who was happy with the performance of the LAPD, and I'm a privileged white person with mostly white peers. I cannot imagine the terror and despair experienced by our black neighbors. Car accident? They can't do anything and won't even show up unless it's a hit and run. Creep in your neighborhood taking upskirt photos in the evenings? They can't do anything unless you have the perp on video. Stolen bike? Sorry, can't do anything. Homeless? Sorry, can't do anything except throw your stuff in the trash and arrest you. What a waste of money. They provide little-to-nothing except brutality, violence, and fear, in return for 54% of city tax dollars paid for by us. It's a shame and you MUST ACT. PS Fire Police Chief Moore immediately. He knew exactly what he was saying and prefaced it with such. Everyday that he remains as Chief is a disgrace. The city will not forget. Sincerely, Nathaniel Miller District 4 Constituent

Communication from Public

Name: Mariko Munro

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:10 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I was listening in on yesterday's budget committee meeting and waiting to give a public comment, I'm inspired that SO MANY people called in to express our support of the People's Budget. Reforms don't work as we've seen through numerous examples in LA, Minneapolis, Philadelphia etc. In terms of \$\$ I could dig up facts about amounts of money the city of LA spends to pay victims's families for the abuse or loss they've suffered. Regarding safety unfortunately police are known to be perpetrators of sexual violence against the women they arrest at staggering rates. Ofcourse anyone who's looked into it can find out the amount of money Police unions have funneled into City Council members campaigns and it pains me to think that you've sold out the saftey and wellbeing of the people who you were elected to serve in favor of some thousands of dollars, even up to \$60k for some of you. This info is public record available on ethics.lacity.org I beg you to do the right thing, to defund the police, adopt the People's Budget. We want Care NOT COPS. Thank you, Mariko Munro, my zip code is 91601

Communication from Public

Name: Noel Heimpel

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:11 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD has historically been, and continues to be, one of the most corrupt police departments in the nation. This is not surprising considering that American policing itself is based in discriminatory practices and was created to enforce the inequality gap between the wealthy and the poor. Black, indigenous, and people of color are more likely to be among those who experience police violence, and that's more than true in LA. This violence has only gotten worse as the department has been outfitted with military grade weaponry and equipment that was never meant to be used against citizens. Like many others, I am calling for the LAPD to be defunded and demilitarized, and for those funds to be reinvested in services that will actually benefit Angelenos, especially those who are most vulnerable, such as healthcare, welfare programs, social services, addiction services, domestic violence responders, mental health crisis responders, food banks, infrastructure improvements, public transit, schools, libraries, and more. The recent announcement by the Mayor about changes to the budget are a step, but they are not enough. More must be done to ensure all are able to live free, happy lives without fear.

Communication from Public

Name: Ryan Tavlin

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: I do not expect the city to defund the police, but \$100-150 million is a joke, and a responsible city should be listening to the thousands upon thousands of people marching (and being beaten) in its streets when they ask for MORE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS and FEWER BULLETS AND TACTICAL GEAR for its gang of bullies, the LAPD. If this issue isn't treated more seriously, we swear we'll do everything we can to vote all of you OUT.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:16 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police! The mayor's suggested cut to LAPD is too little, too late.

Communication from Public

Name: Travis Farver

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:18 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: I support the initiative to #defundthepolice. As an LA county resident, I look forward to new solutions to public safety that don't jeopardize the lives of communities of color.

Communication from Public

Name: Alicia Galvez
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:23 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: #defundthepolice

Communication from Public

Name: Hannah Aguirre
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:28 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE. Hold the police accountable. Invest in our community. Invest our health. In our education.

Communication from Public

Name: Lane Barlow

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:44 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Council should reject Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget, as it directs far too much money to the police department to the exclusion of critical services. Council should adopt the people's budget:
https://peoplesbudgetla.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/peoplesbudgetreport_may26.pdf

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Flores

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:49 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Our communities need affordable housing, healthcare and mental health services, education, and jobs. 51% of the budget going to the LAPD is absolutely unacceptable at a time when social and economic inequality has never been greater. It's time to #DEFUNDTHEPOLICE!

