

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Whitney Skauge

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2021 11:24 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0600

**Comments for Public Posting:** Los Angeles has made it clear that we do not want an increased budget for LAPD. Look around. The city needs critical services and that does not include more policing. We have been telling you this for over a year now with the Peoples Budget committee. If you truly care about keeping your positions in this government you need to listen to the voices of thousands of residents who are literally telling you what our priorities are as a city. Increasing the budget for LAPD would not only be dangerous but prove that the city does not actually care about its constituents. This has to stop and you can be a part of the progressive change this city is begging for. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Diana Chang

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2021 01:24 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to oppose the proposed budget. Do not increase LAPD spending by Mayor Garcetti's proposed \$40 million, at a time of widespread calls to defund the police, growing poverty, and dire revenue shortfalls. This is more of his blank check for police, austerity for everyone else People across the U.S. took to the streets last summer to demand defunding the police. Every dollar LAPD spends on surveillance, violence, and caging could instead pay for the life-affirming investments that actually make communities safer, like housing, health care, schools, social services, and jobs.

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**Name:** Samantha Smart

**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2021 01:34 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Samantha Smart, I am a constituent in council district 13, and I vehemently oppose any increase to the bloated LAPD budget. LAPD getting close to half of unrestricted revenue is far too much, and while I understand that you can't cut the entire budget without first establishing the other programs, I do know we can do better than this. We should be taking incremental but concrete steps away from policing. For starters, I personally believe police should not be conducting any form of traffic stops. So create a new program similar to parking enforcement, that is most importantly UNARMED to conduct traffic stops. That would make our streets much safer. Whatever the steps taken may be, the bottom line is that the LAPD should NOT be receiving MORE money. We need to be drastically reducing their budget and funding other services that actually help our city, rather than just policing the effects of the current lack of services.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rocio Alvarado  
**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2021 01:42 AM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** We demand you reject the mayors proposed budget. It's still defund the police in 2021 and we refuse to add to the LAPD's already dangerously overinflated budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jessica Baclesse  
**Date Submitted:** 04/27/2021 10:37 AM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** I ask the City Council to refuse the Mayor's budget for the City of LA due to the horrifying increase to the Los Angeles Police Department. As the deaths of George Floyd, Adam Toledo and so many many others have shown, more police does NOT make the citizens safer. The money should be slashed from their budget and given to social services such as homelessness support, low income housing, mental health support and education. This redistribution is only way the change policing. Stop training. Stop reforming. Change the money distribution and support the citizens that live in this city and county.