

Communication from Public

Name: Wendy Butts

Date Submitted: 12/08/2020 11:23 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Esteemed Councilmembers, All of us at the LA Conservation Corps know this is a profoundly challenging time. We continue to be immensely grateful for your support and partnership and urge you to accept last night's recommendation from the Budget & Finance Committee to not make cuts to our Clean & Green and River Keepers contracts with Public Works this fiscal year. Both of these programs represent jobs for young adults in our community that have been hit hardest by the pandemic – currently 40% of our Clean & Green Corpsmembers are the only ones in their family working and 84% of them are taking on more of their families financial burden. These Corpsmembers are on the front lines providing essential clean up and quality of life services across our City, which as you know is overburdened with maintaining healthy living conditions for Angelenos right now. The \$540,000 in funding for the Corps in the proposal are supporting operational/real life costs that make such a profound impact for all of us. Thank you for your consideration and all your hard work in making these very difficult decisions.

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Name: Griffin

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Comments for Public Posting: The City must bring the People's Budget back to the table. We need depts like housing, aging, disability, fire and transportation to have full funding, we cannot cut these vital services. Care comes from stable housing, food, healthcare and financial support. Access to resources, green space, food, child support, health care, and housing are what keep our cities and our people safe, not police. This city has consistently spent more money to police its people and keep us incarcerated than it has on providing us with services or care. Do not let working Angelenos fall through the cracks by cutting the services that are crucial to help keeping them alive and with a baseline quality of life deserving of all.

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Name: Stacy Dawson Stearns

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Comments for Public Posting: As the public (at least those who have not been coerced by the violent and corrupt LAPPL) have been offering to this council for months on end: the City' budget is a direct reflection of its priorities. However, this council seems unable to stand up to a Police Force, chief, and union that has a chokehold on OUR money. This money is not your to pass along to a criminal body. The LAPPL is a such a thing. And the LAPD has cost Los Angeles so many lives, so many dollars, so many resources. It is time to take a hard look at what this budget says about us. Without bold moves from CMs who are dedicated to the welfare of all Angelinos, this hijacking of funds and the continuation of processes that lack any moral or ethical grounding will continue unabated until the entire planet looks at LA and wonders: "how did they manage to commit such crimes against humanity, when all they had to do was reduce their police force and invest in services, housing, and education?" Please realize that the tide is turning. We will clear this chamber eventually and get humans in here. Try being human and returning to your promise to engage with the people's budget. Return to your promise of participatory budgeting. yes- DEFUND the police. INVEST in us.