Communication from Public

Name: Kimberly C Nagaran

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 04:02 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: It is imperative that we Defund the Police in our city. Any type of reform has not worked in the past it we must give the power back to the neighborhoods. It is not enough to put bandaids on what is considered life-or-death. I want a real change - allocate funds back to the communities!

Communication from Public

Name: Bea Sullivan-Knoff
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 04:02 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. There is no reason to uphold a racist, lethal institution. Take holistic care of your constituents and put that money where it matters.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer BrooksStratton
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 04:08 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police

Communication from Public

Name: Ailyn Garcia
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 04:15 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: I would like to urge that you take the actions necessary to DEFUND THE POLICE. REFORM does not and will not work.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 04:16 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles. I am writing to demand that the LA City Council adopt a budget that prioritizes community well-being for all and redirects funding away from the police. As has been well-documented throughout history and highlighted more urgently over the past few weeks, police departments across the country - and the LAPD is no exception - have been abusing and murdering Black Americans with almost complete impunity. Contrary to their presumed *raison d'être*, the police have made Black communities less safe for those that live there. This cannot continue. The policing system needs to be reformed, but more urgently it needs to be defunded, taking second priority to initiatives that actually create safer, healthier communities. The proposed \$100-\$150 million dollar reductions on the LAPD budget is far too little compared to the overall LAPD budget of over \$1 billion. We need to divert more funds away from the LAPD into programs that actually serve the community, such as: housing security, homeless support, mental health, and public health and wellness. While the proposal for cuts is a step in the right direction, the reduction does not demonstrate the requisite commitment to change that this moment demands.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 05:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police! Too much money is flooding into the police force for the amount of training they're receiving to lawfully and morally handle our citizens!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 05:28 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Jamie Laski

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 05:30 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: We need to Defund the LAPD. This will take time, but we need this new budget to take the first steps and set a precedent for the rest of the country. Cutting \$100-150 million from the LAPD budget is NOT enough. Redefining our system of protection means a gradual process or reallocating resources and funding away from police and towards social services and back into communities - starting right now. With this budget. Change can start here, cut the budget for LAPD!

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Ramos
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 05:45 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE. Get rid of Jackie Lacey. Prosecute killer cops. #defundthepolice

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 05:47 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: #DEFUNDTHEPOLICE Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 05:53 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the LAPD and reallocate funds to social services such as social workers, mental health service providers, free and affordable housing, and resources for public schools.

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Cook
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 05:55 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Redistribute those funds to provide more resources for the most neglected parts of Los Angeles. I don't want to see another Black person killed by the police in our city.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 05:56 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police now!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Bennett

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 05:56 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: You need to adopt a People's Budget and defund the police. The amount Mayor Garcetti has pledged so far is not enough. Further, the police's budget needs to be brought down drastically. It's very clear that the way the LAPD has been operating for years IS NOT WORKING. Why is it that in California a beauty technician receives more training than a police officer? Why is it that public education keeps being defunded and teachers are buying their own school supplies? Why are there not an adequate amount of mental health services for people in crisis? Including the homeless population in Los Angeles, which is the largest in the country. Why aren't officers being charged for the injustices they are committing daily? I am writing to demand you consider 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 — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the Peoples Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions — that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. Chief Moore should be fired for his actions, along with Cory Palka. It's also become quite clear to me, after dealings with the Men's Jail downtown and the LA parole officer department, that injustices aren't just exclusive to the LAPD. It's only a matter of time until it's revealed that the INCREDIBLY high amount of in-human treatment at the Men's Jail downtown is made public and Alex Villanova's negligence is

made public in his handling of the staff at the facility, which is largely under funded in the mental health department.

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Communication from Public

Name: Lam
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:01 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Please defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Celia Tran

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:01 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles, I am writing to demand that the City Council redirects funding away from the police and instead adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes and invests in community wellbeing. No more lip service, empty gestures and suggestions of "reform"! This includes Mayor Garcetti's pitiful 5% proposed cut. The police still holds over 50% of the city's budget!! We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. 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 due to the pandemic and police brutality. 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. Thank you, Celia

Communication from Public

Name: michael angarano
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:04 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE

Communication from Public

Name: Holly Lung

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:21 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of LA county and ally for black bodies and communities, I urge you to defund the police. This is very clearly the overwhelming aspiration of Angelenos and doing so would be a huge sign that you all, as authorities within our county, truly care about your residents and set out to do real good in our communities. The LAPD has consistently shown that petty “reforms” coupled with sustained funding DO NOT amount to change. Use that money that is sadly wasted on careless and out of touch police officers to better marginalized communities. Set up community centers led and informed by community leaders. Invest in our public schools, particularly those located in areas without high profits from property tax. Just do better. Please just do better.

Communication from Public

Name: Mark

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:23 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police A LOT. I am not an abolitionist, I believe police have a place in society though it should eventually be privatized so there's some actual accountability and better use of resources. Neighborhoods could contract police services out to the most responsible and effective. Having said that, in the meantime, let's put some of this excessive spending to some services that really need it - social work, homelessness, community activism and building. 150 mill budget cut is NOT enough, police should represent like 20% of city's budget at most! Obviously it will take some time to get there, but let's make some real change instead of paying lip service with a 5% cut or whatever it was.

Communication from Public

Name: Darlene Gonzalez-Szabo

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:33 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Highland Park, I strongly oppose returning any of this funding in the form of the Through Our Eyes program. Time and time again we have increased funding for the LAPD with nothing to show for it. Homelessness, drug addiction, domestic violence, mental health issues, and more are handed to the LAPD for solve when it is not in their capacity to address. We don't need guns to show up when someone is sleeping in the streets. We don't need guns to show up when a person needs to find a way out of an abusive living situation. What we need are more social services and for these tax dollars to be poured back into our Black communities that are suffering from a disproportionate amount of violence at the hands of the LAPD. The LAPD budget cut is not impressive as it still leaves the LAPD with over half of the city's unrestricted funds. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Lynette
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:40 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police

Communication from Public

Name: Pablo Nukaya-Petralia

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:55 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council members, Do your job. Please, for the love of god, do your job. What do I mean by this? Well, from my understanding, your job is to be the representatives for US, the people, and to express our interests. Right now, Angelenos from every corner of the city are reaching out to y'all by phone, email, public comment and more to tell you that you need to DEFUND THE LAPD AND ADOPT A PEOPLE'S BUDGET. Right now, we need you to take the Mayor's proposed budget and... just... Toss it out. Literally, just print it out, crumple it up and TOSS IT OUT (into the recycling, of course). Now, let's start fresh with something that the working people of Los Angeles actually WANT. Let's take some of that money earmarked for the LAPD (have they stopped beating protesters yet?) and set it aside for social services. Their budget is approximately \$3 billion dollars, right? Well let's cut that down to, say, \$500 million total. Then let's take that extra \$2.5 billion and invest it into our city. Let's build housing for the homeless to keep them off the streets and out of harm's way. Let's bolster mental health services so that, in times of crisis, folks can reach out to trained professionals for help and to de-escalate situations as opposed to calling the police and potential violence. Let's develop community-based restorative justice centers so that we can resolve conflicts in a peaceful and productive manner. TL;DR (you all seem like the types to skim these, judging from your performance as of late): let's address the root causes of crime and pain in our communities as opposed to putting another bullet in a Black man. I hope each and every one of you understands right now that all of us have eyes on you. The country has eyes on you. HISTORY IS WATCHING. Every one of you can be remembered as the heroes who transformed Los Angeles. Really! You just need to commit to something new. Something bold. Policing does not work in America, simple as that. So do something new and ADOPT A PEOPLE'S BUDGET and prioritize, perhaps for the first time in your career, the people you work for. Of course, you can also do nothing and let the bodies pile up. You can end your career on a low note as you're voted out of office and perhaps replaced by officials who actually care for the communities they serve. Maybe folks will remember you as failures, if they even remember you at all. NOW is the time for bold action, council members. Your fellows in Minneapolis

have already committed to defunding and abolishing their police force — why can't you all? Are you afraid of the police unions, or losing your seat? Adopt a people's budget or face the consequences. We gave you power, and we will just as quickly take it away. With all due disrespect, Pablo Nukaya-Petralia

Communication from Public

Name: Bonnie H

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:21 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: LAPD is one of the deadliest police forces in the nation, with over 600 people killed in just the last 7 years. The measly reallocation of funds proposed by Garcetti is not nearly enough; it is an insult to our communities. Los Angeles needs CARE NOT COPS. Police consistently prove to be brutally violent and unable to be held accountable-- highlighted all the more by their reactions to protests calling attention to this problem. We need to DEFUND the police so that black people can LIVE. The absurdly high budget demonstrates a complete lack of values that must exist if we want to create healthy and thriving communities. We need that money for mental health care, ending/decriminalizing homelessness, education, and ensuring our vulnerable communities have housing and their basic needs met. THAT IS HOW YOU REDUCE CRIME. Stop taking all of our money so that you can militarize police and terrorize black communities and beyond. DIVEST IN POLICE AND RE-INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITIES NOW!!

Communication from Public

Name: Laura

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:21 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police! Reallocate vital dollars to services that will actually help our community. Mental health services, housing and supports for the homeless, social services. Brutal and racist policing needs to end. It is wrong, and completely ineffective in reducing crime. Focus on love, care and support. Defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Mondana

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:25 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: As a LA citizen, I would like to see the defunding of police. 250 million is not enough in a budget of 3 billion. As a citizen, I want to see money rerouted toward funding social work, teams with social work, nursing, MD to aid in community efforts to create safety in the streets by helping those with mental health needs. The police are taking on way too much that they are not equipped to do. I also want more money toward housing so that people have shelter and security. We also money rerouted toward healthcare for all. Additionally, we need to clean up the police union. This is a moment in history and you carry a great deal of responsibility. These actions will be remembered.

Communication from Public

Name: Tito Burgess
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:29 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Too little, too late. ABOLISH THE POLICE.

Communication from Public

Name: Victor

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:32 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: We need to defund the LAPD. We need to #DefundThePolice. We need a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time; and we need a budget that supports communities and supports their wellbeing, not which empowers the force(s) that tear them apart. We WILL defund the police, we WILL defund the LAPD, and we WILL do it with or without you.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Hugo Tuccillo

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:39 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: To Whom It May Concern: Defund the Police. A cop is woefully underprepared for the vast majority of problems that the average LA family/citizen faces. Want to keep young children off the streets? Invest in after school/extra curricular programs and community centers - NOT COPS. Victims of domestic violence? - they need social workers and resources to get out of those situations - NOT COPS. Worried about crime? - the leading experts almost unanimously agree that one of the main reasons people turn to crime is poverty - COPS DON'T HELP END POVERTY. Should every police officer/department have full riot gear, or is it more important for every teacher to have the resources needed to provide for their students? The list goes on. The point is we use the LAPD as a bandage for a wound that needs stitches. Communities are bleeding out. Please act now.

Communication from Public

Name: Steph
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:39 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police!

Communication from Public

Name: Loryn
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:42 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police! Invest in community programs instead!!

Communication from Public

Name: Dannikke
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:54 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police!!! Please take some action and redistribute funds into education and mental health!! The time is now to take action! Show us your listening! Enough is enough!!

Communication from Public

Name: Yansi
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 08:03 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 08:06 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. Like many people reaching out to you in recent days & weeks, I have been complacent for far too long. I sympathized with the pain the Black community felt when their members were brutally murdered by police, but I rarely - if ever - took action. We cannot wait any longer. Our police department, and police departments across the nation, have become too powerful, too invincible, and too trigger-happy. Please please please defund LAPD and reallocate that money where it's actually NEEDED. There are vital organizations in our community that need and deserve those funds. If we had more social workers, more mental health workers, more educators, etc., we would all be so much better off. This cannot wait any longer! Do what's right! Protect your citizens -- ALL of them, not just the white ones.

Communication from Public

Name: Grace Edwards

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 08:10 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a Studio City resident. I am writing to demand further defunding of LAPD. The minor cut to the increase for LAPD funding is not enough and does not meet this moment. \$250,000,000 doesn't do enough to address community needs or take power away from a demonstrably abusive police force. It has become clear that the LAPD sees themselves as at war with their citizens and this is unacceptable. I do not feel safer knowing that billions of our tax dollars are going towards a violent gang.

Communication from Public

Name: Asia D
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 08:11 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE. End the legacy of brutality and violence of the LAPD

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Froderman
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 08:13 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police and adopt The People's Budget LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 08:17 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police!

Communication from Public

Name: Luke Dellorso

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 08:32 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: The lapd has consistently proven that it will abuse its power and the massive allocation of funds to such an organization will not be tolerated by the people that it is supposed to protect and serve (yet fails to do so). As such, I demand that you #DefundThePolice and reallocate those funds to areas of true need. Please listen to what the people are asking for. We want #carenotcops and ask that those funds be re-directed towards Universal Aid and Crisis Management, Reimagined Community Safety, and the Built Environment. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Gordon
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 08:35 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: I demand that you defund and dismantle the LAPD, as Minneapolis is currently doing with their police department. The LAPD serves only to terrorize our city's Black and Brown communities. I demand we defund the LAPD and instead put that money into programs that will benefit Angelenos-affordable housing, healthcare, mental health services, ending food deserts, public transit, community gardens and other programs to enrich our city. Black Lives Matter! Defund the LAPD!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 08:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: WHAT IF WE TAKE LAPD'S FUNDING AND PUT IT INTO HOUSING, HEALTHCARE, SOCIAL SERVICES, EDUCATION, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AND TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE?! WHAT IF WE INVESTED IN THE FUTURE OF LOS ANGELES' YOUTH, THE LIVELIHOOD OF OUR IMMIGRANT AND UNDOCUMENTED COMMUNITIES, THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR OUR BLACK AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES!? #DEFUNDTHEPOLICE #DefundThePolice #ABOLISHLAPD #AbolishLAPD #ABOLISHICE #AbolishICE

Communication from Public

Name: Zoe Lumiere
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 08:46 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. NOW.

Communication from Public

Name: Emma Wilson

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 08:54 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: 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. I 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. I am 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. I demand that you meaningfully defund the LAPD. I join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. I 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. I 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. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Jacqueline Servin

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 09:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Our schools are in desperate need of a larger budget. Luckily I noticed that our police departments have an excess, i'm sure our heroes wouldn't mind helping the school out. In other words defund the police and use that money for the well being of our future. Our kids need access to therapist and counselors at all times.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 09:27 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 09:34 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Valeria Olmedo
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 09:37 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: The blatant refusal to defund the police and invest in your communities demonstrates the city's and its officials alliance to the LAPD not their constituents. You fight tirelessly to protect law enforcement that have little to no knowledge of the law they are paid to enforce. Your response to tweets and social media posts are distasteful and just out right disrespectful. You praise the "collective voice", even go as far as to boast about the protest being part of the Los Angeles identity yet pepper spray and send militia to these same protestors. Do not claim the collective voice you refuse to listen to. The events taking place right now are not singular rather are part of a long drawn out fight building up for years to protect Black lives ability to pursuit life liberty and happiness. Your police department is a direct threat to the livelihood of your black constituents. How are you proud of your \$3 billion police force when Los Angeles is home to the largest homeless population in the country, an underfunded school district, and currently committing biological warfare with the closure of COVID testing sites. Let also not forget the countless human rights violations in accordance to the Geneva convention that your city has committed. I urge you to look at the reality of the situation and your actions and finally listen to the people and DEFUND THE POLICE. black lives matter today and always.

Communication from Public

Name: Kate Highstrete

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 09:49 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident in the Pico Fairfax area of Los Angeles. I am adding my comment to those asking for a significant portion of the LA budget be diverted from the police to social causes such as education, drug rehabilitation and restorative justice.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 10:23 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: LAPD must be defunded.

Communication from Public

Name: Hectorlyne W Jarmon

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 10:23 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, I am a Los Angeles County resident and Home owner. I stand with black lives matter and believe that the LAPD should be defunded. I believe that we are entrusting too much with police departments and that 50% of the city's general budget should NOT be going to police. We should take funding away from Police and use the funds towards affordable housing, mental health, and the creation of jobs.

Communication from Public

Name: Christopher Picasso
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 10:30 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police, follow the People's Budget. More money for social programs

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 10:33 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Please defund the police. Money should be shifted to programs related to mental health, housing, and education. Directing sufficient money towards mental health, housing, and education could bring about systemic societal change and reduce crime and violence.

Communication from Public

Name: Kate Stewart

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 10:35 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to ask you to defund the police. We want care not cops. It is known on public record that the elected members sworn to represent the people take donations from police unions for campaigns. The police make the rules as they go and cause more harm to our lives than what it's worth. The amount of money in payouts to victims is a staggering drain on our resources. Police have never come when I have needed them and have only caused more problems with their threats, lies and brutal behavior. LA deserves better options.

Communication from Public

Name: Laney A Eddington

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 10:44 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD has an alarming amount of the city budget. We need to stop asking our police officers to be our social workers. To be our paramedics. To be our grief support counselors. To be our school disciplinarians. Instead the LAPD needs to be defunded and that money should better equip the people who's jobs they replace.

Communication from Public

Name: Brenna Miller

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 10:49 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I urge you to implement the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The Mayor's budget STILL gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD; the Peoples Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. LA should prioritize housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water, pandemic recovery, and re-imagined public safety OVER the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Over the past two weeks, our city and the world has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. Meanwhile, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused, and maimed. The entire world is watching, and you know exactly what's happening. There's no excuse not to implement what we're presenting you with. Use your power justly and fairly for care not cops.

Communication from Public

Name: Carmen

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: As a person who has lived her 20 years in the LA county, I am asking you to use your power, given by the people who voted for you, to de-fund the police and allocate more funds to your communities of color. Police brutality has been recorded on several platforms in this county, though you'd expect this not to be present in what's considered a "progressive" county. Communities of color, especially the Black community in LA county, is now calling for you to de-fund the police which has terrorized so many of your citizens and instead fund education, communal areas, healthcare facilities, anything that would help Black communities thrive instead of fearing for their lives at the hands of the police. Defund the police!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: 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. Funds should be going towards funding resources for the community like healthcare, mental health services, housing, etc., instead of funding the LAPD. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Ellie Saldana
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:38 PM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:53 PM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE. \$150 M IS NOT ENOUGH. INVEST IN BLACK COMMUNITIES AND THEIR LEADERS. THEY WILL KNOW BEST HOW TO USE THOSE FUNDS. BLACK LIVES MATTER.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 12:27 AM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police, and reinvest those funds back into the community. Mayor Garcetti's budget cut is not enough. Do better and serve the people you represent!

Communication from Public

Name: Stacy
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 12:30 AM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police

Communication from Public

Name: Kris
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 12:33 AM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police, reinvest those funds back into the community.
The mayor's promise to cut funding is not enough.

Communication from Public

Name: Isela Villanueva
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 05:47 AM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE. We need to divest money from the HUGE BUDGET that's focused on law enforcement and invest it in community resources, community safety, universal aid, crisis management, etc. There are far more important matters that money will help, instead of giving it as bonuses to the same law enforcement that has been targeting and Killing black people. There can be a safe future without the criminals killing black people in our communities. I promise. DEFUND THE POLICE. DEFUND THE POLICE. #DEFUND THE POLICE!!!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 06:07 AM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 06:54 AM

Council File No: 20-0600-S39

Comments for Public Posting: Please adopt the people's budget. By failing to reconvene about the budget and it automatically being passed, the city's members have failed. By only taking a mere 150 million reduction of a 3 billion funding for police is not enough. This is not enough when everything else in the budget is severely lacking funds. The people are speaking, listen to those who put you in offices, we are the whole reason your job exists. The city's job is to serve its community, right now that's not happening. You are serving the racism and violence that plagues the city- the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Lila
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 07:52 AM
Council File No: 20-0600-S39
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE