

Communication from Public

Name: Stacy Lee

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:18 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Budget Committee, I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. 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, Stacy Lee

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Name: Austin

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:19 PM

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Name: Grace Cotangco
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:20 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: My name is Grace Cotangco, I am a resident of Council district 13 in los angeles, I am calling to urge the you to adopt the peoples budget LA. If The city council is truly committed to ending systemic racism, it must start with defunding the police. punitive measures do not help Black communities and other historically divested communities. We need money for schools, housing, social services, and public health. Not police. if you are truly committed to ending systemic racism, we need to start with healing these communities, for which police are NOT qualified for. The budget must reflect your commitment.

Communication from Public

Name: Terrence Dunlop

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:21 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge the city council to defund the police department and invest in social welfare programs in the community. The police cannot be the first and last responders to the problems that afflict our communities. I also want the LA Justice Fund renewed. Protect our populations from a federal government that has demonstrated its racist values through ICE and the CBP.

Communication from Public

Name: Taylor Thompson
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:26 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Garcetti and Rep. Mitch O'Farrell, I am a lifelong Los Angeles resident writing from District 13. With the new fiscal year approaching, I am urging you to redirect funds reserved for the LAPD toward community based alternatives to incarceration and policing: a People's Budget. I support the coalition of community leaders advocating for a People's Budget. The People's Budget allocates the largest amount of money to Universal Aid and Crisis Management (44.25%), followed by Built Environment (25.80%), then Reimagined Community Safety (24.22%), and finally Law Enforcement and Police (5.72%). This revised spending is what will keep our communities safe, housed and nourished. We need more low-income housing and more services for unhoused Angelenos; more mental health services; rent suspension and cancellation during this pandemic; more funding for public schools and resources to ensure all students can continue learning during these uncertain times; and investments directly benefiting Black communities. We want human-centered services. We do not want more police. Thank you for your time, Taylor Thompson 90065

Communication from Public

Name: Melisa Des Rosiers
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:30 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please push for a People's Budget and defund the LAPD. The LAPD has a record of excessive use of force and violence. Taxpayer money would be better spent on building our communities and providing support systems laid out in the People's Budget for domestic violence, homelessness, mental health issues and more.

Communication from Public

Name: camilla t.

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and and allocate the funds to benefit the people of los Angeles. #carenot cops! Remove the LAPD and invest those funds back into the community. Invest it towards universal aid, crisis management, and reimagine community safety guidelines.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:38 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Chelsea. I live in North Hollywood and I was born and raised in the city of Los Angeles. I would like to take this time to tell the city council that cutting LAPD's budget by about 3% is not enough. I am asking the city council to adopt the People's City Budget. This is what Angelenos want and this is what we need. We need the city's budget to go to universal needs such as housing, renters support, public health, mental health care, and schools. The budget needs to go back to our community. For months, hospitals and healthcare workers have been in need of supplies to help them with Covid-19. How does funding LAPD BILLIONS OF DOLLARS and cutting all other needs of funding, healthcare included, help? Our city and communities will fall even more with this decision. We need care not cops. That 3% cut was a huge slap to the face of what the bigger picture is. I am urging the city council to completely revise the LA Budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year and demand that you adopt the People's City Budget. This has been an issue for YEARS that can not be ignored anymore. You need to stop funding cops, who are not protecting the residence of this city but instead criminalizing them, and fund the people of this city by caring for them. LAPD is the biggest and the most violent gang in Los Angeles. Our leaders need to step up and be with the people of Los Angeles not the thugs that continue to murder the residents of Los Angeles instead of protecting them.

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Name: Hanz

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The current budget is rooted in upholding structural racism that target black communities especially. As an LA resident and teacher, I am in touch with our communities. Our scholars, our children, our FUTURE needs us to reallocate the police budget for supports that will equitably uplift them, rather than over-police and imprison them.

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The Mayor's Budget Allocations

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Other	8.2%
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Recreation & Parks	6.1%
Library	4.6%
City Attorney	3.1%

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Name: Gabrielle Seiwert
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:44 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Gabrielle Seiwert and I live in CD 13. I am writing to demand you defund LAPD and find alternative ways to ensure public safety. I stand with Black Lives Matter LA, The People's Budget LA Coalition, and the Healthy LA Coalition, who have been working to actually listen to and act on the demands of your constituents. In this time of global pandemic and the fight to end systemic racism, the city budget should reflect the values and needs of the people you serve. The police don't need more funding, your constituents who are suffering under these racist systems do. You need to prioritize programs like affordable housing, tenant protections, right to counsel, and services for those who are homeless. There are also many organizations that already have worked for alternative safety strategies - look to them to figure out how to expand programs for public safety that do not rely on LAPD, but rather strategies that center residents who have been historically hurt by racist policies and institutions. Some of you would like to try and explain that the LAPD budget isn't really that big because there are restricted revenue sources - we get it! We're mad that you are still choosing to use over 50% of the funds that have no restrictions - funds that could be spent on anything - on LAPD. Adopting this budget would be unconscionable. It will take imagination, creativity, and investing in the communities you are supposed to serve to make things right. But you were elected to LA City Council so I'd like to believe that you have the capacity to do so. Prove to your constituents that you are worthy of the seat you occupy. Defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Tommy Newman

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:45 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of United Way of Greater LA, I urge you and the rest of the city council to reject the Mayor's proposed budget. The City's proposed budget does not reflect the priorities and values of Los Angeles residents. In this time of global pandemic and the fight to end systemic racism, the city budget should reflect the values and needs of the people. The police don't need more funding, your constituents who are suffering under these racist systems do. We support the People's Budget LA in calling for the defunding of police, and the HealthyLA Coalition in calling for the funding of these housing efforts: -The acquisition and rehabilitation of multi-family buildings & single-family homes. Investing \$310,000 per unit for multi-family units and \$450,000 per single family home, the total program cost would be approximately \$690,000,000 for Year 1 and result in 2,000 units of housing. - Invest \$70,000,000 in a fully-funded Right to Counsel and Eviction Defense Program that includes legal defense, tenant outreach and education and targeted rental assistance. - Fund HCID to enforce existing tenant protections. This is critical during a time of expected and unprecedented waves of evictions looming. - Create a Pilot Social Housing Program. - Provide developers with gap financing to ensure affordable housing construction projects are completed in a timely manner. - Commit CARES and general funds dollars to finance and operate supportive housing units. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Ruby Rivera

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Ruby Rivera and I am representing Legacy LA in CD 14, We strongly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. Decades of racist policies, land use planning and disinvestment from LA's Black communities continue to have devastating effects today. Our shameful history of racism has created a city where Black and Latinx communities still face the deepest inequities. The City's proposed budget does not reflect the priorities and values of Los Angeles residents. In this time of global pandemic and the fight to end systemic racism, the city budget should invest in communities, not policing. We support the People's Budget LA in and the HealthyLA Coalition in calling to prioritize your constituents who are suffering under historically racist systems and need more relief. I am asking for the city council to reject the mayor's budget and to pass a budget that shows Black Lives Matter and are valued in Los Angeles.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live in Paul Koretz's district, in Westwood. I urge you to cut funding for the police. I understand that many members of the council are afraid of the influence of the police and their union. The people of LA are behind you. Look at how many of us are in the streets. Follow Minneapolis's example, and move to defund LAPD. It is your job to take the lead. Don't embarrass LA any more.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:08 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Garcetti's proposed budget which will give LAPD around 3 BILLION DOLLARS is absolutely a disgusting misuse of the city's money. Approving this proposal directly violates the basic rights of LA residents, disregards the pleads and demands of the very people this council is meant to serve, and will condemn the lives of millions. Do not allow this proposal to get any further.

Communication from Public

Name: Dana SIMMONS
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:10 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: In a time of deep economic pain and global pandemic, it is unconscionable that the LA City budget provides generously to the police and starves social services. This is butt-backward. How do you want our city to emerge from this moment of crisis and transformation? Is this the best you can do? You will forgive me for doubting your sincerity, since I have recently learned how many hundreds of thousands of dollars from the Police Protective League sit in each of your re-election campaign chests. The police unions have a stranglehold on our city, and I do not use that word lightly. Do you want to give our city residents a future of health, real safety, education and care, or do you want to lock us up? This is the time to make your choice, one or the other. The middle ground has fallen out from under all of us.

Communication from Public

Name: Shannen Roberts
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:11 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Veto Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget! Do as the Minneapolis City Council did and completely get rid of the police department and invest that money into community resources such as mental health resources and support, health care teams, and restorative justice teams. Defund police, demilitarize communities, remove police from schools, invest in community care, care not cops.

Communication from Public

Name: Lily

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:13 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon, As a Los Angeles Resident, I demand that the Budget and Finance Committee adopt the People's Budget. The results are in— it's clear Angelenos are in support of these measures, ESPECIALLY defunding the LAPD! LAPD's budget is insanely high— we are seeing this clearly in stocks of riot gear and chemical weapons that the LAPD is using on community members. It's nuts that I PAY FOR THIS! It's time (read: long overdue!!) to reallocate these funds to the people of Los Angeles, specifically to Black and Indigenous communities. This is an ABSOLUTE MUST! Thanks, Lily P.S. Let's make LA a model city with a transformed police!! This is an opportunity to put values into action. You have the power!

Communication from Public

Name: Christopher Roach

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello esteemed council members, My name is Chris Roach and I am a downtown Los Angeles resident and California native. In these obviously difficult times the glaring disparity between the LAPD budget and other areas of investment has been brought to the forefront and has made clear that our beloved city needs serious change. \$150 million out of the over \$3 billion budget proposed is simply not close to enough. Not only do we Angelenos deserve a say in where our tax dollars are allocated, but the LAPD no longer deserve an endless leash. In a city overtaken by homelessness, unaffordable housing, and poor public transit options, a city where the LAPD has failed to serve communities of color equally and fairly, and is given wild amounts of freedom in both practices and spending, now is the time to defund the LAPD. I stand in solidarity with the people marching in our city asking for real change. I support the demands of The People's Budget LA coalition. I know you are in a difficult position right now but it is no excuse to make minor concessions and move on. The people and citizens of the city which you all help to govern deserve so much better. Thank you all, for taking the time to read this. I believe your hearts are in the right place and hope you will do the right thing. Thank you, Chris

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Name: Eric Mercado

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please focus on defunding the police department and directing those funds into our city. Specifically, redirect funds into our school systems. The committee has already decided they are going to replace damaged police vehicles rather than listening to why the vehicle was damaged and what could be changed systematically to prevent this in the future. Listen to your city. Work with the People's Budget Committee to readjust your budget.

Communication from Public

Name: L Hammond

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The funding for LAPD is astronomical, please direct the increase in funding to community support services like education, the fire department, and parks and recreation. Education and crisis support organisations serve the LA community more than LAPD does.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Gracia-Santiago

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:31 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, My name is Laura Gracia, I am the Climate Adaptation and Resilience Enhancement (CARE) Coordinator with Communities for a Better Environment (CBE). CBE is an environmental justice organization working to build people power in low-income communities of color. We are in strong support of the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. I urge the city council to reject the Mayor's proposed budget as it does not reflect the priorities and values of Los Angeles residents. In this time of global pandemic and the fight to end systemic racism, the city budget should invest in communities, not policing. We need a budget that prioritizes keeping folks housed, housing the folks who are unhoused- this means funding permanent affordable housing from existing housing stock, eviction defense, supportive housing, and tenant protections. Secondly, I urge the Budget & Finance Committee and full City Council to reprogram the money originally budgeted for the Climate Emergency and Mobilization Office into this next year's budget. Black, Indigenous, and low-income communities of color have, due to historic and systemic racism, been disproportionately impacted by environmental racism. Environmental injustices have led to higher asthma rates in communities of color, which currently, is much more dangerous due to the coronavirus pandemic. We need a Just Recovery to succeed after this pandemic, this includes addressing root problems that have led us to our current situation. The CEMO would allow community oversight and community governance in addressing climate change impacts. This is crucial because only communities who have lived in their communities know what solutions are truly necessary to adapt and be resilient. Moving forward we need a community-led Just Recovery without policing, with proper housing, and community-governed emergency preparation and resilience planning. I am asking for the city council to reject the mayor's budget and to pass a budget that shows Black Lives Matter and are valued in Los Angeles. Thank you,

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Bates

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:31 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Like the many Angelenos who have called in, tweeted, and marched in opposition, I am demanding the Mayor completely revise his horrific and white supremacist budget. The LAPD is one of the most abusive and corrupt law enforcement departments in the country, and the city is repeatedly sued over the LAPD's abuse of power. We are in the midst of a global health pandemic — thousands remain unhoused and millions are at risk of joining those ranks. Black, Brown, poor, institutionalized and unhoused bodies are at the greatest risk of being exposed to and dying from COVID-19. These are the same folx who are disproportionately impacted by LAPD violence. The People have spoken. And they have marched. And the police have proven just how problematic and supremacist they are. On Tuesday, Commander Cory Palka flashed a white power signal after a TV interview. White supremacists are in positions of leadership on the police force because policing is white supremacist. Folx have demonstrated that they want the city to invest in universal needs like quality housing for all, universal access to healthy food, financial and economic support, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health and mental health support. They want the city to divest from traditional policing. I demand Mayor Garcetti draft a People's Budget that emphasizes Care not Cops and which DEFUNDS THE POLICE. I want to make clear that your failure to listen to your constituents does not mean that we will give up. We will continue to make our voices known, both online and through in-person protests. Thank you for your time.

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Name: Daniel Levin

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is in regard to the upcoming determination of the city's budget, per the meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee on June 8, 2020. Councilmembers, You discuss the future of the city in terms of increments, with what sounds like an attitude of ennui and bureaucratic malaise. What has been going on in this city for over a century has been a crisis, and you react to it not only as if it is something new, but as if it is an inconvenience. I am pleading with you all to take the time to educate yourselves. It is one thing to attempt to listen to the superficial action items presented to you by your constituents, particularly in the response to police violence. It is another thing entirely to try to get ahead of the curve, to be leaders who set the tone and agenda, rather than simply take the temperature of their constituents and attempt to play catch up. There is a bevy of literature, educational programs, videos, podcasts, all kinds of media with which you can engage to try not just to listen to, but to understand and to empathize with the despairing people you represent. There is an opportunity on the horizon. If community programs have been devastated by the financial crisis, there is an obvious place to look for funds in order to reinvigorate those programs. Dismantle the police department and reimagine how this city treats its citizens. It is time to start over, to imagine something together with the populace which actually works. Police should not be the ones performing welfare checks for the homeless nor for people experiencing mental health episodes. Police should not be directing traffic or checking fares on the metro. The police department has become a catch-all in the city budget, a corrupt failure. Start over. We don't want city council members who simply react to the perceived interests of the populace when it's convenient, who struggle to figure out what will make us all leave city hall alone. We know you're holding your collective breath thinking "Well, if we cut the police budget just enough so as not make the union too mad, but enough that the number looks substantial in a headline, people might leave us alone to do our jobs." Start over. Put people ahead of politics. Lead, and if you find you don't know how to, if you can't figure it out, and if this isn't why you got into this line of work—to push for a radical, hopeful future and defend your constituency—there is one good thing you can do: admit it, and resign.

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Name: Celina

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: LA city council needs to defund the police department and divert funds into helping our schools and health care and Community programs. It is unacceptable that the LAPD received over \$1B of our tax dollars

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Name: Brice Williams

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:33 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please consider a severe overhaul of the allocations for the up-coming budget. I no longer can fathom living in a city where teachers must go on strike and beg for the necessary support and school supplies while the police bathe in \$3 billion dollars of tax-funded war armament. Surely this money could be better used by the educators, the homeless population, the housing crisis, the disenfranchised communities being oppressed by the very organization sworn to protect them. The list goes on. The police work for the city, and the city works for the tax payers. No more incremental measures. Unless a significant, meaningful percentage of funds are reallocated from the budget that the LAPD are used to receiving, I can't in good conscience see myself ever supporting any current government official not on the right side of history.

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Name: Chanel Parker

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:33 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Now that we've seen how fast the Mayor was able to give back to the community amid protest, we now know that more can be done. I believe the 1.5 mil was a good step in the right direction but still not enough. I wonder when was the last time the mayor or any other officials visited skid row? Or Tent City? Has he not seen the homeless in "his" city? Policing areas that are already struggling so much instead of providing aid and resources for those in need would be a better and smarter choice. By funding the LAPD you are leaving no room for real, concrete change. Do the right thing! #Defundthepolice

Communication from Public

Name: Grace Cho

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:33 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I know there are a lot of people on this Zoom call trying to have their voices heard around systemic anti-black racism, police brutality, and funding for the LAPD. I am one of those people. I appreciate the committee providing space for public comment. Here is what I have to say: I strongly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. It is not enough to continue business as usual. We need sharp change in how we think about public safety. I am heartened by the peaceful protests taking place in our community and across the world. I was appalled to see images and hear reports of police officers responding to peaceful protests and innocent bystanders with violence and physical aggression. I am terrified on behalf of my black friends and neighbors that they will be harmed by law enforcement officers. We need to radically rethink public safety in this country, and I hope Los Angeles can be a national leader in this. I understand that the LAPD police chief has stated that more than 90% of the \$1.8 billion unrestricted revenue allocated would go to personnel costs. What exactly do these entail - benefits, pensions, settling lawsuits? We need transparency. The culture of secrecy around police funding and actions needs to end. It is unlawful. As a taxpayer, I care about how my tax dollars are being spent. I think we can do better than where we are at right now. Let's be creative and unafraid to respond to the needs of our in our community.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:34 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: In the light of the coronavirus pandemic and ongoing police brutality incidents, I think that it is inappropriate to cut funds for street services (20%), and transportation while keeping police funding constant, and refusing to significantly increase homelessness intervention and housing funding even as demand has surged during the economic fallout of the pandemic. Systemic discrimination in policing has repeatedly shown that the LAPD is not effective at keeping this city safe in an equitable way, and I don't see why it makes sense to reserve so much money for a department that has shown itself to be so flawed at its job. If we want to save lives, why are we cutting successful gang intervention programs (10%--that's just 3 million) and transportation safety efforts (5%) instead of taking away tanks and military equipment from the police department? I support the People's Budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Schwein
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:34 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: RE: People's Budget/LAPD Budget. I am writing to urge the City Council to defund the LAPD. The LAPD has a history of police brutality, escalating interactions with community members, and using violence in situations that don't call for it. Los Angeles should follow the lead of Minneapolis and invest the funds intended for the police department in community based solutions and strategies.

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Name: Anthony

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:34 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Garcetti, Council President Martinez and Council member Krekorian, My name is Dr. Anthony Vu and I am a resident of Los Angeles. 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. Thank you for you work and time. Sincerely, Anthony

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Name: Pallavi Gunalan
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:35 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: The LA budget should reflect the needs of the people. The police department should not be receiving 53.8% of the mayor's budget. This money should be invested in universal aid and crisis management as environment buildings, and community safety. To pour money into a system that has targeted Black lives and enabled cover for domestic abusers and criminals, is inexcusable. An argument made during the introduction of the meeting was that portions of the mayor's budget covers costs for investigations for victims of rape, murder, etc. and to even prevent costs for criminals. When police went on strike in New York, the crime rate actually dropped. Cutting police officers cuts down on crime. Besides that, this investigative money is not efficiently used. There's already nearly a 40% chance you will get away with murder in the U.S. and nearly a 47% chance you will get away with aggravated assault. All these numbers point to the incompetency of the policing system in their ability to investigate crime so I remain unconvinced that the use of this money going towards investigations is a valid use of it. It should be reinvested in the community rather than wasted on police.

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Name: Jessica Meaney

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:39 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Jessica Meaney and I live in the City of LA and work at Investing in Place. I urge you and the rest of the city council to reject the Mayor's proposed budget. The City's proposed budget does not reflect the priorities and values of Los Angeles residents. In this time of global pandemic and the fight to end systemic racism, the city budget should reflect the values and needs of the people you serve. The police don't need more funding, your constituents who are suffering under these racist systems do. I support the People's Budget LA in calling for the defunding of police, and the HealthyLA Coalition in calling for the funding of these housing efforts: The acquisition and rehabilitation of multi-family buildings & single-family homes. Investing \$310,000 per unit for multi-family units and \$450,000 per single family home, the total program cost would be approximately \$690,000,000 for Year 1 and result in 2,000 units of housing. Invest \$70,000,000 in a fully-funded Right to Counsel and Eviction Defense Program that includes legal defense, tenant outreach and education and targeted rental assistance. Fund HCID to enforce existing tenant protections. This is critical during a time of expected and unprecedented waves of evictions looming. Create a Pilot Social Housing Program. Provide developers with gap financing to ensure affordable housing construction projects are completed in a timely manner. Commit CARES and general funds dollars to finance and operate supportive housing units.

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Name: April

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in District 27. 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.

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Name: Kaylie Kvoriak

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:40 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed 5% cuts to LAPD in the budget as it stands now do not go far enough. The police do not need 51% of our money. They are not keeping us safe, they are not protecting the people, they are tools to protect property and uphold the status quo. The people of Los Angeles urge you to follow in the steps of Minneapolis' city council, and move towards defunding the police. This money would be better spent on expanding public and affordable housing, going towards our schools so that teachers do not have to pay for supplies out of pocket, and towards mental health workers who are far better equipped to handle the crises that are currently being handed to and bungled by the cops. Defund LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Katherine Waters-Smith

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Katherine Waters-Smith and I strongly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. Our communities were already facing the nation's worst housing and homelessness crisis before the COVID-19 pandemic; 36,300 unhoused Angelinos within the City of LA, 57% of renters in the City of LA being rent-burdened, with the median renter income in the City of LA at \$48,253. I'm asking the city council to reject the mayor's budget and to pass a budget that prioritizes the housing and homelessness needs of Los Angeles residents that includes funding and resources for: Making permanent affordable housing from existing housing stock, Eviction Defense, Social Housing, Building Affordable Housing, Supportive Housing, and Tenant Protections Thank you, Katherine Waters-Smith

Communication from Public

Name: Eli Tizcareño

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, My name is Eli Tizcareño with the American Friends Service Committee Los Angeles. I live in the City of LA zipcode 91605, and work in the area code of 90014/90011. I urge you and the rest of the city council to reject the Mayor's proposed budget. The City's proposed budget does not reflect the priorities and values of Los Angeles residents. In this time of global pandemic and the fight to end systemic racism, the city budget should reflect the values and needs of the people you serve. Please defund the police and support your constituents who are suffering under these racist systems do. I support the People's Budget LA in calling for the defunding of police, and the HealthyLA Coalition in calling for the funding of these housing efforts: The acquisition and rehabilitation of multi-family buildings & single-family homes. Investing \$310,000 per unit for multi-family units and \$450,000 per single family home, the total program cost would be approximately \$690,000,000 for Year 1 and result in 2,000 units of housing. Invest \$70,000,000 in a fully-funded Right to Counsel and Eviction Defense Program that includes legal defense, tenant outreach and education and targeted rental assistance. Fund HCID to enforce existing tenant protections. This is critical during a time of expected and unprecedented waves of evictions looming. Create a Pilot Social Housing Program. Provide developers with gap financing to ensure affordable housing construction projects are completed in a timely manner. Commit CARES and general funds dollars to finance and operate supportive housing units. Sincerely,

Communication from Public

Name: Ryan Reidy

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: i don't mean to sound greedy or entitled, but 100-150 million, while definitely more money than most people will see in a lifetime, is a drop in the bucket compared to the 3 billion dollar LAPD budget. I don't mean to strike a rude tone in this message, but if the city council is ok with funding basically a paramilitary group that also doesn't seem interested in "serving and protecting" the communities they are involved in, then can I at least ask the city council to break down where every dollar that our tax payer dollars are going to? and by that, i don't mean sarcastically pointing at these (useless) military humvees, and the "shock and awe" of big guns. What I'm asking for here is a legitimate, transparent discussion with facts and data to support this budget. At the end of the day, the city council allocates these funds on behalf of the people, but what happens with "the people" are kept out of this discussion? I think in basic US History terms, I believe this is called "cash and carry" or even red stamping everything? I guess what I'm getting at, and by no means do I flatter myself into thinking I speak on behalf of "the people" but I am a person OF the people, and I would personally like to see the chief of police explain his job and why he feels entitled to that amount of money. And please, if you could, ask him to show his personal tax returns and have him personally explain why he feels it's necessary for him to receive the salary he does, while also explaining how the LAPD has been operating during these protests. Honestly, I just want to know where the broken cop cars and pallets of bricks came from. And generally speaking, I think it would also be nice to know how much tear gas the LAPD has on hand, where they bought it from, and why the Chief thinks the implementation of tear gas helps them with "serving and protecting" a community. I have no idea if "the thin blue line" exists in real life, and I don't think it's important to get into some pedantic discussion about what that means. It's obvious these cops feel like they are the victims here, so if the Chief could do us all a huge courtesy, explain to us just how exactly an organization that is funded with endless (three billion dollars is a LOT of money. Just ask NASA) can honestly be considered "victims" in need of "protection." I would also like to see a breakdown of each cop that was on patrol during the so-called riots along with their home addresses so we can get an actual idea of where these police officers live, where

they typically work, and WHY they aren't patrolling the neighborhoods they live in. I am not an expert. I am an artist, and I also understand that "expert" and "artist" can at times be mutually exclusive, but I also want to know why the city council would even be ok with a municipal entity with that much money and influence. Who is donating to your campaigns? Can we see YOUR tax returns? Thank you for taking the time to read this. And I hope that this was read out loud to the concerned parties. Have a blessed day, or whatever your version of that is.

Communication from Public

Name: Casey

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please defund the police department and work on funding programs that will promote community events, organizations, and increase awareness in the city.

Communication from Public

Name: Eduardo Pajarito

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is not enough. 3 billion is just too much for the police, guaranteeing danger and discrimination for communities of color and of lower class. We demand that you put more of this money into community services for health and education. FUND IHSS AND HELP THE DISABLED!

Communication from Public

Name: Kendra Jones

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Kendra Jones, I am an Angeleno and I live in District 621-CITY. 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. -Kendra Jones

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:41 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in District 34. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Jaclyn Hoffmann

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:41 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Garcetti's decision to reevaluate his budget to find \$150 million to remove from the LAPD budget is TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE. His reapportionment proposal still leaves the LAPD with over 50% of unrestricted funds. We need to defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Can

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:41 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We demand that the mayor and city council prioritize care not cops. We want the mayors budget to be denied and adopt the peoples budget instead. We demand drastic changes to LA's budget. We need to defund the police. We want a budget that invest in our priorities and and needs. We need to allocate and divest our resources healthcare, housing, good jobs, mental healthcare, education enrichment. We need to invest in small business, black and minority communities. We demand change now!

Communication from Public

Name: Jaspal Bassi

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:41 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Divest from the current police budget and put more money towards public services to help the Black and Brown community. This will decrease crime and you will not need such an extensive police budget. \$150 million divestment is not enough, especially in the context of the LAPD's \$3,000,000,000 budget. The police department needs to be deconstructed and reconstructed in a new way where more money is funneled to community programs to decrease homelessness, food insecurity, social services, healthcare, and more.

Communication from Public

Name: Brendan

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I live in District 4 and I urge you to defund the police and start investing in things that actually help LA. We need care not cops. Instead of giving the LAPD (well known around the country for their unchecked brutality and violence) \$3 billion to continue to abuse our citizens, Mayor Garcetti could house the homeless, protect small businesses, provide school resources (!!!), build tenant protections, expand mental healthcare, and provide free transit. It seems like a radical idea to remove funding from the police, until you realize that we've been defunding our schools for decades. Re-allocate these funds to social services, growing and supporting our communities. We need care, not cops. Support the people's budget for LA to truly represent the people. It makes absolutely no sense for school teachers to need to use their own (sickeningly low) paycheck to buy supplies for their students while our police department has endless riot gear, tear gas, rubber bullets, live ammunition, battle humvees, etc. Defund the police. Demilitarize our police. Fight for the people.

Communication from Public

Name: Lucas Nathan

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: While I understand that the budget is more complicated than it would seem as a civilian, the people still want their needs reflected in the budget! We want the police force to SHRINK! We want the funds to be reallocated to services that HELP PEOPLE, because crime doesn't come from nowhere it comes from people's needs not being met. Instead of solving a problem by beating the crap out of it with police, we can go deeper and solve problems by providing people of color, and Black people in particular, with the things that are a given for White people in most cases. So many nonviolent "crimes" can be decriminalized and resources can be diverted towards HELPING people instead of criminalizing them! This is time for big change, we don't want some half-hearted changes and reforms. We want REAL change and we want our city's budget to reflect this!

Communication from Public

Name: Anna A.

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:43 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello and thank you for reading. It is not a surprise that so many citizens are reaching out and sharing their voices. More than ever, we have become aware of how the city's budget is being spent and we are upset by it. It is immensely disproportional as presented by how the city showed Mayor Garcetti's proposed 2020 budget plan. To give \$3 billion to the LAPD (even after a \$150 million reduction) is unjust to the community. It is absurd that during an emergency, the COVID-19 pandemic, we have nearly nothing going towards emergency management. It is unjust that in a cultural melting pot of a city, Los Angeles isn't properly funding cultural affairs. Traffic is a huge conversation spoken about daily in Los Angeles county. It is such a known problem that even those who have never visited the city are aware that there is a transportation issue here. Why are we not giving more to making public transportation more easily available and less congested? LA has a wide variety of people living in it - a variety of races, a variety of economic class, a variety of lives. Please listen to our voices. Right now, giving so much to a single department -- one that needs massive restructuring -- is unjust. I ask why more money isn't being put towards education? Why isn't more money going to helping the homeless and those in poverty? Why isn't more money going into bettering our environment? Why isn't it going towards our pothole filled roads or helping maintain our parks? Why is it that during a global emergency, we aren't focusing on the current problems at hand so they do not worsen in the future? Why IS the money going into a system that benefits from mass incarceration - a process that specifically targets minorities (especially the black community) in order to progress carceral capitalism? As citizens, we do not want our money placed into these systems. We want our money to be use to help our neighbors and community. Everyone in the county of Los Angeles should have a say. We want to feel like we are being listened to, not fought against. When you give the LAPD \$3 billion it tells us that we should expect more tear gas, we should expect more rubber bullets, and maybe we should even expect lives bullets some day. You are stepping on our necks with this budget. Use it instead to lead by example at what a better nation and world could look like.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Caesar

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:43 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: While I applaud the City Council for taking initial steps to defund the Los Angeles Police Department, I implore you to go much further. The City of Los Angeles should be leading the nation in its ability to meet this moment with the transformational change we so desperately need. We are in the middle of a moral, economic, and public health crisis - both in terms of the COVID-19 pandemic and the scourge of systemic racism. Our current moment demands a true reimagining how we spend our local funds. The public will no longer accept hollow reforms. We demand a budget that is moral, that invests in communities of color, that prioritizes health and wellbeing instead of a system of law enforcement that continues to terrorize and kill our neighbors. The people of this City are standing with Black Lives Matter to demand that you defund the police. Center the needs and the stated priorities of the people and adopt the People's Budget. If the City Council of Minneapolis can call for the building of a new model of public safety, you can too. We will be with you when you do.

Communication from Public

Name: CHEVEL BLOUNT
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:43 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Garcetti, it is a criminal act to allow 54% of the People's Budget to be allocated towards militarizing the police. De-fund the police. Invest in the people. What an insensitive and dangerous act to propose this budget as black people and people of color have disproportionately lost their lives to the brutality of the LAPD. There is no trust in the LAPD. They instill aggression and fear. They are protecting their bottom line (money) and serving their own interests. We need protection from the police. We need to follow the example of Minneapolis and dismantle police, and rebuild a new form of public safety that requires officers to be held accountable to a review board, consisting of citizens, not their own crooked internal affairs departments. The requirements for becoming an officer shouldn't demand less time than going to cosmetology school (340 hours for reserve police versus 1500 for barber school). This is so insulting to the intelligence of our communities. And horrifying that there are violent, prejudiced if not certainly racist men with badges and guns out on our streets with free passes to assault us.

Communication from Public

Name: Adam Bravo

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:43 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I wish to see some of the funds currently allocated to LAPD be shifted towards other issues, such as housing the homeless and expanding mental health resources.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Johnson

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:43 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Daniel Johnson and I strongly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. Our communities were already facing the nation's worst housing and homelessness crisis before the COVID-19 pandemic; 36,300 unhoused Angelinos within the City of LA, 57% of renters in the City of LA being rent-burdened, with the median renter income in the City of LA at \$48,253. I'm asking the city council to reject the mayor's budget and to pass a budget that prioritizes the housing and homelessness needs of Los Angeles residents that includes funding and resources for Making permanent affordable housing from existing housing stock, Eviction Defense, Social Housing, Building Affordable Housing, Supportive Housing, and Tenant Protections.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:45 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please adopt people's budget. Defund LAPD and redirect MOST, if not all, of LAPD's budget towards social programs that LA residents desperately need: house the homeless, invest into education, and (while not a budget matter, strictly speaking), consider following Minneapolis' footsteps and consider dismantling LAPD in favor of a better, community-oriented alternative.

Communication from Public

Name: Kelly Stack

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:47 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The only solution to the problem of police brutality in Los Angeles and this country is to DEFUND THE POLICE. This city and council must defund the police and invest in the community in other ways. We have to follow the example of the Minneapolis City Council in dismantling the current system and moving into the future with reimagined public safety measures. I support the budget proposed by The People's Budget and call for the council to devote the largest share of the budget to "universal aid and crisis management". Defund the police. Cutting the budget by \$150M is nowhere near enough and is completely unacceptable. The Council should support The People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Deborah Falb

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:47 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Deborah Falb with Indivisible Highland Park. The current budget proposal to decrease LAPD's budget and reallocate dollars to communities of color is a step in the right direction, but it is not enough. To effect true transformative change, the city needs to go much further than this. We need you to create and support a budget that fully reflects our values. A budget is a moral document. You pay for what you care about and think is important. If you don't provide funding for something, you literally do not value it. It is past time that the politicians of Los Angeles value people -- particularly black communities and immigrant communities -- over the militarization of our police and the criminalization of those who want nothing more than safety and opportunity for their families. That is why I urge you to take a stand against racism now by reallocating funds for equipment more appropriate to overseas conflict than protecting/serving communities to programs that will promote public safety through communication and expertise, as well as to renewing the LA Justice Fund (LAJF) once and for all. The Los Angeles Justice Fund team has proven its commitment and power to rise to the occasion in the most difficult of times, providing a concrete legal safety net for immigrant communities. Our communities deserve a full and just recovery -- a true transformation to a just and equitable system -- where no one is left behind, where our collective and individual healing and well-being are centered, and our families and neighborhoods are stabilized and kept together. This safety, stability, and a sustainable & just recovery is achieved through due process for all, equitable access to healthy affordable homes, health, jobs, community-based prevention, essential services, and an end to the over-policing and over-incarceration of black and brown communities. It is not achieved through false choices, where the system tries to pit us against one another for our basic needs. Our communities deserve justice, now more than ever. We are Angelenos and we must stand together. Invest in Community. Give us a Moral Budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Katherine Hoff

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:48 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to ask the LA City Council to cut the LA police's budget in the current city budget. Cutting law enforcement's budget by 150 million is not enough, given the LAPD budget is in the billions and represents over half of LA's city budget. The City Council should instead adopt the People's Budget. We need to invest in housing security public and mental health instead of having more cops on the streets surveilling communities with guns. Police are performing so many roles that would be better performed by mental health experts, youth counselors and other trained civilians. Please expand the city budget for these services, rather than giving even more money for policing.

Communication from Public

Name: Grace Ciacciarelli

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:52 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Giving billions of dollars to the LAPD as outlined in Garcetti's budget will contribute to the further police abuse and murders of Black individuals in Los Angeles. To approve this budget, let alone in the midst of a global movement against police brutality and anti-Black racism, would be outrageous and unethical. Defunding the LAPD and reallocating funding to other important city departments as outlined in the People's Budget is the only way forward; otherwise, the blood of state-sanctioned violence is on your hands.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:53 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon, I'm a resident of a nearby city and reside in LA county. I'm writing you today to urge you to reconsider the proposed budget for the LAPD for FY 2020-21. I'll be blunt, we need to reallocate resource spending AWAY from policing. We've seen deep rooted racism within the policing system take innocent lives countless times. The injustice is clear and severe. We need effective change immediately. Defund the police now and fund community based initiatives in areas like mental healthcare, affordable housing, and other social services. The abuse of power within the policing system is simply unforgivable. A cut of 5% - 8% to the proposed budget (3.15b) is not enough. Please, we can do far better.

Communication from Public

Name: Camirin Farmer
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:55 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is absolutely ridiculous that in the second most populated city in the US that over HALF of the budget goes to the police, and less than 8 PERCENT goes to ALL of public works, sanitation, street services, transportation, and more. The citizens of Los Angeles deserves a city that supports them, not police them. You have a responsibility to care for your citizens. Stop slacking.

Communication from Public

Name: Jack Dahlin

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:55 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please remove Paul Koretz from this Committee. His budgetary concerns are not in line with those of the people who elected him but rather the Police Unions who fund him. He is a mob stool as the LAPPL has demonstrated clear protection racket language. If Koretz wants to continue their language by scaring the public at the risk of bankruptcy he should not be concerned about INCREASING police budget. This is an unacceptably deaf response to community sentiment but also a transparent reliance on union backing to maintain his office. If you aren't bold enough to ask Koretz to resign, please remove him from this committee.

Communication from Public

Name: Phoebe Neidhardt

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:56 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you all to adopt a People's Budget and defund the police. Mayor Garcetti's proposal to find \$150 million in cuts to the LAPD is an empty gesture that still leaves the LAPD with over 50% of unrestricted funds. You need to defund the police and reallocate resources to our communities that need them most.

Communication from Public

Name: Taylor clark

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:57 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi my name is Taylor Clark and I am writing to say that the current budget proposal to decrease LAPD's budget and reallocate City dollars to communities of color is a step in the right direction but not enough. To effect true change, the city needs to go much further than this given that it is still pumping 3 billion into a machine that murders black people and attacks peaceful protestors. Our communities deserve justice and community funding, not police brutality and criminalization. Invest in community, digest from policing. Give us a Peoples Budget. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Maegan Ortiz

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:57 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Black Lives Matter. Good Afternoon, I am Maegan Ortiz Executive Director of the Instituto de Educacion Popular del Sur de California (IDEPSCA). IDEPSCA operates the majority, 5 out of the seven City of LA funded Day Labor Centers. We are glad to have been included in the Mayor's Budget, however the day labor centers are listed as receiving \$200,000 less than the current fiscal year. This is a drop in the ocean of what is the LAPD's budget. During the current COVID-19 crisis, the day labor centers have provided a critical role in supporting workers who do not have access to the safety net. They didn't have access to the safety net prior to the current crisis. Their exclusion from workforce development, health, and unemployment services has always been a crisis to this predominantly undocumented workforce. During the crisis the day labor centers have continued to match workers with jobs, provided PPE and health information. Supporting workers in getting access to testing, even paying for tests before they were widely available. We have provided hot meals to homeless workers, 50 percent of the registered members. We have provided grocery cards, facilitated access to the Angeleno card and fund-raised to provide the direct financial support denied to families that work and contribute but are excluded because of their immigration status. We have helped fundraise for day laborers who have died. We have gone above and beyond what our contract with the city asks for because these are our family members, our neighbors, your neighbors. As the city begins to pivot towards recovery the day labor centers will continue to provide an invaluable service that needs to be funded at the current fiscal year budget levels. We support the defunding of the LAPD and the People's Budget. There are Black Workers that are part of our day labor centers. They, the houseless members of our centers, and others face constant harassment by the police as they commit the horrible crime of looking for a job to feed their families. For this reason we ask for a complete restoration of the day labor program budget and a reallocation of LAPD funding to programs that support Black Angelenos and others who bear the brunt of the legacy of slavery and the continuation of systemic white supremacy. Black Lives Matter

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Steinborn

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:57 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We can't talk about the LA budget without considering the 2028 Olympics. Specifically in terms of the police budget, LAPD representatives including former chief Charlie Beck have stated LAPD will expand its fleet by 25% to accommodate the 2028 games. That will be reflected in every budget leading up to 2028. Now generally speaking, all Olympics go over budget. A 2016 study by the University of Oxford, a school Mayor Eric Garcetti attended, found that between 1960 and 2016, every single Olympic Games ran over its initially-stated budget with an average cost overrun of 156% Vancouver 2010: 1 billion to 10 billion London 2012: 3.8 billion to 18 billion Sochi 2014: 12 billion to 51 billion Rio 2016: 12 billion to 20 billion Pyeongchang 2018: 6 billion to 13 billion And to make matters worse, when LA's budget balloons past 6.9 billion, the public will be on the hook for the overages. That means taxpayers who live in Northern California will have to foot the bill for the LA Olympics. We need to cancel the Olympics and defund the LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Jon Austin Raymundo

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:58 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: RE: LA City Budget, LA City Council Committee on Budget & Finance 6/8/2020 at 2 PM Dear Councilmembers & Staff, As a lifelong Angeleno, I find it unacceptable that 51% of the unrestricted LA City Budget gets spent on the LAPD. While the police are tasked to play an important theoretical role of upholding justice in our society, they have failed to do so. The past two weeks of peaceful protest of police brutality (as of 6/8/2020) in the wake of the murders of George Floyd, Ahmed Arbery, and Breonna Taylor has been met with even more police brutality by the LAPD, ironically reinforcing the assertion that law enforcement has and continues the act unjustly. This unacceptable behavior is funded on the taxpayer dime and can continue no longer. One of the reasons why police brutality has gotten out of control is because the LAPD takes on roles unsuitable for them in addition to their job to enforce the law. They are tasked with mental health response, responding to homelessness, and substance abuse, among others. These police officers are asked to be therapists, social workers, abuse counselors all while carrying a gun and enforcing the laws. This model of policing not only has failed but has needlessly escalated situations with people who are in crisis and need help. In doing so, there is an increase in violence, criminalization of having a crisis, a decrease in trust in communities - all of which downstream increases the cost of having the LAPD. A crisis demands a radical response - not slow and incremental change. Radical change such as ending slavery, implementing the civil rights act - granular changes in line items on the budget doesn't. The radical rechange we need means splitting the LAPD into four separate entities: 1) The LAPD - cops that enforce the law and engage the community in a community-oriented manner. 2) A housing commission dedicated to taking those experiencing homelessness off the streets and into affordable housing. 3) A mental health agency dedicated to providing quality mental healthcare to LA residents and those in crisis. 4) Community counselors dedicated to building community, resolving smaller issues like noise complaints, and taking on many of the same roles community resource officers do in schools. By bifurcating the LAPD's funding into four separate agencies that deal with four separate realms of issues currently handled by the LAPD, the city of LA can more effectively and

efficiently handle the crises LA residences experience on a daily basis and (ideally) save the city a bit of money. This is what a community lead public safety proposal looks like. This is what we need to see if we are to maintain a more peaceful and prosperous community now and in the future. I urge you to adopt these ideas and look forward to seeing the City of Los Angeles honor the memory of those killed by police brutality with the reforms its community demands Sincerely, Jon Austin Raymundo.

Communication from Public

Name: Betsy Soukup

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:59 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is frustrating to hear our councilmembers lament the lack of funding for various public health projects in LA, but neglect to consider redirecting funding for the LAPD towards these efforts. Not one person on the call has mentioned looking through the proposed People's Budget (<https://peoplesbudgetla.com/peoplesbudget/>). I appreciate having a forum to voice complaints and suggestions, but would like some confirmation that these complaints and suggestions are actually being heard.

Communication from Public

Name: Meghan Gaunt

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:00 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to give comment on the LA budget. I reject Mayor Garcetti's current plan. I would like to see the People's Budget of LA adopted. If that cannot be adopted in full, I would like to see the LAPD defunded, with an investment into education, health care, housing, social services, and universal aid and crisis management. But first and foremost, the most important, to DIVEST in the police. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Alia Yusuf
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:00 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Hello, The city is allocating far too much to Police. The recent promises from Garcetti to reduce the budget by 100-150 million is not at all sufficient! Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Max-Joseph Montel

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:00 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We need to re-examine the notion of public safety and implement what works. Public safety is a much broader, more complex problem than can be solved with just one tool, and that's what Defund the Police means. It means investing in housing, investing in mental health services, and investing in local community organizations. It means returning the role of the police to what it's best suited for. And I think most police officers agree: they're not the best option to respond to homelessness, to mental health calls, or to most issues in schools. So LA City Council needs to defund the police to redirect public resources to where they can be most effective.

Communication from Public

Name: Mindy Garland

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:00 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Mindy Garland and I represent the Los Angeles Black Worker Center. We are here in strong support for the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. Decades of racist policies, land use planning and disinvestment from LA's Black communities continue to have devastating effects today. Black residents are over-represented in the homeless population, and continue to experience higher rates of unemployment. Our shameful history of racism has created a city where Black communities still face the deepest inequities. I am asking for the city council to reject the mayor's budget and to pass a budget that shows Black Lives Matter and are valued in Los Angeles. Valuing Black lives does not mean millions of dollars into the LAPD while divesting from community-led policies such as the Civil and Human Rights Commissions and housing policies that will create access for Black workers. Valuing Black lives means putting the funds into policies and community resources that will create an equitable economy where Black folks are thriving. I urge you to pass a budget that prioritizes housing and family sustainable jobs. I urge you to support Healthy LA and the People's Budget. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Molly Bernitz

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:02 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Garcetti and the City Council's decision to ONLY cut \$150 million from the LAPD's budget is far too little. It does not do enough to Defund the Police. \$150 million of a \$3 billion budget is only a 5% cut yet still leaves them with 51% of the city's unrestricted funds. That is unacceptable and I will hold both the Mayor and my representative Paul Krekorian accountable for my vote to do better by its constituents, not the cops. I will see how much money you both accept from the LAPPL during your next primary elections. I stand with the Los Angeles chapter of Black Lives Matter to demand that you invest in the People's Budget LA and do more to defund the LAPD now.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:02 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE. Put OUR tax money in programs that help better the community. Education, homelessness, mental health services, etc.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: City council: please adopt People's Budget that prioritizes community and social spending, over spending a lot of money on our brutal, inhumane LAPD that shouldn't be getting this much money and that ideally should be defunded to \$0.

Communication from Public

Name: Jordan Ferguson
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:04 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I write in opposition to the Mayor's budget and to demand that the City Council take action to drastically defund the LAPD and to reallocate that funding to much needed social services. During this time of national protest, I earnestly hope the City Council will stand up not for the status quo, but for the Los Angeles we need to build in its place. I have seen Council President Martinez's suggested cuts to the LAPD. This proposal is not sufficient. In addition to eliminating the entirety of Mayor Garcetti's proposed increase in funding to the LAPD, I write to ask that the City Council finalize a budget that cuts a minimum of \$200 million in additional funding to the LAPD. I am a 6 year resident of Los Angeles as well as a municipal law, land use, and regulatory compliance attorney who practices throughout Los Angeles and southern California. I have watched with horror as the Los Angeles Police Department has created and escalated violence throughout the City during the protests over the last week, and with disgust as Mayor Garcetti has taken repeated actions to exacerbate the situation, including altering curfew times with little notice, shutting down public transport to strand essential workers, and closing COVID-19 testing sites, in apparent punitive response to protestors exercising their constitutional rights. This is not the City I want to live in, and I hope you will join me in opposition to these actions, and in taking action to create a more just and equitable Los Angeles. I vehemently oppose the Mayor's new budget, and humbly request that you closely review the budget and take action to drastically reduce funding to the LAPD and to redistribute that funding back into our communities, supporting healthcare, education, the arts, and perhaps most crucially, affordable housing initiatives for our most vulnerable communities. While I understand the complications involved in passing a budget, and the close review needed to make funding changes on short notice, I believe it is the City Council's duty as public servants to stand against the violence perpetrated by the LAPD and to send a clear message: enough is enough, and funding will be substantially curtailed until the department takes drastic action to overhaul its practices and to reform itself into an institution that is minimally capable of living up to its motto to protect and serve. I cannot and will not support officials in future elections that do not take strong action to better our society in the

face of the unprecedented crises of COVID-19 and mass police violence and brutality. Respectfully, you must all vote against the budget as it is currently proposed and work to create a new proposal that serves justice rather than the whims of the LAPD. Thank you for your time and consideration of these crucial matters.

Communication from Public

Name: Helen Hood Scheer

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:06 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please reduce police funding and allocate more money to social services. \$150 million is a start but more Needed for improving education, increasing access to healthcare, addressing the problems of homelessness, and a myriad of environmental issues.

Communication from Public

Name: Elliot Joyce

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:25 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defend the police! Support community programs and programs that help with low income and homeless folks.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Jones

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:25 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council, My name is Michael Jones and I live in Council District 10. We are in the midst of a health pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed — and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of this city is renters — and if people are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, there were around 60k unhoused people; after evictions and economic insecurity due to COVID-19 and its fall out, we can expect thousands more. In this context, the Mayor is proposing a budget increase to LAPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. LAPD has seen a rise in overtime which, more often than not, is paid out to officers harassing unhoused people, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We are also in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence — embodied by the LAPD — which murders Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of “reform.” 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. I am urging you all to completely oppose Garcetti's budget and support funding #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People’s Budget. Thank you for your time, Michael Jones

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Pratter

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:56 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Sarah Pratter and I am a 4 year resident of Los Angeles (90017). I am writing in opposition to the Mayor's budget and to demand that the City Council take action to drastically defund the LAPD and to reallocate that funding to much needed social services. During this time of national protest, I earnestly hope the City Council will stand up not for the status quo, but for the Los Angeles we need to build in its place. I have seen Council President Martinez's suggested cuts to the LAPD. This proposal is not sufficient. In addition to eliminating the entirety of Mayor Garcetti's proposed increase in funding to the LAPD, I write to ask that the City Council finalize a budget that cuts a minimum of \$200 million in additional funding to the LAPD. I have watched with horror as the Los Angeles Police Department has created and escalated violence throughout the City during the protests over the last week, and with disgust as Mayor Garcetti has taken repeated actions to exacerbate the situation, including altering curfew times with little notice, shutting down public transport to strand essential workers, and closing COVID-19 testing sites, in apparent punitive response to protestors exercising their constitutional rights. This is not the City I want to live in, and I hope you will join me in opposition to these actions, and in taking action to create a more just and equitable Los Angeles. I vehemently oppose the Mayor's new budget, and humbly request that you closely review the budget and take action to drastically reduce funding to the LAPD and to redistribute that funding back into our communities, supporting healthcare, education, the arts, and perhaps most crucially, affordable housing initiatives for our most vulnerable communities. I cannot and will not support officials in future elections that do not take strong action to better our society in the face of the unprecedented crises of COVID-19 and mass police violence and brutality. Respectfully, you must all vote against the budget as it is currently proposed and work to create a new proposal that serves justice rather than the whims of the LAPD. Black Lives Matter, enact the People's Budget! Thank you for your time and consideration of these crucial matters. Sincerely, Sarah Pratter

Communication from Public

Name: Paul Yoon

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:58 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a lifelong resident of Los Angeles urging the Council to further cut the LAPD budget in order to distribute public funds in an equitable way in the city budget. I also want to challenge the Council to reject donations from the Police Protective League PAC. I saw a video this past week of LAPD officers and personnel surrounding Council member Rodriguez and threatening her reelection and a withholding of services if their budget was cut. Do not be afraid of their intimidation tactics. In a 1992 City Council hearing prior to the Rodney King trial, then police chief Daryl Gates also threatened to withhold police and emergency services if the council didn't side with the officers charged with beating Mr. King. We need to learn from our own history. Listen to your constituents, not the Police union. Defund the LAPD and invest in our communities of color. Please support the budget allocations outlined in the People's Budget (<https://peoplesbudgetla.com/peoplesbudget/>).

Communication from Public

Name: Noelle Armstrong

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:28 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: This is a comment in support of The People's Budget as polled and assembled by Black Lives Matter & others. In particular, the \$150 million redirected from the LAPD to social programs is simply not enough, leaving LAPD with over 50% of unrestricted funds. This is a gesture in the right direction, but we need to see more done and will not rest until we do.

Communication from Public

Name: Camirin Farmer
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:31 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is absolutely ridiculous that in the second most populated city in the US that over HALF of the budget goes to the police, and less than 8 PERCENT goes to ALL of public works, sanitation, street services, transportation, and more. The citizens of Los Angeles deserves a city that supports them, not police them. You have a responsibility to care for your citizens. Stop slacking.

Communication from Public

Name: Christina

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 06:57 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please kindly divest the funds from LAPD back towards our education system, towards our transportation system, and towards housing and community. We do not need more police. Please consider creating the space we need to change the system that has clearly not been working, but only hurting us. We need to do better, for our communities, and for the sake of our future generations. Please be the change and the role model that will lead other cities and counties to follow. Please be on the right side of history for once, be on the side of the people for once.

Communication from Public

Name: Cecile Garcia

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 07:24 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I was unable to speak today at the Budget & Finance Committee meeting today due to the number of callers. I am a former resident of CD 2, Councilmember Krekorian's district. I moved to CD 5, Councilmember Koretz's district last year. I am a white female. I served as an intern in Councilmember O'Farrell's office, working with his legislative team. I have read, researched, and analyzed reports, ordinances, motions, and budgets. I mention this because you seem to think that the constituents calling here do not know how to do the same. From how they are speaking, it appears that they do know how to access information and interpret it. Like my fellow constituents, I am requesting that the police be defunded and that the money be redistributed to social programs. According to the budget, the police are requesting \$1.8 billion, with \$5.5 million dedicated to "Firearms Ammunition and Other Devices." The police are requesting funding for 14,000 positions in their department. In comparison, the funding for the Housing and Community Services Department is \$81 million, which represents 4.5% of the police budget. They requested funding for 590 positions. Beyond their requests, the police also have forfeited assets to tap into - a source of funding that has its own history of discrimination and police abuse. The police department is requesting \$1.4 million of these funds be allocated to tasers alone. Councilmember Koretz's district is 74% white. According to the Chamber of Commerce's 2018 Economic Report, CD 2 is the second wealthiest council district. He, like other members of this committee, receives campaign funding from the police union. As an intern, I interviewed for a field deputy position in his office. His staff was more concerned with how I would interact with Homeowners Associations than how I would serve the district's most vulnerable. I do not trust that Koretz's mission is to serve and protect the City of Los Angeles and its people. I believe it is to serve and protect the interests of his wealthy constituents and his campaign donors. As his constituent, I was disappointed by his concern for property over people. I encourage you to listen to everyone. I know how you react to those who curse or yell, as if their voices do not matter since they do not express themselves the way you do. These are your citizens in pain, in anger, asking for your help. They are asking you to defund and/or dismantle an organization that has proven again and again to harm and kill

black people. I agree with them. You are a public servant for all constituents - not just the ones who pay you. Please remember the roots of why you came here. Was it to maintain white power and supremacy? Or was it to serve and protect your citizens - especially the most vulnerable?

Communication from Public

Name: Chloe

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 07:25 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I want to first thank Mike Bonin for his requests on overtime stats and the breakdown in 911/311 calls from the LAPD during the budget hearing on 6/8. I would be interested in seeing those made publicly available. I would like to add my voice as an LA taxpayer in support of defunding the police in the pursuit of a more equitable and just society. I understand the difficulty and immense complexity of organizing a city budget, especially in the face of the current health crisis and subsequent economic devastation. I also understand that the city budget does not represent the sum total of money that is spent on the city and the people of LA, which might contextualize (in some part) the overwhelmingly large portion of undesignated funds being allocated to the LAPD. With all of that said, I think it is important for the city council to really take a look at what it is funding when it funds the police, and to hear the priorities of its constituents. I will personally attest to my own personal priorities: the environment (I work in the environmental non-profit sector), mental health advocacy and support, fair and equitable housing, and an investment in community spaces-- parks, libraries, neighborhood centers, small businesses, etc. I am against the militarization of the police, the ability of the police to act without oversight, lack of limits on overtime, and bloated police pensions (as well as the wasteful DROP program.) I want specifically to point out the \$240k retirement pension of Police Chief Michel Moore, which he collects in addition to his salary. According to Transparent California, in 2018 Moore received \$439,293 in total pay and benefits. It is hard to swallow that kind of pay inequity, knowing that LA has a median household income of \$49,497 and 22.0% of the population lives below the federal poverty line.* I do not know if a People's Budget is possible, but I want to voice my support in the restructuring of the budget so that it benefits the people of Los Angeles and reflects their priorities. Currently, I believe it reflects the priorities of the powerful and persuasive Police Union, and hope you recognize that as a real fear and concern of your constituents, and work constantly to fight against the union's influence. Please balance the budget in support and aid of the people, and consider larger cuts to to the police budget than the current proposed motion to be discussed on the 15th.

*according the 2010 census

Communication from Public

Name: Nick Apostolina

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 07:41 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of LA County. The budget as it stands is unacceptable. We need to defund the police and divest taxpayer money towards better, more community based policing efforts.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 07:50 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: \$150 million is not nearly enough money to divest from the \$3.1 billion allotted to the LAPD in Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget. There is still time! Adopt the People's Budget LA, the true wants and needs of Angelenos. 3.1 billion dollars can do so much good in our communities. Nine of the twelve members of the Minneapolis City Council announced that they will vote to defund the city police. The LA City Council can do the same! Lead by example. Follow the Minneapolis City Council. Divest from the LAPD and INVEST in communities, especially poor Black and Brown communities. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Concerned Citizen

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 08:01 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am deeply concerned with crime rates at historically low levels that we are still policing and funding like it's the 80's. We need funding in critical areas such as education, mental health services, homelessness and after school programs. Continuing to arm the police with shiny toys as opposed to comprehensive training is leading us into instability. Which may be a catalyst for change. Which we VERY much need. I call on city council to be bold, and LISTEN to your residents when we say that we want a defunding of LAPD and budget allocation to critical areas of real need.

Communication from Public

Name: Emma

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 08:18 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Echo Park, I am in favor of the People's Budget instead of the proposed LA City Budget. The proposed budget needs to be revised to eliminate the police as a line item and instead needs to invest those dollars into mental health services, homeless services, low-income housing and education.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 08:45 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Had to work and missed dialing into today's budget zoom! Wanted to echo the sentiments of many: defund the LAPD. They are out of control, they do not need half the city budget, that money should go towards housing, education, mental health, food, healthcare. The LAPD does not make me feel safe, no one is holding them accountable for the horrifying behavior they've displayed for DECADES, so I think it's only fair to reallocate their budget and find different solutions to policing. Camden NJ did it, Minneapolis is doing it, why can't we?

Communication from Public

Name: Allison Rubinfeld

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:33 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Allison Rubinfeld I'm a constituent of district one. I'd like to speak to Agenda Item 1 and general public comment. I can't comprehend the council members concern over a theoretical reserve when the police are allotted 3 billion dollars of Los Angeles' money. Vacuuming our resources into LAPD is creating a public health crisis in and of itself, where black people and people of color are constantly in harms way by nature of simply existing in our city. By heavily investing in policing over public service, our city is supporting racism and oppression. Los Angeles police have killed over 600 people in our city with zero accountability, they have been proven to be a racist and dangerous organization that cannot be trusted to handle public safety. On top of that, the power the police are waving over council members such as Councilperson Rodriguez has illustrated how mafia-like and threatening the police union truly is. Every council member needs to stop accepting money from the Los Angeles Police Protection League and remove themselves from the extremely deep pockets of police the that you all have created. We need you to invest our money into programs like housing, education, community support and basic human needs like healthy food, clear air and water. I urge you all to reimagine what community safety can mean without covering our city in overly armed police as we know them. You are accountable to the people, not the cops. Defund the police, fund public services and reinvest in a version of our city that ensures a safe and healthy people for all people in Los Angeles. Adopt the People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Tayo Ikotun

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:34 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is jarring and concerning that we have asked health workers to wear their own face masks and reuse basic PPE in the response to a global pandemic, asked of Angelinos to give up their basic rights to flatten the curve, which we did! ALL BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO ENSURE OUR HEALTHCARE WILL NOT BUCKLE. Then in light of continued and sustained police brutality against black Americans, we the people take to the streets to protest the disgusting, heart wrenching, cavalier murder George Floyd. The majority of these protests have been peaceful despite the continued over emphasis on violence by elected officials and the LAPD. The speed at which the LAPD militarized, the rapid deployment of the national guard, and the subsequent brutality with which the police force attacked it's own people was ASTONISHING! The equating of looters to the murderous actions of the officers that slowly snuffed the life out of George Floyd by the police chief, the outrage of the police union for calling cops that murder unarmed people killers (which yes they are!), the ABSENCE of public and vehement condemnation of officers shooting, pepper spraying, driving into protesters, and incessant praise of "remarkable restraint" of officers, shows this problem is deep and systemic! If you don't understand right from wrong, what are you doing on the police force? Then to add insult to injury, the mayor has the audacity to allocate 54 % of the city's budget to the LAPD! What for? Apparently, there is enough money to arm LAPD to the teeth against citizens of los Angeles but you don't have enough money to keep us safe and healthy in a pandemic while preserving our basic constitutional rights? What are you doing? Our hard earned money should not be squandered this way! To pay to keep your "bad apples" on the force, to militarize against your own people, to pay hush money to our citizens that have been brutalized by LAPD's exuberance for violence. Oh your jobs are hard? Boohoo, you signed up for it! You boast about making almost 3000 arrests but 61 prosecutions for looting, by my math it seems that despite our over investment, your many many hours of training, and years on the force, the LAPD cannot tell the difference between peaceful protesters and looters. Just as it apparently cannot tell the difference between a black citizen and a black suspect. Quite frankly in my opinion, all officers should be required to reapply

for their jobs so that those unable or unwilling to check their violence and be actual public servants can be rooted out. You have enjoyed vast chunks of our money for long enough and we see what you have done with it. Data after data shows what is needed to keep crime rates down is not more policing but addressing the human issues that leads to crimes. I want my hard earned money to go towards social programs (housing, education, health care). The city council needs to be the voice of the people, you are accountable to us not the police union. And we say STOP DESTROYING OUR COMMUNITIES, STOP engaging in modern day slavery by providing bodies for over populated prisons. It's time to INVEST IN LOS ANGELES! I am tired to seeing homeless bodies all over our streets so let's fund more affordable/subsidized housing, how about funding healthcare so it is accessible regardless of socioeconomic status, we want funding allocated for crisis management so when another pandemic or fires come our way we are better prepared. We want funds that are allocated not just to the most affluent neighborhoods but to the communities that need it most. This is just common sense. Don't placate with rubbish cuts, serious resource reallocation is needed! Recognize the problem of racial injustice is in everything and the job of fixing this is long and arduous so we need a city council that recognizes this and is committed to do the work to start putting us on a path of healing. DO YOUR JOBS and provide a BUDGET THAT PUTS ANGELINOS FIRST!

Communication from Public

Name: Karl Spurzem

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:34 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD is a violent organization that brutalizes black people, people of color, and protesters with almost zero accountability. This budget proposes cuts to multiple city agencies that help black people and people of color, people who are struggling especially now in the face of COVID, and yet increases funding for the LAPD. Let me be clear: Funding the LAPD like this condones violence and racism. Funding the LAPD like this is a fundamentally racist choice. Don't make that choice. If the city wants to meaningfully change and meaningfully help Angelenos and meaningfully fight racism, this budget is a great place to start. Defund the police. Force the LAPD to absorb the costs and settlements from their lawsuits. Stop acquiring riot gear and military-grade equipment. Reduce the number of cops. Fire cops with records of violence and misconduct.

Communication from Public

Name: Allison Michael
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:34 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a Los Angeles resident in district 4 and I am calling to voice my support of People's Budget LA and Black Lives Matter. The Los Angeles Police Department is violent, discriminatory, and ineffective. Council Member Blumenfield stated that he did not want to defund the LAPD as a "punitive measure", but your constituents are speaking to you in unison and telling you that LAPD deserves punitive action for their violent and racist practices. One of the council members stated that your budget would have to allocate millions of dollars to fix police cars- but the public doesn't want the money to be spent in this way. Don't fix police cars, fix public and community services by defunding the police and reallocating their resources to community needs. You have jurisdiction over services for the unhoused population and community empowerment services- that is where the LAPD funding needs to go. Clearly these areas have historically not been a priority for your committee- make them a priority now and listen to the people of Los Angeles when we demand that the police be defunded significantly and immediately. Every five days, a police officer is caught in an action of sexual misconduct, and police officers are commonly perpetrators of violence, both within their capacity as government employees, and in their own families and communities. We have enough evidence that police are violent and cannot be reformed. Los Angeles MUST take a cue from Minneapolis and dismantle the police department. You can start by directing funds away from LAPD and putting them into important services that will uplift Black communities and communities of color in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Scott Egleston

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello City Council, I was unable to speak during your recent council meeting. I would like to comment on Motion 1. I would like to support the proposed People's Budget, urge the council to reject Garcetti's budget, and implore the council to defund the police maximally. See you next week!

Communication from Public

Name: Chiu
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:39 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. 2.85 Billion is absolutely still too much to the police who seem to be more interested in over policing the African-American community just to fulfill quotas. Relocate at LEAST \$2B to supporting communities: providing shelter for the homeless, investing in schools, and providing aid to social workers and Los Angeles communities. We as taxpayers are outraged that our money is being distributed in this manner.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexa

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:40 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is UNACCEPTABLE that you support a proposed budget that cuts city investment in housing by 9.4% and from jobs programs by 8.9% during this economic and health crisis while boosting expenditure by 7.1%. I am an Angeleno and I live in District 10. I DEMAND you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and DEMAND YOU 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, Alexa

Communication from Public

Name: Hien Phan

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:43 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello my name is Hien Phan I wish to comment on item #1 and leave a general comment as of the meeting on 6/8/2020. I live in Van Nuys, Ca. As someone who's grown up in low-income communities, I have had to watch many people of color, in specific, black people, suffer at the hands of police brutality. I call to ask the city council to pressure mayor Garcetti to further defund the LAPD (beyond the 150 million dollars) and use that money to invest in our communities. In 2017, the LA city spent over 200 million dollars in litigation settlements for the LAPD, which is much more than we invest in our libraries and fixing our streets. That's more than what mayo Garcetti is planning to use to fund black communities. Why are we spending so much taxpayer's money to bail out police officers who need to answer to their actions instead of investing it in our communities? Libraries, community centers, teachers, public health, public transportation, social services, and so many other public services have had a much more positive impact on improving our communities. Not the presence of police. The police system is a system that has been built on the systematic oppression of people of color, especially those who are Black. Defund the police. Fund our communities. I vote every year in local elections. I will vote for the candidates that are invested in our communities, not the ones that intend to keep the status quo.

Communication from Public

Name: Jamila Lombardo Dearnaley

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:44 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I'm an LA resident and I would like to urge the city council to defund the LAPD and adopt the People's Budget laid out by People's Budget LA. While the \$150M reduction in the police budget is a good start, it's a drop in the bucket when taken in context of the multi-billion-dollar budget that the LAPD has been allowed. Policing is not the solution to the issues in our communities, as the past few weeks have amply demonstrated. The police must be defunded and the money saved by its defunding must be directed to education, housing, and healthcare instead.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Jameson
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:46 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Jennifer Jameson and I'm writing about Agenda Item 1 I'm writing today in support of Black Lives Matter, Healthy LA and the People's Budget coalition. I believe we are witnessing a crisis of confidence in the role of the LAPD; the people of Los Angeles are telling you loudly and clearly that this department is not serving our communities. In the face of this crisis, Mayor Garcetti has presented a marginal set of reforms, including bias training sessions and a 3% reduction of the LAPD's portion of unrestricted revenues, as if these incremental reforms will change anything. Even the police union has correctly pointed out that the LAPD already enacted many of these same programs during the 21st Century Policing Task Force recommendations. So where do we go from here? What so many of us are here to tell you is that incremental training and oversight reforms do NOT represent progress, they only serve to maintain our broken status quo. The LAPD has demonstrated time and again that it will not change through incremental reforms like officer bias training, or body cameras. It is time to reform the LAPD structurally through the use of the budget, and by envisioning robust social service programs that empower and strengthen communities rather than fracturing them through punitive enforcement. It is time to fund a network of social service workers, mental healthcare workers and homeless outreach programs. It is time to fund real housing relief measures. Los Angeles has a chance to show real leadership on this issue, but we must be willing to enact new systems. This is as much a story of investment as it is about disinvestment so I hope you will listen to the thought leaders and community organizations for guidance and partnership, in order to spend this money wisely. Start with Black Lives Matter, with the People's Budget, with Healthy LA. We need to start a dialogue as a city, and I hope that by our call next week you will have done some self-education and listening. You've seen the people out in the streets, now hear what we are asking for. I believe the People's Budget is the best way forward. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Caitlin Krenz

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:48 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Caitlin Krenz, I live in Council District 14 and I'm writing to address item #1 and General Public comment, since I didn't get the chance to speak on the call: I'm commenting to demand that the City Council defund the police and invest that money into the community. We want the police abolished, but we are asking that you defund the police as a first step. It is insulting to suggest a more circumspect approach and imply that putting that money into community programs would be a hasty move, or that it would mean allocating funds "willy-nilly." The People's budget LA has already been doing the work for years to understand how to divest the money from police and what community programs need to be put in place. I echo the words of callers reminding you that we do not have to start from scratch; there are many community and grassroots organizations that are already in place, that could meet more community needs if given the budget and support to do so. The People's Budget advocates for public safety, something that the LAPD actively works against - evidenced by, for one example, firing tear gas into peaceful crowds during a respiratory pandemic. I would also urge you all to remember that while the LAPPL has 9,900 members, remember that there are about 3.99 million people in the city of Los Angeles. YOU work for US, so please start working WITH us. You seem to want to pass the buck as if you don't have the power to create change here, but we all know you do- so instead of spewing vague platitudes while people are DYING, either be honest and admit that you are unwilling to create that change and that you don't care about Black lives, or put your money where your mouth is and defund the police now.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Aldana

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:49 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Andrea Aldana. I live in Boyle Heights. I'm a native Angeleno, lifelong Los Angeles resident, product of LAUSD schools. I am speaking in full support of the People's Budget as has been proposed by community organizers and as is described on peoplesbudgetla.com. The current budget proposal, and specifically the portion allocated to the LAPD, is a slap in the face to all of us who live and work here and contribute to this community and to those who have suffered the trauma of police violence. As all other city services get cut, why is it that the police budget is being increased? The LAPD is a tool of white supremacy and they are perpetrators of the racism that stain this country and this city's history. That fact alone should be enough for you to publicly denounce and defund them. Additionally, our city is rife with inequality. Our schools are underfunded. Our communities are vastly underserved. Our transportation system is inefficient. Those experiencing homelessness are criminalized for their lack of housing. Currently, more than half of this city's citizens are unemployed, many of whom have consequently lost their healthcare or are unable to pay their rent. Many of you on this committee have campaigned on addressing these issues and you have the tools — THE MONEY — to make a meaningful difference. Please consider that you have the power to do something about the issues you supposedly care about. Show your constituents that you are with them. \$100-150 million is simply not enough. Defund the police. Invest in the people who elected you. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Simon White

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:52 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dismantle the LAPD and begin again with a smaller, community lead police force. The LAPD are a corrupt, systemically racist and brutal organization who do NOT protect or serve the residents of this city to the standard that is required. The treatment of Demonstrators in the recent weeks was only a starting point. Entire communities of color have been brutalized and terrorized by the LAPD for decades. Chief Michael Moore is a disgrace and has no right to wearing a badge after his comments last week. I am appalled that he has not been fired. It speaks volumes about the spineless people who are meant to be representing our interests. If you do not take action you will not have mine or any of my family's votes EVER and we will replace you with people who are not in thrall to the LAPD and who can serve the public interest first. We are watching, please do not shame our great city in this most important time in its history!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:54 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to you today because I recently read that the “proposed 2020-21 spending of the LA City Budget on LAPD accounts for just under 54% of the city’s unrestricted revenues, a total of about \$5.4 billion.”¹ In light of the recent (and ongoing, for decades) CV police brutality committed in the United States at large, here in Los Angeles, and because of the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and countless more innocent black people at the hands of police officers, I feel compelled to write and ask you - as I am sure many have - to allocate funds away from the LAPD’s budget and invest in education and ending the homelessness crisis here in Los Angeles. There are many important issues facing our citizens, and an increased police presence only serves to increase the number of African Americans (and people of color) who will experience extreme, potentially life-ending instances of police brutality in the future. Additionally, there is evidence that a movement away from aggressive police presence leads to a decrease in crime. In 2017, when “New York police officers temporarily reduced their “proactive policing” efforts on low-level offenses, major-crime reports in the city actually fell, according to a study based on New York Police Department crime statistics.”² I am a concerned citizen who is angrier than ever at systemic injustice, the school to prison pipeline, and the plethora of ways in which our country is designed to place roadblocks in the way of people of color, specifically African Americans. One such obstacle is the disproportionate amount of violence that black and brown people face at the hands of police officers, both in this city and country. I would respectfully ask Mayor Garcetti to invest in education and relieving homelessness rather than continuing to overfund the police force. We owe it to the next generation to create a safer environment.

Communication from Public

Name: Virginia Fierros Roque

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 06:02 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: 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, Virginia Fierros Roque

Communication from Public

Name: Jody Smiley

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 06:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: More funds need to be allocated to LAPD, not less. They need more initial and ongoing training in skills required to de-escalate. In order to give officers more time out of the field they need more staff to keep street coverage at a constant. It is a mistake to defund the LAPD, they just need guided spending on education and training. Eventually that needs to be the entry requirement.

Communication from Public

Name: Shamik Ganguly

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The growth of the LAPD and the police in general, by historical fact, is due to political posturing, racism, and the personal interests of the property-owning economic elite. Please do your research if you are not convinced on this. Therefore maintaining the status quo size and budget of the LAPD is to maintain this history of corruption. The perceived budgetary needs of the LAPD are invented to justify a budget provided by the War on Drugs, which has since been proven to be a campaign of political propaganda. All governmental departments are incentivized to use all of their budget or lose it, so by nature they will invent purpose and create line items to fill the budget. I believe that the police are overworked and stressed. This is due to bloated responsibilities invented to consume budget and to make up for lacks of funding in the departments that in reality should take these responsibilities, like those related to housing, health, and other community services. The police are not qualified to do this work and both the responsibilities and headcount of the police should be reduced by at least 50%. In fact, we should consider recreating the department from scratch to attempt to reset the toxic culture of the department. I believe that measures like these can reduce the violent crime rate on the order of 50% (reference: Camden, NJ), can save the city on the order of half a billion dollars in the short term, and can create an environment for unprecedented economic growth in LA, on the order of 10 to 100 billion dollars in GDP. Representatives who do the research and seek out diverse perspectives now to find the truth will be rewarded and remembered favorably by history and their community. Here are some facts: 50-80% of arrests are for nonviolent low-level crimes including drug offenses. Black residents are 4-5 times more likely to be stopped in their cars by LAPD despite white residents being more likely to be found with contraband when stopped. Police are 2-4 times more likely to be domestic abusers. Police militarization is associated with increased use of force but not shown as a crime deterrent. Police consultants indicate that police departments in general do not have issues with the number of officers but instead with scheduling. Less than 1 percent of rape cases are pursued to the point of conviction. Aggressive police presence in high crime communities and stop and frisk tactics are shown not to have a positive effect on crime and instead constitute psychological and

physical violence on vulnerable communities. An increase in spending on housing is correlated to decrease in violent crime and prison spending. 50% of LA and SF parolees were homeless in 1997. Half of people in prison and two-thirds of sentenced people in jail have mental health issues. 60% have a substance abuse problem. An increase in the number of treatment facilities shows a decrease in violent crime. Recidivism is 66% within 3 years. Prisons are not teaching people lessons - they are housing the fallout of our underfunded health care and public health system. A big part of the opposition to humane spending is unfounded fear that facilities for mental health and substance abuse will attract crime. Police departments were founded on enforcing Jim Crow laws and strike breaking to oppress workers. Public opinion on crime is largely not correlated to actual crime but mostly because of propaganda campaigns by the Nixon, Reagan, and Clinton administrations. Constituents who are calling for increased police presence are most commonly motivated consciously or unconsciously by racial bias and propaganda, not by actual crime victimization. Police unions have disproportionate impact in terms of protecting the interests of abusive police officers and not the public. There is no point in history where major growth of the police force has been motivated by increasing public safety and public health - instead it has been to protect the interests of the economic elite and politicians who brainwash their working class white base to weaponize them against their peers of color.

Communication from Public

Name: Drew Mirman

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am urging for racial, social, and economic justice in the city of Los Angeles. I am demanding further divestment from LAPD (more than proposed \$150 million), legal accountability for law enforcement officers, demilitarization, and more.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 06:13 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Garcetti's decision to reevaluate his budget to find \$150 million to remove from the LAPD budget is TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE. His reappointment proposal would still leave the LAPD with over 50% of unrestricted funds. We need him to DEFUND THE POLICE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Jes

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 06:18 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It's time to accept the reality that policing does not protect and serve the people. The police department does not add value to society, and for communities of color serves only to terrorize, brutalize, and oppress. The preponderance of social issues that the police department allegedly addresses would be addressed more comprehensively and holistically through investments in the root causes of social ills: poverty, food injustice, homelessness, educational disparities, health disparities. Investments into these root causes look like exponentially increased funding for affordable housing and healthcare, education and mental health services. When people are not struggling to have their basic needs met, they can participate more fully and positively in society. Police are a bandaid for these problems, locking people in cages and slamming them with criminal records only serves to increase their likelihood of suffering. The right thing to do, the humane and ethical thing to do is to address to reason for people's suffering, by funding healthcare, education, housing, and community based programs. This allows communities, in their infinite wisdom, to develop culturally appropriate solutions to the challenges they face and gives them the resources they need to succeed in doing so, rather than setting them up for failure as the police/justice system do. DEFUND THE POLICE, CARE NOT COPS!

Communication from Public

Name: John Rossiter

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 06:33 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I ask that we move toward fully defunding the police over time, investing in community care and accountability, education, healthcare, and public spaces. Policing is still over 50% of the city's budget. That is unacceptable. We have the resources to make this a beautiful city that cares for all inhabitants. We have the opportunity to create and support anti-racist policy-- policy that supports equity and equality. As of now, our public education system is a racist policy due to its structure of funding from property taxes. Policing is directly tied to slavery and the control of minorities. It is by origin and in practice a racist institution. We need policy that supports equal treatment: economically, physically, and emotionally. Our budget suggests that our city is deeply involved in the maintenance of systemic racism, rather than the work of healing and supporting the communities that have been victims of racism. I hope our city invests in mechanisms of care and love, rather than fear and violence. We are currently treating a symptom-- rather than treating the disease. we are in a crisis-- with race, with public health, with the climate. This is an opportunity to grow. Thank you for your time. I trust you will stand on the side of love and move toward deep change.

Communication from Public

Name: Ghazal Kohen

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 06:36 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't defund the police! That would be the same as defunding USD because of the few teachers who molest kids. It makes no sense!!! Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Gaby Castro

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I'm writing to voice my concern for Los Angeles' city budget. While I appreciate Mayor Garcetti divesting money away from police funding to black and brown communities, more funding needs to be taken from LAPD to adopt a people's budget that focuses around an investment in community care, mental health, health care, and affordable housing. We need more focus of our budget on the care of our residents and not cops. We are all watching. Do the right thing. Do better. Sincerely, Gaby Castro

Communication from Public

Name: Paul Brumfield

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:59 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: You must reevaluate the city's budget and see to it that funds are reallocated from the police budget to other services. Policing is a treatment for the symptoms, but funding appropriate services is a cure for the disease. We can end racial injustice, but that requires the communities in need to receive those funds.

Communication from Public

Name: Elaine

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I strongly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget coalitions. You act as though you have no choice but to deplete the reserve, but why not defund the police? You act as though people are asking you to support "willy nilly" social programs, but why not listen to what the People's Budget has been saying for months? You divert attention onto the responsibility of the larger governmental agencies, but that's not your job! Your job is to represent the people of Los Angeles, not to accept police union bribes and lie to citizens! The fact that your meeting is literally full should speak for itself, but just in case it doesn't: please consider very strongly what will happen if you do not act according to the needs of the people. Defund the police, adopt the People's Budget, Black Lives Matter.

Communication from Public

Name: Jane
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:06 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Jane & I live in Woodland Hills, District 3. I have a general comment on the budget. Saying the policing problem lies with “other areas of government” is an abdication of responsibility. You are in the position to take action. So ACT. Militant policing is not the answer, nor the likely result of reducing funding as one councilman ridiculously suggested earlier today. Excessive police spending has not moved us closer to justice, it has moved us further away with most of the weight falling on the shoulders of black and brown community members. Justice is not achieved through state-sponsored violence. It is not achieved by callously upholding dangerous norms. Justice is not upheld or pursued by the police as we know them today. Justice is not a reality for people of color. It is not a reality for victims of domestic & sexual violence. More people recognize the police as a threat than as a support system. Our enormous presence in the streets during a pandemic proves that. Ours is a message you must not ignore. If you are unwilling or unable to act for the people, step aside. There are leaders at the ready who better represent the people. I support PeoplesBudgetLA. Black lives matter.

Communication from Public

Name: B Erwin

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:06 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to request, along with many others, that the city council reallocate more funds away from the police and into community services and education.

Communication from Public

Name: Jasmine Lin

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:09 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: To the LA City Council: I urge you to listen to the people of Los Angeles and adopt a People's Budget. Mayor Garcetti's decision to reevaluate his budget to find \$150 million to remove from the LAPD budget is performative at best. His reapportionment proposal would still leave the LAPD with over 50% of unrestricted funds-- I don't understand how this could sound reasonable to anyone on city council. For those who cannot image defunding the police or find this to be "radical"-- our local, state, and national budgets have been defunding public education and housing for years. These are universal needs that benefit all, while the police only protects those who are wealthy and white. I encourage us as a city to look to our friends in Minneapolis who have announced their plans to dismantle its police department and work with local black organizers (who have been doing this work of re-imagining public safety for years) to build a new public safety system. Los Angeles should be at the forefront of this new era of transforming public safety that is inclusive to all, not fighting for outdated, oppressive police systems that resemble slavery and segregation eras.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:12 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dismantle the LAPD and rebuild from the ground up, as Minneapolis city council is promising their constituents. It is preposterous that over half of our city's discretionary budget should go toward the LAPD and not healthcare, homelessness, public transit, and other community initiatives. Defund the LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Judd

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Jessica Judd. I have a general comment for Item #1. I am not sure if I will get called on during this meeting to make my public comment so I want to submit this way as well. I am waiting and listening to all the other passionate voices supporting the People's Budget and want to thank them for everything they have brought to the conversation and the movement. I am a writer, a mother, a LA resident, and an active community volunteer. I vote in every election. The people of Los Angeles and of the nation have demonstrated over the last few weeks that the mayor's budget does not reflect our values. We must divest from the police. We need less policing and more crisis relief. We definitely do not need to grow the LAPD. Our communities were already facing a devastating housing and homelessness crisis and that was before Covid-19. It will only get worse as we move forward. We need to prioritize our communities who are suffering under a historically racist system. I support the LA and People's Budget coalitions. After watching the aggressive use of force on protestors this week, I join the many voices calling for the immediate ban on shooting projectiles into crowds such as rubber bullets and tear gas canisters. Whatever the exact percentage of the city's budget goes to the police department, I believe we can redirect at least half of it to create safer and more humane communities. I agree with Councilmen Bonin that we absolutely do not need an armed response when a therapist, a social worker, or a drug treatment specialist would be a more effective and humane solution to many calls made to 911. Making changes in this area would make a significant difference. We need a budget that prioritizes housing and the homelessness needs of LA residents. I spent much of the last 15 years working with young people and their families in LA, many of whom had experienced homelessness and had finally obtained permanent housing and supportive services. I have seen firsthand the effectiveness of housing and services. We need to include more funding and resources : 1.) Mental Health Interventions 2.) Making more permanent affordable housing from the existing housing stock 3.) Eviction Defense 4.) Building more affordable housing 5.) Supportive Housing 6.) Tenant Protections We don't need to police the homeless, we need to house them and then provide services if needed after we house them. As more people face an

economic emergency because of Covid-19, we will need to spend more to prevent people from becoming homeless. Being homeless is not a crime. Being poor is not a crime. Being black is not a crime. We need to divest from the police and make the changes necessary to make our city safe and just.

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Communication from Public

Name: Elisabeth Zarnick
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:15 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Re: People's Budget/LAPD Budget. My name is Elisabeth Zarnick. I am calling on the committee to REJECT the pathetic budget proposal that would still leave the LAPD with over half of the city's budget. As we have seen throughout history, these small gestures of police reform offered up in the form of crumbs do NOT fix the underlying issue at hand, which is that the Policing system in America was BUILT TO SERVE WHITE PEOPLE AND TO KILL AND ENSLAVE BLACK AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF COLOR. Whether or not your minds have been able to grasp this fact, however, should not affect your ability to see and hear the voices of the people, who have indeed spoken. That is evident through the comments of this committee meeting as well as it is evident through the movement of protests that have flooded the entire world. The world has spoken, committee members. Police brutality has to end, and to do that we must completely dismantle and defund this system of oppression that claims to serve and protect but practices brutality and murder. There is damning evidence for the effectiveness of funding community-led and organized initiatives to reduce crime and fill the needs of the people, the very needs that go unfilled and result in crime in the first place. There ARE communities in which the Police do not patrol the streets or harass its citizens, and they're called wealthy suburban neighborhoods. These communities thrive without the presence of Police because they have their needs MET. As someone on the committee said during the opening remarks, what's to come "hopefully won't be the worst [recession] since the great depression, but easily could be." Does it really seem like a good idea to allocate over half of the city's SIX BILLION (THAT'S 6,000 MILLION), DOLLAR BUDGET, to the LAPD? This is not what democracy looks like. You cannot justify funding 3.1 billion dollars to a system of oppression, racism, and brutality, during what could easily be the worst recession since the great depression, rather than allocating funds to organizations and incentives that actually provide AID, SAFETY, AND FOOD to the PEOPLE that you serve. Do not put yourselves on the wrong side of History. Do not TAKE \$3.1 billion of YOUR CONSTITUENTS' MONEY in what could be THE WORST RECESSION SINCE THE GREAT DEPRESSION and use it to continue to fund a system of

oppression that will kill them. Police brutality and killings are not only the doings of a few bad apples. They are a widespread symptom of our broken system, and one that is incurable so long as those in charge allow that system to stay in place. Consider the needs of the many. Consider the lives lost and the lives that will continue to be lost if YOU don't make a change. The people have spoken. It is your job to listen and to act. Defund the racist LAPD and rebuild/reallocate with community initiatives that truly serve and protect. Imagine the good that could be done, the needs that could be filled, the economic growth that could take place, and the freedom that could be attained with \$3.1 billion for the people instead of killer cops.

Communication from Public

Name: Cassandra Castillo-Tapia

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Cassandra Castillo-Tapia and I strongly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. I urge you and the rest of the city council to reject the Mayor's proposed budget. The City's proposed budget does not reflect the priorities and values of Los Angeles residents. In this time of global pandemic and the fight to end systemic racism, the city budget should invest in communities, not policing. Prioritize your constituents who are suffering under historically racist systems and need more relief. I support the People's Budget LA in demanding the defunding of police, and the HealthyLA Coalition in calling for the funding of needed housing programs.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:17 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: City Council Members, As a Black resident of LA, I am appalled at the Mayor's proposed budget, which allocates over 50% of our taxpayer dollars to the LAPD, even while my community is suffering disproportionately from the COVID-19 pandemic. I am appalled at the meager cut of \$150 million from the LAPD, even as they threaten both protesters' safety and that of the Mayor. We are in the middle of a global crisis. People are dying from COVID-19, and the police and National Guard have become emboldened in assaulting Black people. The LAPD should not be prioritized within our budget, especially not when they have shown that they are a racist institution that does not care about serving or protecting Black and Brown communities. We do not need to give them greater access to riot gear and military grade weapons. They do not need to be rewarded for being bad at their jobs. I demand that City Council adopts the People's Budget and defunds the LAPD. I also demand that we establish a plan to abolish the LAPD and dissolve police union contracts. They are using our public funds to brutalize the unhoused, people of color, and other marginalized communities. Meanwhile, they are not even effective at either preventing or solving crimes. They do not promote a safer environment for the people of this city. I do not feel safe with LAPD continuing to target and profile people who look like me. Let's spend money on mutual aid. Let's spend money on uplifting the Black and Brown communities that have been harassed, brutalized, and arrested unfairly by the LAPD. Let's spend money on healthcare. Let's spend money on housing. Let's spend money on literally ANYTHING that helps people instead of funding the racist LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Ellen A

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:22 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The Mayor's budget proposal is nothing short of a heinous crime against all Angelenos. City Council does not need to give BILLIONS OF DOLLARS to the LAPD when those resources and responsibilities could be redirected elsewhere. We demand that city council defund the LAPD ENTIRELY and that you reallocate those funds into universal aid and crisis management, public city infrastructure, and reimagined community safety. We Angelenos want a People's Budget that emphasizes Care not Cops, a much more productive use of city funds. If there's anything the last 2 weeks of peaceful protesting has shown us, it's that our city DOES NOT NEED a needlessly militarized force that's largely responsible for the city's racist brutality and violence, as well as the mass incarceration AND murder of innocent black people. Reject the current budget, adopt the People's Budget, and defund the police immediately, please and thank you. Black lives matter. XO

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:22 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Amend the Police Bill of Rights, renegotiate the Police Union Contract, and do not cut budgets of other departments.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Fenner
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:35 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a member of the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance, and a resident of the West Adams neighborhood, in CD10. I am asking the City Council to retain funding for the Climate Mobilization Task Force (or the equivalent) so that Los Angeles can continue to move in the direction sustainable development. Climate change can be reversed, but only with action. We need this dedicated office to advance the electrification of vehicles, vehicle charging stations in new construction, maintenance of mature trees and planting more trees (to reduce urban heat island effect and improve air quality), and improvements in the circular economy, increasing recycling and reducing plastic waste. There are thousands in the city working on sustainability and quality of life issues--and your funding the Climate Mobilization Task Force shows the city's commitment to these issues. Thank you for what you do for LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessalyn Waldron

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:35 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: This is regarding the Palms Neighborhood Council on the subject of council file 20-0600. The agenda lists our neighborhood council as supporting the Mayor's budget. The Palms Neighborhood Council does not support the budget as written. What we do support is the radical transparency advocated by the Budget Advocates and this is what our CIS is about. Our CIS was written before the budget details were released. At this meeting, we want to make it clear that the Palms Neighborhood Council takes serious issue with the Budget and with the lack of transparency in the budgeting process.

Communication from Public

Name: David Brown

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:36 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm just another citizen of Los Angeles writing in to say that I hope the City Council will adopt the People's Budget and commit to defunding the Los Angeles Police Department. Thanks!

Communication from Public

Name: Evan Dec

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:36 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The LA City Council must defund the LAPD and adopt the Peoples' Budget. Let's call the LAPD what it is: A force for violent, fascist white supremacy. It must be defunded immediately. Anything short of this is appeasement. This isn't a question of budget. It's a question of rejecting white supremacy. Councilmember Bonin, I applaud you for hearing this message and being open to rethinking the ways we make our city safer and more prosperous. Councilmember Krakorian, this isn't "budgeting by hashtag" like you said during June 2nd's council meeting. It's real, meaningful moral leadership that can make Angelenos safer, more equitable, and more free. Councilmember Blumenfield—you threatened that reducing LAPD budgets could result in a militarized police force. I'm curious—what have you seen in our city over the last week? How else could you possibly describe the state of our city today? It's a moral imperative for you and the entire council to return funds received from the Los Angeles Police Protective League PAC and take steps to defund the LAPD today. To everyone raising their voices against the LAPD, thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Mark Greshowak
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:41 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Adopt the People's Budget. Defund the police and redistribute the funds into education, housing, healthcare , mental healthcare, community council and community resources. We need trained social workers, Trained mental health professionals and substance abuse addiction counselors.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:45 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: the city's budget must be re-prioritized, emphasizing community programs like education and healthcare, over policing.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:52 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a 60 year resident and property owner of Los Angeles I am painfully aware that we must address the inequities between the lives of the poor and the rest of the city's population. For too long the politics of white privilege has held this city in a stranglehold. We must seize the moment and Adopt The People's Budget, Divest from Police, Protect Immigrants and Renew The LA Justice Fund. We have work to do to redress the deprivation of their right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Let's get busy.

Communication from Public

Name: Rathi Ramasamy
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:00 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the LAPD, adopt the People's Budget and outline a plan to invest in evidence-based violence prevention and safe, healthy communities!

Communication from Public

Name: Léa

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:01 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi. The current budget as it stands is absolutely unacceptable. The LAPD needs to be defunded now. Cops are not equipped or trained to deal with everything we asked of them. Pouring money into military equipment and weapons for the police is not only terribly stupid but violently irresponsible as well. What we need is proper healthcare, proper housing (to address the current crisis in this city), people who are trained in de escalation and handling mental health crisis. Weapons are never the answer and the fact that we have to protest! in 2020! For basic human rights to be recognized and respected! Is beyond any of us! The LAPD has been the face for corruption and violence for the last! fifty! years! We want change and we want it now. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Pearl C Hsiung

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:08 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The \$150 million in cuts to LAPD is not enough. For instance that is only about 5%, lower than what many city workers have been asked to sacrifice because of coronavirus. The LA Times calculated that we paid out more than \$139 million between 2011 to 2017 SIMPLY in misconduct settlements. Obviously the LAPD's flawed, racially-biased, and violence-based training and response are A LIABILITY. We know that we have to seek private loans to cover this WHEN WE COULD BE funding social and mental health services, green spaces, food programs for low-income and underserved communities. WE NEED TO STOP KILLING BLACK PEOPLE. The police cannot continue its original design to 'capture escaped slaves' and currently its underlying intention to uphold white supremacy and protect property. WE NEED TO FUND THE PROTECTION AND SERVICE OF OUR PEOPLE NOT PROTECT AND DEFEND (Y)OUR PROPERTY AND WEALTH. We need to fund REIMAGINED COMMUNITY SAFETY that does not foreground intimidation, oppression, and aggression. NO MORE DEATH TO INNOCENT PEOPLE. I IMPLORE YOU to adopt the People's Budget which has worked with many organizations including Black Lives Matter to create an equitable and progressive budget that upgrades CARE, SERVICES, and real SOLUTIONS to our problems. An important recipient of diverted funds would be the DCA, Department of Cultural Affairs. The DCA supports invaluable art programs and exhibitions which we know can uplift our communities of color, youth, low income, and underserved residents. Visual, musical, performance and theatrical artists are integral generators of LA culture, an arts culture which we pride our city on. As an artist and arts educator in Los Angeles, I've seen first hand how the arts can nourish young minds and hearts in after-school music and visual arts programs. Since arts programs have been cut from the LAUSD curriculum, these programs teach artistic techniques and provide space to explore, invent, and create while giving them inspiration, joy and the confidence to express their burgeoning, inventive, and original voices. The DCA also supports murals and sculptures in public spaces, the beautification of new buildings and parks, and most importantly interweaves LA artists, designers, and architects into the aesthetic modeling of this city. Through their support, the

DCA magnifies the artistic and cultural depth of this city.
DEFUND THE LAPD AND FUND THE DEPARTMENT OF
CULTURAL AFFAIRS. This budget is made from of OUR
MONEY. OUR MONEY IS THIS BUDGET, therefore YOU
MUST LISTEN TO US, THE PEOPLE, about what we want to
do with OUR MONEY. Adopt OUR PEOPLE'S BUDGET.

Communication from Public

Name: V. Hopkins

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:08 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm demanding the people's budget and defunding of the police. There needs to be a complete rethinking and restructure of the role of LAPD. The current system reinforces racism and forces police to take on jobs that they aren't trained to do such as mental health counselors and homeless support. Current police funds need to be redirected to underfunded public programs- housing & housing, community programs, mental health support, cultural and youth programs and infrastructure. A community based approach to public safety should replace the bulk of the police force. Also- Paul Koretz, your comments regarding the price of cop cars and your sad attempt to be empathetic are tone deaf and asinine. Thank you, V. Hopkins District 1 constituent

Communication from Public

Name: Christian DeAngelis

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:11 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Christian DeAngelis, and I am making a comment about item #1. I have heard citizen after citizen call in expressing their anger with how the city has handled the protests against police brutality. I think it absolutely absurd, and frankly, FASCIST to put three billion dollars of taxpayer money into an organization that does not care about the people. That actively harms people, particularly people of color. You cannot convince me that the LAPD cares about its people. You couldn't before this past week, and you certainly cannot, now. I am calling to defund the police and support the people's budget. If you actually want to lift up a community, you will put the money where it matters, because heavily policing society will not do that. We all know this. You guys may be spineless, but you're not stupid. Now, given the current budget plan, I can't help but think that either the council members live in fear of the police, or blind worship, but neither of those are good for anyone. Prove me wrong. Prove your constituents wrong. Show us you have a backbone and empathy for communities less fortunate than you. Divest from the police. Invest in the community. Black Lives Matter. I yield my time.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:17 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Support the People's Budget LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Leslie Joya

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:20 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to demand you revise the current budget and consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. 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. A reduction in the police budget, less bloodthirsty police on the street, and more investment into meeting communities' basic needs is the only real way to promote public safety and peace. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Thank you for your time, Leslie Joya

Communication from Public

Name: Frank

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:23 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, Having more than half of the city budget go to the LAPD is absolutely ridiculous when compared to the amount of money going to other public projects / organizations. The homeless situation in Los Angeles needs to be addressed first and the best bet would be taking the money from the LAPD and investing it in the community of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Deon Turner, M.Ed.
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:24 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please see ICLC Public Comment Statement attached as an PDF.



June 8, 2020

Deon Turner, M.Ed.
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Honorable Members of the City Council
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (Council File #20-0600)

Dear Honorable Council Members,

On behalf of Inner City Law Center, we are writing to express our strong support for defunding the Los Angeles Police Department and redirecting that funding to necessary services to meet the needs of low-income communities of color, particularly for housing.

Inner City Law Center is a nonprofit law firm that provides free legal services to the poorest and most vulnerable residents of Los Angeles. We promote access to decent, safe and affordable housing for the enormous number of individual and working-poor families in Los Angeles.

We urge this Committee, and the rest of the Council to reject the Mayor's Proposed Budget, and defund LAPD while supporting the Healthy LA and People's Budget Requests. In this time of global pandemic and the fight to end systemic racism, the city's budget should reflect the values that you espouse and serve the needs of the people you serve.

Now is the time to invest in our communities. While 75% of LAPD officers reside outside of our City, there are tens of thousands of homeless people living in our City. We must prioritize housing our homeless neighbors above overtime for out-of-town officers.

We request that you pass the Healthy LA and People's Budget, specifically, we request:

1. The City to invest \$690,000,000 to acquire 2,000 affordable single and multi-family housing units (at an average of \$345,000/unit) to be made permanently affordable.
2. The City to invest \$195,000,000,000,000 to close the funding gap for shovel ready affordable housing projects and develop 1000 units of permanently affordable housing.
3. The City to invest \$266,000,000 to develop 500 units of permanently affordable housing as part of an innovative Social Housing Pilot Program, based on the best practices from around the nation and the world, for what could be a model for publicly-owned housing.
4. The City to spend \$50,000,000 to provide 10,000 families with supportive services in housing purchased from state and federal funds.
5. The City to invest \$1,250,000 in capacity building for existing community land trusts.
6. The City to fully fund HCID to ensure existing tenant protections are fully enforced – as there is an unprecedented wave of evictions looming.
7. The City to invest \$70 million in a fully-funded Eviction Prevention and Defense Program that includes legal representation, tenant outreach, education, clinics and targeted rental assistance that would prevent housing displacement and homelessness.

- a. At the end of April, The UCLA Luskin Institute on Inequality and Democracy published a report titled the “UD Day: Impending Evictions and Homelessness in LA”. The report warned of the following factors:
 - Without a comprehensive eviction prevention and defense program, hundreds of thousands of LA households will be facing undefended evictions when the State of Emergency is over. And it is our low income communities of color that will face the heaviest concentration of evictions
 - What’s to come, will be another round in the systematic unhousing of people, especially as the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed and deepened the inequality in LA, with the burden of the crisis carried disproportionately by poor and working-class communities of color

While these requests get nowhere close to fully addressing the affordable housing needs of Angelenos or reversing decades of racist policing and land-use policies that have systematically disinvested from LA’s Black and Brown communities, they would be a long-overdue step towards expressing the values of our city through our budget.

Sincerely,

Deon Turner, M.Ed.
Public Policy Advocate

Communication from Public

Name: Ian Colmer

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:25 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to ask that you reject the mayor's budget and reject the slow-walking of councilmembers like Koretz. I'm a community college professor who has taught at the Nidorf Juvenile Detention Center in Sylmar. As you might expect given our RACIST criminal justice system, almost all of my incarcerated students were black or Latino young men, including a young man who was falsely accused of being in a gang and added to the CalGang database. In Los Angeles, we're promising black and brown students an education that prepares them for careers and college, and instead sending them to schools that look like jails, where they're policed instead of taught, and incarcerated instead of educated. Because the mayor's budget cuts social services and increases the police budget, it is RACIST. Instead of reflecting the values of Los Angeles citizens, it reflects the values of the LAPPL, most of whose members don't even live in Los Angeles. Today they're going on Fox News and saying rapes and murders will go up if they don't get raises this year. Please don't let them scare you with threats. We should be more afraid of what will happen if we don't defund the police, than if we do. Black minds matter. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Lilly Hall

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:36 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The police are meant to protect Los Angeles but instead make it feel more unsafe. History has shown that no amount of additional funds will fix that. Mayor Garcetti must adopt the People's Budget immediately. The police had their chance and they failed.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Kellner
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:29 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Follow the data. Defund the department and reinvest in programs that are specifically designed to solve issues in our community (mental health, homelessness, etc.).

Communication from Public

Name: Wyatt Fair

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:31 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: LA City Council! Like many other frustrated Angelinos, I am writing you to demand that you adopt The People's Budget and defund the LAPD. Amplifying an already inflated LAPD budget while we're in the middle of a horrific global pandemic is criminal -- more than ever, we need to be funding hospitals, public services for communities of color and our homeless population. You've already failed our city in your response to this pandemic, as brown and black communities are suffering at a much higher rate than white communities and you have done nothing as a city to remedy it. You are spending millions on rubber bullets and tear gas to beat your residents to death while our teachers are forced to buy their own books. This is criminal. Why are you preparing the LAPD for a civil war instead of preparing your hospital workers with proper PPE? It's infuriating that you would assume a \$150 million cut to the LAPD is enough. This is cutting a year of overtime pay for your police officers, a "re-allocation" of funds. We will not stand for "tweaks" to the budget -- we want an overhaul. Thanks, Wyatt

Communication from Public

Name: Abbey Fenbert

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:16 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am calling not the City Council to heed the overwhelming support the people of LA have for a people's budget that defunds the police and reinvests in community safety. Angelenos need housing, health care, education, environmental protection and emergency preparedness. We do not need to invest billions of dollars into a militarized police force that criminalizes poverty and brutalizes peaceful protesters. A 3 percent cut is not enough. It's not enough to placate people with surface reforms -- we need change and action. Defund the police and pass a budget that reflects the needs of the city.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 08:52 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

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

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:41 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: "I would like to submit public comment regarding the Mayor's proposed budget for FY 2020-21. Although a \$150 million reduction to the LAPD budget is a decent start, it is only a drop in the bucket of the police department's \$1.8 billion dollar budget. In accordance with the People's Budget LA, I would like to see the majority of the LAPD budget to be defunded, and for it to represent only 5.72% of the City's general budget rather than the Mayor's proposed 53%. I would like to see LAPD's funds diverted and distributed to address the shortage of funding for housing and education in Los Angeles. Research shows that the safest communities are not those which have the most police presence, but rather are those which have the most resources. By allocating most of the city's discretionary funds to LAPD, you are depriving our city of the resources that actually make us safe. It is not only a moral failure, in light of the thousands of racialized killings at the hands of LAPD, it is also a failure of public policy which demonstrates the council's lack of research around what factors attribute most to public safety. Please defund the LAPD and adopt the Peoples Budget LA. Thank you, Irma Garcia Constituent of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell & Mayor Eric Garcetti"

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles County and I am emailing to demand the restructuring of the Los Angeles city budget, so as to prioritize more social services for communities, and to drastically minimize spending on Police. I demand of the mayor, controller, and all city council members to prove their love and dedication to the people of their city and reallocate funds to directly benefit those in need. It is absolutely absurd that at \$1,857,330,549, the police budget is larger than the allocations to the fire department, Office of Emergency Management, Department of Transportation, Bureau of Street Services, and the Housing and Community Investment Agency combined. Defunding the police and restructuring the budget is an absolute necessity now more than ever. There are 58,936 DOCUMENTED houseless people in Los Angeles. There are healthcare workers without proper equipment. More than 30% of Los Angeles County residents have filed for unemployment. While LAPD has more funding than it knows what to do with, there are communities who desperately need funding and every day they don't receive it their quality of life worsens. Thousands have died who did not need to. You have the ability to change this, so do it.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeremy Benjamin

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 10:12 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is unacceptable that 54% of our tax dollars go to police funding. Defund the police. That money needs to go to the Climate Emergency Mobilization Department, and to education and community organizations that work toward combating homelessness, etc. Black lives matter!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Carolyn Robertson
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:47 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council, I am an Angeleno and I live in Altadena. 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, Carolyn Robertson

Communication from Public

Name: Sara Larios

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:50 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Re: People's Budget/ LAPD Budget. I'm asking for a complete dismantling of the LAPD Budget and a rebuild from the ground up just as the Minneapolis City Council is promising their constituents. There is no reason that more than half of our city's discretionary budget should go towards the LAPD and not homelessness, healthcare, public transit, mental healthcare services, and other community initiatives. Defund LAPD now. We want CARE, not cops.

Communication from Public

Name: Rev. Randy VanDeventer

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:55 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: 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.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 04:28 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We demand that you disinvest in LAPD. We want a budget that invests in our priorities and needs. Increased police presence is certainly NOT a priority or a need, as we have seen that police pose as a threat to communities of color. This is a public health crisis. We do not want killer cops policing our communities. We need investments in our communities and programs that support black people and people of color. We demand that you cut funding for LAPD further than proposed and supplement and increase funding for areas including, but not limited to, healthcare, education, housing, employment, and transportation. Especially in the middle of a pandemic, we need to increase the number of personnel who are equipped to respond to crises in our communities, such as mental health service providers, social workers. The very LAST thing that we need is increase in police force. Increasing police presence means increasingly endangering the lives of black people. We have seen time and time again that the police are not only ineffective at providing support during times of crises, but are actively harmful. As you may know, the history of policing is fraught with violence against marginalized people - policing has roots in slave patrols, squads of white volunteers dedicated to enforce slavery and return enslaved people who have escaped. We must destroy this racist institution. We have heard and watched countless instances of black people murdered because of the color of their skin. In the US, unarmed black people were killed by police at five times the rate at white unarmed white people were in 2015. Los Angeles ALONE has had more than 600 people killed by law enforcement. We NEED you to DEFUND LAPD now-for all of our safety.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Odella

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 12:28 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is a disgrace that 54% of the budget goes to an aggressive, over-militarized force in a city with tens of thousands of homeless people on our streets. End qualified immunity for the LAPD. End the systematic, disproportionate oppression of black and brown people at the hands of the LAPD. Start prosecuting bad cops instead of hiding them behind a badge. This is the least you can do for a city sick and tired of being assaulted by the ones who are supposed to protect us. Sincerely, Andrew Odella

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 02:34 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and reallocate the money to communities ADOPT THE PEOPLES BUDGET To the LA City Council - reinvesting \$150 million from the LAPD budget to communities of color is not enough. It is a drop in the bucket considering that LAPD is already getting 3 BILLION DOLLARS in funding in the midst of a pandemic. I know I'm not alone when I say that I want to see this money diverted away from the police and put towards combatting homelessness, providing essential health and mental health services for our communities, re-invigorating our schools, beautifying our parks, investing in critical infrastructure and emergency funds, as well as the cultural development of our communities. You argue that you need this money to combat crime. Well, most crime is not random. Many crimes are the result of our communities lacking things, most often their basic needs. If you want to keep communities safer, actually give them the money and funding that they need to not just to barely get by, but thrive. Adopt the People's Budget in lieu of what the Mayor is proposing.

Communication from Public

Name: Lilly
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:44 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a lifelong resident of LA who is ready to see the LAPD completely de-funded. Let's re-direct that 3 billion of tax payer dollars and half of the city's budget to building out and funding real community alternatives to policing. Let's fund covid19 relief, more social services, homeless housing, public health initiatives to combat the opioid epidemic, and a lot more. Cutting 1.5 million is not enough - it barely touches the budget. I am absolutely tired of our out of touch, sexist, racist, violent police force who have harassed our communities and made our city corrupt and un-safe for decades. I'm so tired of police officers drunk with power intimidating and harassing people because they can. What has been done about the well documented gang that functions within LAPD? Why has every council member accepted campaign donations from the police PAC? Why is half our tax paid budget going to these thugs? CITY COUNCIL - DO YOUR JOB, keep our city safe and DE-FUND THE POLICE.

Communication from Public

Name: Hayden Waggener

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:17 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police! The measly 100 million dollar cut is not enough, and the people of Los Angeles will not stop until serious reallocation of funds happens. Just today, over 50,000 people marched in the street, this number just keeps growing everyday, and will not rest until true justice is served. LAPD has blood on their hands and we demand accountability. DEFUND THE POLICE! Reallocate funds towards community building, education, public health and resources for people experiencing homelessness, things that actually benefit the city of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Julian Hoeber

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The current call for \$150M from the \$3 billion police budget is an insult. The police budget needs to be cut in half or more. We aren't looking for symbolic measures—the citizens of Los Angeles want the People's Budget enacted. We want the police defunded and replaced as they have called for in Minneapolis. LAPD is violent and dangerous. Chief Moore's comments last week show is a threat to justice in LA and must be fired. We will no longer vote for politicians who cower before the police. Pass the People's Budget now!

Communication from Public

Name: Alejandra Fernandez

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:16 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of the city of Los Angeles, and I support the Black Lives Matter movement. These past couple weeks I've witnessed the police intimidate and act violently towards peaceful protestors, they are not protecting anybody in our community. The LAPD should be totally defunded, the 5% cut that Garcetti proposed is not enough. The funds should be redirected towards affordable housing, healthcare, education, universal aid and management crisis, and reimagined community safety. I also think Chief Moore should resign for gross mishandling of his department and offensive comments about protestors.

Communication from Public

Name: MPB
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:19 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The LADP and policing (in general) has a long history of enforcing oppression, hate, and systemic racism. There is no longer a need for LADP in our community for they have failed to protect and serve the community. The LADP system has wrongfully killed lives, incarcerated Black lives unfairly, and heightened fear, trauma, and hate in our communities. The LADP system is rooted in the policies that continue to uphold Black lives as criminals before they are respected and seen as humans. That is wrong, ill, and an injustice we can no longer continue to fund and pay for with our taxes. I propose and demand that the LADP \$3 billion budget be completely defunded down to the penny and completely eliminated from our city budget. I propose the LADP \$3 billion funds be distributed to back to universal aid and crisis management, built and natural environment, and reimagined community safety by and for the people with a high regard to black lives throughout the restructuring process. We need the city budget to reflect inclusivity, equity and justice for the Black lives and community that have been given an unfair start in our society. We must acknowledge the black, black-latino, black-indigenous lives we have left out in our policies, society, and economy. We see that the politics inside the Garcetti's budget is manipulated, broken, and no longer democratic, as it favors and acts for systems of oppression. As humans we must realize our errors and learn, so that history stops repeating the hate and supremacy its been built on. Please take the time to reflect, connect with your hearts, be a human, and see that we deserve a budget proposal that humanizes lives, structures, policies, and environments. We need care not cops!

Communication from Public

Name: Amira Mohtheshum

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 10:00 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The people are demanding a more direct voice in the city budget. While I do not put my full support behind the current People's Budget proposal as presented, we cannot accept the Mayor's proposed budget as it stands, even with the recent small reduction in the LAPD. Give the people a voice. The People's Budget surveyed close to 1,500 Los Angeles residents, and had 3,500 weigh in on the proposal. The Budget Committee needs to survey the people. You need to learn more about what we want and what's important to the people who live in our city. We may be asking for radical change. That is because things are not working right now, the thousands of people on the streets are evidence of that. We can do better. Set a target budget in line with the change we want to see, set a task force to plan out the implementation, and begin to make moves in the right direction. Do not be afraid to think big and imagine a better future. Listen!

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Horowitz

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:01 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council, Please consider adding a measure to the ballot or a vote of council members to dissolve the LAPD in a similar action that the Minneapolis City Council took to remedy the problem of racial injustice and police brutality. Sincerely, -Daniel Horowitz

Communication from Public

Name: Kelly Perron

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for your cuts so far to the LAPD budget, however, it is not enough. The LAPD does not deserve or need that level of funding, even taking into consideration the reductions. You need to defund the LAPD further - at the very least, ALL \$250M that you have pledged to communities of color should be coming out of their budget. Not other budgets. Not the community, or education, or wherever else you were planning to get the other \$100 million. Take it from the police. And honestly, they should be getting cut by millions upon millions more. Their enormous budget can go to better use, and the people of L.A. - your voters - want it to.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Svenneby
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:32 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am strongly urging City Council to refuse Mayor Garcetti's budget of more than 50% of our money going towards the police department. \$150 million, 5% allotted to the police is NOT ENOUGH. Reform, training, and inflating budget to police departments has not changed the underlying problems in our society. We need to invest in programs to support our community, and keep them safe by investing in them instead of adding to the vicious cycle of violence. Mental health services should be a large priority during this time to address inherited traumas as well as the building pressures due to the pandemic and police brutality that have affected our populations in lower income communities and black and other people of color the most. We need to help these populations feel as safe as possible by keeping police off our streets and investing in housing, mental health, jobs, small businesses, outdoor spaces and parks, arts, and other community building. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Apgar

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:35 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to note my support for the 'People's Budget' and urge the council to redistribute the Mayor's budget to resemble it more closely. I am particularly concerned with the huge sum of money that has been allotted for the LAPD. They are frankly over equipped already and using this mass stockpile of resources to harass black and brown communities and the protesters. Given their general hostility towards the public they serve, complete fear of any disciplinary checks and balances, and LONG history of racist actions the last thing we should be doing is increasing the LAPD's budget. Please substantially cut the funds assigned to them and invest them in areas that will benefit the community rather than terrorize it.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexander Ferrer

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:42 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Alexander Ferrer and I strongly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. Decades of racist policies, land use planning and disinvestment from LA's Black communities continue to have devastating effects today. Black residents are overrepresented in the homeless population, and continue to experience higher rates of unemployment. Our shameful history of racism has created a city where Black and Latinx communities still face the deepest inequities. I am asking for the city council to reject the mayor's budget and to pass a budget that shows Black Lives Matter and are valued in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: John Rogers

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:40 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, I thank you for your diligence in running our city and bettering our lives as citizens. I wanted to bring up the following suggestion in the light of current concerns with current interactions between police and civilians. Please align police officer careers with their core mission to Serve and Protect. Each quarter every officer needs to go through a performance review. The performance reviews should reward the Officer based on the number of situations she/he helped de-escalate where all parties involved walked away unharmed while upholding the law. Bonus points when the Officer actively helps a civilian in a situation that requires it. Any officer that does not consistently score in the top 30% of the core values in subsequent quarters is subject to re-evaluation to see if he is fit for the position going forward. This data should take into account help provided to racialized populations especially black people and offer higher rewards until a point in time in our evolution as a society when skin color is completely eliminated as a bias.

Communication from Public

Name: Kristen Stegemoeller

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:41 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a registered voter in Los Angeles, I urge the budget for 2020-2021 to be amended to reflect the desires and needs of our community. Decreasing the LAPD budget by only \$150 million is not nearly enough in the face of the radical slashing of all other budgets for city services. This is a time to invest in our community and drastically reduce the LAPD budget that has a stranglehold over our city. Please enact the People's Budget as you are the representatives of the people, not the representatives of the Police Union.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren M.

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:41 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The mayor's proposed budget is NOT GOOD ENOUGH. Don't take money from services that need it -- DEFUND THE POLICE. Redirect funds to mental health and addiction treatment services, increased affordable housing, accessible public transit, and other community initiatives. While we're at it, look at what Minneapolis is doing. Dismantle and restructure our city's police force entirely. We cannot continue adding "reforms" to a department that considers itself above the law. Adopt a People's Budget for LA. Listen to your constituents. We're not giving up.

Communication from Public

Name: Hollie Garcia

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We have moved past the idea of reform, there has to be a dramatic change, that is why we must defund the police. You are endangering the lives of LA citizens when you keep putting money into an institution that has proven over and over of being a failed, corrupt and flawed one. How can you stand back and allow a protest about police brutality to be met with police brutality? Within a matter of days, I've seen so many images, videos, and stories displaying the police brutality we are fighting against. Basic human rights have been stripped away at the hands of the LAPD. Too many stories to even count about police arresting people without cause not reading them their rights (which is the absolute most basic function of their job) putting them in harm's way in an unsanitary condition during a PANDEMIC. And speaking about the fact that we are STILL living in a pandemic, the LAPD has been using weapons that are harmful to the respiratory system in the middle of a pandemic that affects the respiratory system! So no, we don't need 150 million to be reallocated, we don't need reform, we need to defund the police. We are in the midst of a pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed, and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of those in this city are renters. When people are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, 60k people were unhoused; the evictions and economic insecurity caused by COVID-19 will bring that number even higher. We demand that the City Council meaningfully defund the LAPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Megan Soderberg

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The City Council has a duty to listen to, and heed, the voice of the people of Los Angeles. We do not ask for, but DEMAND The People's Budget. The petty "cuts" Mayor Garcetti has made to the funding of the LAPD do not suffice. The City Council must defund the Los Angeles Police Department and call for the termination of Chief Moore, whose thoughtless comments and inability to control his lawless police force demonstrate that he is unfit for command. The lives of Los Angelenos depend upon both of these actions.

Communication from Public

Name: Natalie Sanchez
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:42 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Councilmembers, My name is Natalie Sanchez. We are writing to say that the current budget proposal to decrease LAPD's budget and reallocate City dollars to communities of color is a step in the right direction but it is not enough. To effect true transformative change, the city needs to go much further than this given that it is still pumping \$3 billion (51% of the city's unrestricted revenues) into a machine that we know murders Black people. We need you to support the People's Budget and ensure it fully reflects our values and to ensure that any City action must underscore the fact that black lives matter. Los Angeles must come together to condemn and take action in concrete ways to end the unjust and racist system responsible for the attacks, murder, and mass incarceration of black people, as well as the racism that fuels this administration's mass deportation machine, which is attacking and tearing apart immigrant communities, even while COVID-19 rages on in California's detention centers. That is why we also urge you to take a stand against racism now by renewing the LA Justice Fund (LJF) once and for all. The Los Angeles Justice Fund team has proven its commitment and power to rise to the occasion in the most difficult of times, providing a concrete legal safety net for immigrant communities. Our communities deserve a full and just recovery -- a true transformation to a just and equitable system -- where no one is left behind, where our collective and individual healing and well-being are centered, and our families and neighborhoods are stabilized and kept together. This safety, stability, and a sustainable & just recovery is achieved through due process for all, equitable access to healthy affordable homes, health, jobs, community-based prevention, essential services, and an end to the policing and incarceration of black and brown communities. It is not achieved through false choices, where the system tries to pit us against one another for our basic needs. Our communities deserve justice, now more than ever. We are Angelenos and we must stand together. Invest in Community. Divest from Policing. Give us a People's Budget. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Crawford

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of LA County and deeply concerned about the percentage of the budget that is allocated to the LAPD. I believe our citizens are in dire straights with no real aid from the government, no eviction moratorium, and rampant joblessness amidst rising numbers in Corona Virus diagnoses. In addition, the vicious cycle of police violence seems a morally bankrupt way to address these ills due to the consolidated power that the police have, and the way the police organization is structured and the violence and corruption that is evident. Please please redistribute funds away from the police towards where it would be better served in strengthening our communities through care and investment. Please adopt the People's Budget, which can be read at www.peoplesbudgetla.com Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Elodie Blakely

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:43 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Elodie Blakely and I am a resident of Los Angeles. I would like to express that your "work to identify \$150M further investments into community programs" is not enough. Your constituents vehemently oppose your budget, which floods LAPD with the majority of our city funds. We are demanding that you fire Chief Moore effective immediately. His behavior is abhorrent and your defense of him is shameful. He is the head of a systemically racist and weaponized force that targets black and brown bodies. Moore made racist remarks placing blame on for George Floyd's murder on protesters, and has been ordering the LAPD to escalate violence and arrest thousands of otherwise peaceful protestors. The LAPD is abusive, corrupt and relentlessly proves that they only exist to incite violence. Regarding the budget: The Mayor's budget, which — even with cuts and proposed reapportionments — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD. The city should instead 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 of your Los Angeles constituents. The public is also aware that City Council Woman Rodriguez spoke to the Police Union about opposing the already paltry \$150M adjustment Garcetti has made to the budget and is now weaponizing the force of and lobbying power of the Police Union to fight against this divestment. The public is following this closely and will not vote for officials in future elections who fail to secure divestments from the LAPD. In summation, DEFUND THE POLICE and invest in universal needs.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexa Rozansky
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:43 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles County. I stand with Black Lives Matter, Justice LA, Reform LA Jails. I support the People's Budget. You need to be meeting with these groups (among others) IMMEDIATELY and often. If this was in-person, we would be screaming in your faces, and our voices would be deafening. You are complicit in the betrayal and complete loss of trust between LA citizens and LAPD. You, alongside the LAPC and the LASD COC, need to be holding public hearings daily to address the injustice inflicted on the Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities, but especially the Black community. You need to acknowledge the role that you have played in furthering white supremacy, institutionalized racism, the militarization of our police, and fascism. Re: live public comment during meetings, the commission should not be putting a timer on the justified rage of our city, especially from Black members of this community, and the trauma that the LAPD has caused. You should have to listen for as long as it takes. Days, if not weeks and months! You are accountable to us! This should be hard. I challenge you to examine your own lives, your civic duty, and responsibilities on this committee. You need to be anti-racist, not just because that is your job here, and as a US citizen, but as a human on this planet. The LAPD cannot be trusted. Since the uprising began, they have used cars to attempt to mow down protestors (a tactic that terrorists have used) and rubber bullets with the capacity to PERMANENTLY BLIND peaceful protestors. These were illegally shot at people's faces instead of the ground. Immediately call to ban use of tear gas, pepper balls, and pepper spray that cause respiratory distress! To remind you, we are in a pandemic that is spread through saliva droplets, tears, discharge from the nose when people sneeze and cough. We are not simply angry right now about the lynching of George Floyd. If you choose to use that language in describing the outpouring of justified anger in our community, you are gaslighting victims, and contributing to the spread of white supremacy. Do NOT reduce the pain of more than 400 years of oppression to one moment in time. The LAPD has murdered 601 people in the last 7 years. To address the needs of the city and restore justice to our Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities, you must dramatically reduce the budget of the LAPD and enact/call for the following reforms: •

Reduce the overall budget of LAPD, divest from police unions, and reinvest all funds into Black, Brown and Indigenous communities • Fund and support public education (already in trouble and more so since COVID), mental healthcare, public access and resources for the differently-abled, drug treatment, affordable housing, and other community programs that offer alternatives to incarceration • Start decarceration efforts in our jails NOW so that more people do not die from our dangerous jail system and COVID outbreaks • Enact economic consequences for police officers who abuse their positions. Taxpayers shouldn't have to pay civil litigations against LAPD employees that the LAPD can't get under control. If officers are fired and not reinstated, the cost of the litigation should come out of their pensions • Demilitarize the police force, and end all curfews, because curfews are just an excuse for more racist mass arrests • Immediately stop the use of tear gas, pepper balls, pepper spray, rubber bullets and cars against American citizens • Fire Michel Moore. His comments on June 1 were abhorrent and reflect the institutional racism of the organization we PAY to protect us • Names of officers who commit misconduct must be publicized immediately into a state and national database • Suspend the use of paid administrative leave for cops under investigation • Cap overtime accrual and overtime pay for military exercises • Withdraw participating in police militarization programs • Reduce the size of the police workforce • LAPD must meet with BLM, Justice LA, Reform LA Jails, as well as victims often and regularly • Officers who witness crimes perpetrated by other officers (like assaults and murders) need to be held accountable • Officers should not have a license to kill • Officer training must be more than six months long. Enact stricter educational requirements before being accepted into the academy • Officers must live in (for a period of at least six months) in the low-income communities it purports to protect • And lastly, open an investigation into the Sheriff's Department's excessively violent treatment of protestors This commission has the power to change the LAPD and the direction that LA (and by extension, the country) is headed. I implore you to meet this moment on the right side of history. Do something that will make your grandchildren proud. I expect you to include my demands in an immediate recommendation memo to LAPD and LA officials. We will not stand for this injustice any longer.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:44 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to urge racial, social, and economic justice in our city by supporting further divestment from LAPD (more than the proposed \$150M), legal accountability for law enforcement officers, and demilitarization. To support this further, I urge City Council to adopt the People's Budget LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Connor McClenahan, PsyD

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:44 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'd like to see 50% of the LAPD budget redirected toward community building in minority neighborhoods. Anything less is a failure to listen to the obvious public outcry for economic and racial justice. That 50% reduction isn't a loss - it would be a giant step forward in our city's flourishing. Repurpose money toward social workers, parks, small business loans, education/school improvements - proven systems that bring people out of poverty and crime and into the middle class. That's an LA I would be proud of in this time. That's what will also help y'all get reelected :)

Communication from Public

Name: Elliot Orona

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:45 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a registered voter in Los Angeles, I urge the budget for 2020-2021 to be amended to reflect the desires and needs of our community. Decreasing the LAPD budget by only \$150 million is not nearly enough in the face of the radical slashing of all other budgets for city services. This is a time to invest in our community and drastically reduce the LAPD budget that has a stranglehold over our city. Please enact the People's Budget as you are the representatives of the people, not the representatives of the Police Union.

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew W Won

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:45 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We must completely disband the LAPD and direct all of its funding to organizations with staff trained to meet the community's needs and actually keep us safe. Minneapolis has shown that this is not a drastic step, maintaining the status quo of violent repression is a much more extreme and unsustainable course of action.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:46 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council, I am a student at UCLA. 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, Isabella Shahmirza

Communication from Public

Name: Tallulah Hood

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:46 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Tallulah Hood and I strongly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. Decades of racist policies, land use planning and disinvestment from LA's Black communities continue to have devastating effects today. Black residents are overrepresented in the homeless population, and continue to experience higher rates of unemployment. Our shameful history of racism has created a city where Black and Latinx communities still face the deepest inequities. I am asking for the city council to reject the mayor's budget and to pass a budget that shows Black Lives Matter and are valued in Los Angeles. Our communities were already facing the nation's worst housing and homelessness crisis before the COVID-19 pandemic; 36,300 unhoused Angelinos within the City of LA, 57% of renters in the City of LA being rent-burdened, with the median renter income in the City of LA at \$48,253. I'm asking the city council to reject the mayor's budget and to pass a budget that prioritizes the housing and homelessness needs of Los Angeles residents that includes funding and resources for: Making permanent affordable housing from existing housing stock Eviction Defense Social Housing Building Affordable Housing Supportive Housing, and Tenant Protections Prioritize your constituents who are suffering under historically racist systems and need more relief. I support the People's Budget LA in demanding the defunding of police, and the HealthyLA Coalition in calling for the funding of needed housing programs.

Communication from Public

Name: Alli Reed

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:47 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in District 14. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Leah Mireles

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:47 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Council File 20-0600 Dear Council members, I write to express my deep concern regarding the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021. I urge the City Council to amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to reflect the values of our community: we want more social services, employment programs, public health resources, rent relief, and restorative justice programs, not more policing. We request 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. Public safety should no doubt be one of the City's highest priorities. But investments in housing and job security, mental health care, and after-school programs are investments in public safety. By cutting these services, this budget will not make Angelenos safer. Furthermore, protests in Los Angeles following the murder of George Floyd have exemplified the issue of police brutality, including the indiscriminate use of tear-gas and rubber bullets against protesters, demonstrating the need for an overhaul of the LAPD. 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. I urge the City Council to adopt the People's Budget LA and amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to shift resources from the LAPD to social services, housing, employment programs, restorative justice programs, rent relief, and public health efforts. Sincerely, Leah Mireles, resident of District 11

Communication from Public

Name: Taylor

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:02 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge all council members and members of the Budget and Finance Committee to adopt the budget proposed by the People's Budget LA. This request is not just a "hashtag", as some of you may callously believe. It is an urgent and united message from your constituents, the engaged citizens of Los Angeles, to make sure you invest directly in our communities. We want much more investment in housing, mental health and wellness, and public health and healthcare. We want to see a divestment in parking enforcement, police and policing, and the City Attorney's office. We do not want billions of our dollars thrown at traditional forms of policing. The \$150M in cuts proposed to LAPD is a step in the right direction, but you need to go several steps further to help our city thrive. I hope you all have the courage to challenge the current status quo. It's disappointing to see our city, one of the biggest metropolitan cities in the world, several steps behind Minneapolis in terms of vision and commitment to its citizens. You can all do better.

Communication from Public

Name: Henning Fog

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:02 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

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.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicholas Veith

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:39 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As of today 54% of the unrestricted General Fund is currently allocated to the LAPD. We demand that City Council and the Mayor disinvest from the police. We want a budget that invests in the priorities and needs of the people of Los Angeles in particular communities of color whom have bared the brunt of the LAPD's violence. We know that the police do not make our communities safe. We want services that help and strengthen our communities. Recently both Mayor Garcetti and City Council have unveiled proposals to cut the LAPD's funds by up to \$150 million. That might appear like your doing us a service but when it's only brings the overall budget down to still \$3 Billion dollars it is an insult to the movement that is happening right here and right now in the city of Los Angeles and across the nation. We are not fooled. This will still leave us with over 50% of the total budget going to a police department whom the entire world saw on display last week beating and tear gassing and shooting rubber bullets at unarmed peaceful protestors. And we are now waking to the facts that the LA Police Department has killed over 600 people since Jackie Lacey took her role as DA. Are you freaking serious that you think we will accept a tiny fraction of a cut to an already massively overinflated budget. Not on our watch. And let me remind you. We are all watching now. However the City Council and even the Mayor still have a chance to make things right. To set a precedent that will be seen and heard across the country. We as the people of Los Angeles have created and are now demanding that you reject the Mayor's budget in favor of a People's Budget that reflects what Angelenos truly want. Which is more low-income housing and more services for our homeless. We want more mental health services; rent suspension or cancellation during this pandemic; more funding for public schools and resources to ensure that all students can continue learning these uncertain times; and investing directly into our Black and Latinx communities. We want our money to go into Environmental services so our communities of color are not exposed to toxins in the air and water where they live. We want human-centered services. We don't want more LAPD. We want to see all their excessive military hardware and weaponry destroyed. Tear Gas is illegal in war why is it being used on our people. Thank you for reading my comment and I hope you will strongly

listen to what you are hearing right now. An angry voting base that is organized and engaged. It be wise for you as our elected officials to listen to what we are saying and change your priorities ASAP. Have a good day. Peoplesbudgetla.com

Communication from Public

Name: Hannah Wondmeneh

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:40 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Hannah and I strongly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. I urge you and the rest of the city council to reject the Mayor's proposed budget. The City's proposed budget does not reflect the priorities and values of Los Angeles residents. In this time of global pandemic and the fight to end systemic racism, the city budget should invest in communities, not policing. Prioritize your constituents who are suffering under historically racist systems and need more relief. I support the People's Budget LA in demanding the defunding of police, and the HealthyLA Coalition in calling for the funding of needed housing programs.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:50 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please, we need less money goinf to the police and more going to education and public services. How can the police possibly use up so much more money Than everything else?!

Communication from Public

Name: Amanda Roessler
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:04 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Amanda Roessler. I'm a parent of a young child and frankly I am appalled by the proposed budget. While I so appreciate the gesture of redirection of funds from the LAPD to programs benefiting communities of color, the LAPD is still the recipient of an overwhelming percent of the city budget. A safer future for our kids where there are fewer police and more social workers, park rangers, school counselors, and mental health workers. I am urging for for our elected leaders to listen to our community by divesting more of city's budget from the LAPD and increase their proposed investments in our communities. A budget is an expression of our city's moral values, and we demand a budget that invests in our communities. Your constituents depend on you and we find this proposed budget unacceptable. We want to defund the police and fund services that will serve ALL citizens of LA. I would appreciate if you would bring up our concerns at your next city council meeting on Monday. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Peter Brunet

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I demand that the LA City Council and all other responsible parties defund the police, reinvest in community social programs, and institute The People's Budget. We must demonstrate our priorities as a community by divesting from the police. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Karlee

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'd like to strongly urge the city council and the mayor to DEINVEST from the police. Angelenos want a budget that invests in our priorities and our needs. Over policing and the aggressive policing tactics we have seen utilized thus far are not only damaging communities, but they are LETHAL. Redistribute the budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Alec Owen

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, I'm Alec Owen and I strongly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. Los Angeles has always been the center of America's conversations about police violence. It's embarrassing that we haven't EVER attempted anything significant in the way of MASSIVE reform. The whole world is watching. We should be doing the most. Pass the People's Budget. Listen to us. No more phony platitudes.

Communication from Public

Name: Yachne Serrano
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:17 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I demand that there are further cuts to LAPD budget. Cutting \$150 million is not enough. We need a more significant amount invested in issues that will more greatly benefit the health of the community. We need urgent help in the city's mental health crisis, included building housing for the homeless. We need to gravely invest in our social services focusing on domestic abuse and child welfare. Children are dying because our social workers are under stress with caseloads. There are a myriad of areas our people need more support with that I demand my tax dollars go to. Further refund the police now.

Communication from Public

Name: Chelsea E Pickens

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:17 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, This is to request a complete dismantling and reworking of the police department as Minneapolis has chosen to do a d to take the large budget from the LAPD and put the majority of it into other city services as seen in the People's Budget LA proposal. We use the police to address problems that they are not meant for or trained for which causes escalation and harm to communities, but especially to the African American community and other communities of color. A reworking of the system is required. While funding has been cut, it is insubstantial and inadequate to create any real change. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Sean McCarron
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:17 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

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

Communication from Public

Name: Gina Viola
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:17 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in District 4. My children attend school in District 2 at an LAUSD Magnet. 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. I witnessed it myself at several different PEACEFUL protests that turned ugly when the LAPD escalated the situation. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Thank you for your time,

Communication from Public

Name: Ryan Duffin
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:18 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of DEFUNDING THE LAPD. Far too much of the city's budget goes into a broken model of militarized "Us vs Them" policing, spending money on weapons of warfare against your own communities instead of programs that lift people out of the poverty and desperation that is at the root of so much crime. How many people have to die before you admit that it doesn't work? Minneapolis is making Los Angeles look conservative in comparison right now. People follow our lead and it is up to you to make our great city an example of how dramatic action can bring positive change. Defund the LAPD, abolish military tactics and equipment, smash the police unions and get rid of Qualified Immunity. The current model of policing is so corrupt and broken that you need to scrap the whole thing and start over with a solution that actually SERVES THE COMMUNITY instead of terrorizing it. Oh, and get rid of LAPD chief Michel Moore too. There can be no justice in the LAPD if there is not a sense of justice from their leader. The people of Los Angeles deserve better than this victim blamer.

Communication from Public

Name: Rabeya Sen

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Councilmember, My name is Rabeya Sen and I am with Esperanza Community Housing Corporation (Esperanza). We urge you to reject the Mayor's proposed budget. It does not reflect the priorities and values of Los Angeles residents. In this past week, Angelenos have taken to the street to drive home the message that black lives matter and that this city needs to do more to divest from systems entrenched in a power stemming from anti-black racism. The police do not need more funding, especially when this law enforcement system is the one hurting your constituents because of the racism endemic to the assumptions driving its policies and practices. We hope that you hear this message and work to end systemic racism by ensuring the city budget does reflect the values and needs of the people whom you serve. Therefore, we urge you to support the People's Budget LA in calling for the defunding of police, the LA Justice Fund coalition in calling for renewing the fund to protect immigrants from this administration's cruel deportation machine, and the HealthyLA Coalition in calling for the funding of these housing efforts: -The acquisition and rehabilitation of multi-family buildings & single-family homes. Investing \$310,000 per unit for multi-family units and \$450,000 per single family home, the total program cost would be approximately \$690,000,000 for Year 1 and result in 2,000 units of housing. Invest \$70,000,000 in a fully-funded Right to Counsel and Eviction Defense Program that includes legal defense, tenant outreach and education and targeted rental assistance. -Fund HCID to enforce existing tenant protections. This is critical during a time of expected and unprecedented waves of evictions looming. -Create a Pilot Social Housing Program. -Provide developers with gap financing to ensure affordable housing construction projects are completed in a timely manner. -Commit CARES and general funds dollars to finance and operate supportive housing units. As you are aware, at Esperanza, we work alongside the communities of South Central LA. As an affordable housing provider and advocates for housing justice, environmental justice, health equity, and equitable development, we see the impact of systemic racism on Black, Indigenous, and people of color communities. The Covid-19 crisis has laid these bare as these very communities are the ones forced to bear a disproportionate burden of the

pandemic's economic fallout. Many residents have lost their jobs, struggling to pay rent and keep a roof over their heads, much less being compelled to choose between putting food on the table and accessing other critical needs. This fallout was driven by the fact that LA, a majority-renter city, was already a place where 57% of those renters are rent-burdened. The pandemic compounded this and has led to unprecedented job loss and displacement, and portends a huge wave of evictions and rise in homelessness when the emergency ends. To add to this, our communities are under constant attack, with families and neighbors being torn apart as they also contend with a racist policing system that manifests in police violence against Black communities and in this administration's intensified attacks on our immigrant communities to detain and deport them. In short, this pandemic has only magnified other crises that were already in existence, such as the homelessness crisis, affordable housing crisis, the crisis of being targeted by institutional racism both in policing of our Black communities and through a xenophobic immigration system, and the climate crisis -- all drivers of displacement, made even worse by the current economic fallout. We have been in a similar place before, both after the 1992 uprising and after the 2008 housing collapse. At that time, investments were made without much consideration for racial disparities and institutional racism, resulting in people being forced into making false choices between basic human needs that are the hallmarks of a just society. We cannot continue down this destructive path that divides Angelenos into deserving and undeserving. We need a just and sustainable recovery that truly centers equity and dismantles institutional racism. We need you take meaningful action to defund the police, protect our communities from systemic violence, create an inclusive and just system that no longer gives us false choices, and invest in community-centered policies that improve health outcomes. So, again, we ask you to please support the People's Budget LA in calling for the defunding of police, the LA Justice Fund coalition in calling for renewing the fund to protect immigrants from this administration's cruel deportation machine, and the HealthyLA Coalition in calling for the funding of the housing efforts outlined above. Thank you, Rabeya Sen

To: Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Eric Garcetti
Fr: Healthy LA Coalition
Re: Housing Proposals for City of Los Angeles FY 2020-2021 Budget
Dt: June 4, 2020

The Healthy LA Coalition is a network of more than 320 advocacy organizations, worker centers, labor unions, service providers, religious congregations, community groups, affordable housing developers, public interest lawyers, public health and safety organizations, and many more uniting to propose concrete solutions to the many hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our coalition writes to inform the ongoing discussion regarding changes to the City of LA budget adopted on Monday, June 1. We appreciate the motion to Council that proposes reallocating between \$100 million and \$150 million from the police budget to be reinvested in communities of color impacted by policing. This is a good start but you must go further.

The City's budget should be a reflection of our collective priorities and values. If we want impactful outcomes that will address the needs of the most vulnerable Angelenos, we need deep and systemic change to how we approach the budget. We stand with our partners in the People's Budget LA coalition in demanding a drastic change in our city's priorities; divesting from the police and investing in human-centered services, particularly housing.

Our communities were already facing the nation's worst housing and homelessness crisis before the COVID-19 pandemic; 36,300 unhoused Angelenos within the City of LA, 57% of renters in the City of LA being rent burdened, with the median renter income in the City of LA at \$48,253 (2018 ACS Data). The subsequent Stay at Home order led to skyrocketing unemployment, job insecurity and financial disaster for countless Angelenos. We may now face evictions and homelessness on a scale we have never seen unless the City Council acts boldly and quickly for housing justice.

This crisis is deepening right as Los Angeles is drafting a new Housing Element to meet new Regional Housing Needs Assessment targets, and is also responsible for enacting our Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing plan. The City of Los Angeles, under their latest draft Regional Housing Needs Assessment, must plan for 115,989 very-low income units and 68,257 low-income units over the next decade, starting in 2021. This amounts to 23,033 affordable units per year. The City is bound by legislation such as AB 686 and SB 35 to focus on providing hundreds of thousands of deeply affordable homes to Angelenos, and to take concrete, time-bound and measurable steps to enact fair housing. It is abundantly clear the only path forward is new, bold, well-funded, and well-staffed programs.

We must prepare for the inevitable threat of evictions and displacement that will happen once the tenant protections that apply only during the COVID-19 emergency order are lifted. We offer the following program and budget proposals to begin a conversation with LA City Council. Our vision is that we initiate new programs this year, aggressively advocate for more state and federal resources, make deeper cuts to the police budget and scale up to a greater number of homes in subsequent budgets.

Fully fund and implement a Right to Counsel and Eviction Defense Program immediately.

As tenants continue to call for a codified right to counsel, the City should invest in a fully-funded Eviction Defense Program that includes legal defense, tenant outreach and education and targeted rental assistance. Every tenant who faces the destabilizing threat of eviction should have the right to an attorney. Better yet, many evictions can be prevented when tenants know their rights and how to exercise them. Communities are strongest when families can remain in their homes without fear of displacement. And, often, the most affordable housing is the housing tenants already have. Investment in services to keep thousands in their homes each year will save the City far more than the cost to do so.

Fully fund HCID and exempt from hiring freeze to ensure the enforcement of tenant protections.

Making cuts to the Housing and Community Investment Department budget or staff time during a time when an unprecedented wave of evictions is being forecast would be disastrous. Instead, additional staff need to be hired to implement recent tenant protection policies such as AB1482, SB 330, SB 2 as well as manage current programs that enforce the Rent Stabilization Ordinance, the HHH program, and programs we anticipate such as the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance and the Eviction Defense Program.

In order to make these necessary hires, HCID must be exempt from a hiring freeze, department cuts and furloughs. Additional staffing is necessary to ensure the City's commitment to protecting tenants does not fail due to a lack of resources.

Acquire and rehabilitate 1,500 multi-family and 500 single family homes for affordable housing.

As HHH and the subsequent production of permanent supportive housing has made clear, new housing is incredibly expensive to build, particularly in Los Angeles. Acquisition and rehabilitation of distressed properties that are then set aside for low-income families is far more cost effective than new construction and keeps communities from gentrifying and experiencing displacement. To meet the need, an aggressive program is a necessity. A clear target is housing which is not currently owned by a mission-driven housing non-profit whose affordability covenants under the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit or Project-Based Section 8 programs are expiring or set to expire in the City. Additionally, despite important actions that the City should take to stabilize lower-income homeowners and 'mom&pop' landlords, many privately-owned single family homes and small and medium multifamily rental properties will face financial distress: landlords exit the rental market due to default on their mortgages, shifts in their own economic situation that requires them to withdraw equity from their properties, or because they do not find their housing rental businesses to be profitable during the recovery period. We cannot afford a repeat of the mistakes of the 2008 foreclosure crisis, which robbed Black and Brown communities of wealth, contributed to steep increases in housing unaffordability, and spurred our current homelessness catastrophe. We must prevent a wave of acquisitions by speculative investors who will seek to benefit financially from the economic devastation to our County, its businesses and its residents precipitated by COVID-19.

Healthy LA has prepared and submitted to Council and Mayor Garcetti a detailed memo outlining a strategy to acquire and rehabilitate at risk “Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing” (NOAH) to ensure that these properties remain affordable and, where possible, are transitioned into permanent community ownership. [Please see this link to read our memo.](#)

The City should increase its funding to existing programs that will leverage affordable ownership by local low to moderate income residents and nonprofits, and seek to retain its investment for the benefit of both future and current households, which it can do by prioritizing or requiring permanent affordability. As part of this proposal, Los Angeles should budget to build the capacity of community-based organizations that are equipped to steward community ownership - via tenant associations, community land trusts (CLTs), and other mission-aligned housing organizations. There is already a growing movement for land trusts in the City, which can play a critical role in a robust City strategy to actively counter another wave of speculative corporate acquisitions like what we faced after 2008; these should be directly supported with capacity-building funding and partnerships. Homeownership programs tailored to low- and moderate-income buyers should be scaled up, with a plan to provide for asset-building while protecting against speculative and predatory practices.

The acquisition/rehab program should start immediately and be brought to scale. For the next fiscal year the City should aim to start and expand upon an aggressive and bold program and aim for 1500 multi-family units and 500 single family homes to be acquired and rehabilitated. The City can and should be the conduit for growing public/private partnerships with local lenders and employers who will have vested interest in growing this kind of programming.

Pilot a Social Housing Program

Social housing provides publicly-financed healthy and affordable housing options in perpetuity. Various models from throughout the world include mixed-income housing built and operated through partnerships between public and non-profit agencies. Democratic governance by residents in social housing can provide a sustainable approach to fostering community leadership.

Councilmember Mike Bonin introduced two motions in early 2020 calling for a social housing pilot program. In FY 2020-2021, the City should budget for and initiate a social housing program that would grow over time. A strong ecosystem of organizational and institutional partners currently exist to support these goals. The City of LA should budget for this pilot, immediately convene these stakeholders and put immediate next steps in place to pilot a social housing program.

Meet meaningful goals to build more affordable housing during this fiscal year.

New affordable housing construction, especially in historically exclusionary neighborhoods, serves as an important mechanism to house individuals and families experiencing homelessness as well increasing access to jobs and schools for families currently living in substandard housing. While new affordable housing is more expensive than the acquisition of existing properties, utilizing the 4% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit can reduce the cost of new construction. Funding the construction of new affordable housing units is essential to meet the City of Los Angeles’s housing need for very low income and

extremely low income households. By providing a subsidy of \$195,000 per unit, the City can spur the construction of 1,000 new affordable housing units for a total cost of \$292,500,000.

To the greatest degree possible, affordable and permanent supportive housing should be constructed under a Construction Careers Policy with a Community Workforce Agreement and Targeted Local Hire Programs, in order to create good quality jobs accessible to those who need them most.

Fund services for supportive housing.

The City should commit general funds dollars to pay for services in housing that will be acquired with federal money including funds dispersed through the CARES Act.

The City needs to create 10,000 units of supportive housing **in addition to** the HHH pipeline (approximately 8,700 units currently financed) in order to bring the entire chronically homeless population indoors. Los Angeles must use a combination CARES Act and general fund revenues to finance and operate these units.

We look forward to hearing your feedback on this memo and the following appendices. Note that our Healthy LA partners in the worker rights movement will be following with a memo specific to needs regarding worker rights over the next weeks.

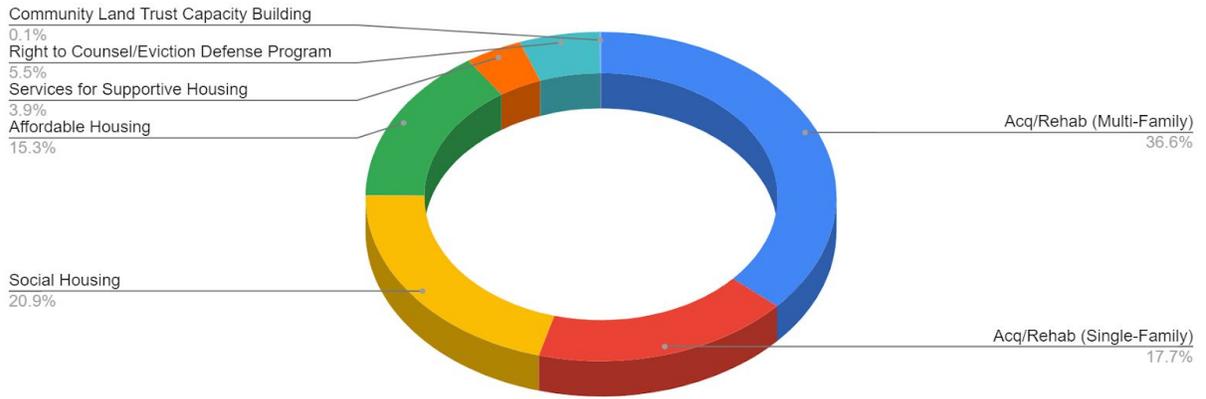
It is imperative to invest in the future of this city. Safety for the people we serve is not rooted in the number of police officers in the neighborhood; it is rooted in people's ability to have a roof over their head, food on the table, and access to the amenities that have been afforded to those not subject to systemic, racist policies such as redlining. The budget of the City we all care deeply about must prioritize the needs of its people, and we are calling for the investment of meaningful, sustainable, and affordable housing infrastructures for our most vulnerable Angelenos.

Appendix A

Housing Proposals for City of Los Angeles FY 2020-2021 Budget				
Program	Description	# Units	Cost per Unit	Amount Requesting
Acquisition/Rehab (multi family)	Funds to acquire properties to be made permanently affordable	1,500	\$310,000.00	\$465,000,000.00
Acquisition/Rehab (single family)	Funds to acquire properties to be made permanently affordable	500	\$450,000.00	\$225,000,000.00
Social Housing	Pilot Program for publicly owned property	500	\$531,373.00	\$265,686,500.00
Affordable Housing	City subsidy for new construction to be managed by nonprofits	1000	\$195,000.00	\$195,000,000.00
Services for Supportive Housing	Services in the housing that will be acquired with federal money	10,000	n/a	\$50,000,000.00
Right to Counsel / Eviction Defense Program	Legal defense, tenant outreach and education and targeted rental assistance	n/a	n/a	\$70,000,000.00
CLT initial capacity building	Staffing and training for CLTs currently active in City of LA	n/a	n/a	\$1,250,000.00
	Total	13,500		\$1,271,936,500.00

Appendix B

Housing Proposals for City of Los Angeles FY 2020-2021 Budget



Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Okamoto

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Councilmembers, My name is Lisa Okamoto with Immigrant Defenders Law Center. We are writing to say that the current budget proposal to decrease LAPD's budget and reallocate City dollars to communities of color is a step in the right direction but it is not enough. To effect true transformative change, the city needs to go much further than this given that is still pumping \$3 billion (51% of the city's unrestricted revenues) into a machine that we know murders Black people. We need you to support the People's Budget and ensure it fully reflects our values and to ensure that any City action must underscore the fact that black lives matter. Los Angeles must come together to condemn and take action in concrete ways to end the unjust and racist system responsible for the attacks, murder, and mass incarceration of black people, as well as the racism that fuels this administration's mass deportation machine, which is attacking and tearing apart immigrant communities, even while COVID-19 rages on in California's detention centers. That is why we also urge you to take a stand against racism now by renewing the LA Justice Fund (LAJF) once and for all. The Los Angeles Justice Fund team has proven its commitment and power to rise to the occasion in the most difficult of times, providing a concrete legal safety net for immigrant communities. Our communities deserve a full and just recovery -- a true transformation to a just and equitable system -- where no one is left behind, where our collective and individual healing and well-being are centered, and our families and neighborhoods are stabilized and kept together. This safety, stability, and a sustainable & just recovery is achieved through due process for all, equitable access to healthy affordable homes, health, jobs, community-based prevention, essential services, and an end to the policing and incarceration of black and brown communities. It is not achieved through false choices, where the system tries to pit us against one another for our basic needs. Our communities deserve justice, now more than ever. We are Angelenos and we must stand together. Invest in Community. Divest from Policing. Give us a People's Budget. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Chelsea

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It's time to defund the police as was done in Minneapolis and put that money towards public education and the HOMELESS crisis we have in Los Angeles. It's unacceptable that we groom the LAPD so lavishly at the expense of our least advantaged civilians. Homelessness in Los Angeles is an epidemic, there is absolutely no reason we have not addressed this when we have the financial resources to do so. Defund the LAPD and take care of our people.

Communication from Public

Name: Dorothy Hoover
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:47 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: During the third quarter of 2019, officers used force on homeless people 217 times, a 26% increase from the same period in 2018 when that number was 172. LAPD homeless coordinator Cmdr. Donald Graham blamed this the city's growing homeless population (LA Times article Jan 21). If the city doesn't take the necessary steps at reducing homelessness in Los Angeles especially during and after Covid-19 than the incidents of force by police will only continue to rise. This does not seem like a sound and reasonable argument by LAPD. This seems like an untenable situation in fact. In Feb. '19 Black people accounted for 42% of the homeless population. If the city does not reallocate money to things like Homeless Support and Housing Security rates of violence by police against the unhoused will only continue to rise and the violence will be more likely directed to Black people. I have no faith in reform when it comes to LAPD. They are not equipped to help the unhoused, they are only equipped and trained to criminalize the unhoused. We need to DEFUND THE LAPD now and put money into more vulnerable and at-risk communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Constance Jiang
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:47 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I am asking for a complete dismantling of the police and a rebuild from the ground up, just like the Minneapolis city council promised.

Communication from Public

Name: Paula Carvajal

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:48 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Official, I am an Angeleno and I live in District 33. 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. I want to see my tax dollars prioritize universal needs, pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. Over the past 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. I have personally experienced unwarranted escalation during a peaceful march. 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, Paula

Communication from Public

Name: Nina Barone

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:49 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. As I write this, an LAPD officer is sitting in their car outside of my apartment, in a quiet neighborhood, mid-day, where no criminal activity is taking place. He is posted up, lurking, stalking, wasting my tax dollars, and I do not want him here. Nor do I want him in any neighborhood in our beautiful city. The disturbingly bloated LAPD budget is a disgrace to all sensibility. It is clear that very few Angelenos (I have to assume there are some, though I know of none personally) feel that the LAPD are making any use of the massive \$3.15b budget being allocated to them. I feel LESS safe when the LAPD around. Why are we spending our tax dollars to feel UNSAFE? It is beyond all comprehension. It is your job as the city council to immediately defund and dismantle the terror organization that is the LAPD and remember YOUR place as civil SERVANTS. You work for us, and we will get rid of you in a heartbeat if you do not listen to our demands. Mayor Garcetti's proposed 5% cut to the LAPD budget is a slap in the face. We want the LAPD budget to be 5% of what it was, not receive a 5% cut. Do you get it? Do you see the difference? You need to act now or your job will be gone just like 95% of the officers' jobs in LA will be gone soon too. This money needs (not should, NEEDS) to be reallocated to universal aid and crisis management, trained interventionists as emergency responders instead of cops, and reinvested into the communities who have suffered the terror of the LAPD and structural white supremacy for generations. These communities will be the ones uplifting the city, something our white supremacist leaders have failed to understand. Fix the bloated LAPD budget now or we will come for your job and replace you with someone who can get the job done.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Zeigler
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:52 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of defunding the proposed police budget and reallocating funds to education and low-income communities.
Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Ben Sage

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:52 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Our social support system needs to address our city's problems with mental health, drug addiction, rehabilitation, homelessness, and unemployment--not the LAPD. Our social support system needs 50% of our budget, not our militarized police force. The city of Los Angeles is making clear that the City Council must meaningfully defund the LAPD and put those assets into support and preventive care, not reaction by state agents untrained to deal with these social issues. We demand a budget that adequately meets the needs of at-risk Angelenos during this uncertain time and beyond by supporting community wellbeing first. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Garcetti's budget proposal, which includes cuts to various public services and increases LAPD funding, the proposal is back in your hands. I am urging you to substantially revise the LA budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, including much more substantial cuts to LAPD more in line with the People's Budget. I understand that the budget cannot be instantly radicalized, but your constituents cannot tolerate a budget more expansive of LAPD than last year and the year before. Those expansions must be reversed to fund community care. Thank you for your time. Ben Sage
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Communication from Public

Name: Danielle Lyons

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:53 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of downtown Los Angeles, I call on the Budget and Finance Committee to adopt a People's Budget for the City of Los Angeles. NOW is the time to act as a true representative of the people regarding how our city's funds should be spent. More police do not create safer cities, they create more violent, more weaponized cities. The only way to make our city safer is to guarantee basic human rights for all. The quality of life and measure of equality in this city are a direct result of where we choose to put our resources. The proposed \$150M cut to LAPD is a start, but it's not enough in the scope of the \$1.86 billion dollars Los Angeles spends on the police force. As our city's leaders and representatives, you have the opportunity now, this month, this meeting, to re-imagine what public safety really looks like in our city. I stand with Black Lives Matter at this critical time, and all of the other voices who are demanding a People's Budget for our great City of Los Angeles. Your budget proposal MUST be updated with the priorities of Angelenos. We need disinvestment from the police, and investment in community- and health-centered services, including restorative justice resources. Public opinion is with me! Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth A Walker

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:55 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

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 protestors and bystanders. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Thank you for your time, Elizabeth Walker

Communication from Public

Name: Saya Linney

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:55 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I believe in Care not Cops, and support the defunding of the LAPD. I have lived in Los Angeles or Los Angeles County my entire life, and during that time, I have found that the police do not help the community as much as other social services could. The current \$150 million cut is not enough. The many social issues of Los Angeles, such as homelessness, poverty, mental health, and lack of housing, CANNOT be solved by further policing. The LA City Council must divest from the LAPD and INVEST in the social services that would not only reduce crime (thereby reducing the need for police), but also solve the social problems that have plagued Los Angeles for decades. DEFUND THE POLICE AND END POLICE BRUTALITY.

Communication from Public

Name: Greg Dunn

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:55 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am calling upon the LA City council as a constituent and voter to drastically defund the LAPD within the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget, and to adopt the People's Budget of LA as a guiding source for LA's budget. There is so much wrong with the fact that, as proposed, 54% of our budget will fund racism and state-sanctioned violence against our city. Public money MUST go to programs that have been proved to help city residents - programs like housing, healthcare, food support, and schools, just to name a few. The People's Budget of LA has drafted a plan that will address all of these issues and more in ways that focus on results of community safety. We must follow their lead in creating the new budget, as we move towards a safer and more just LA. LA prides itself on being a progressive city, and one that stands up for its people. But currently, the people of the midwest are far outpacing us in terms of overhauling their systems to defend their people. The state of Minnesota opened an investigation into the human rights violations that the Minneapolis PD regularly perpetrates. Minneapolis city council has announced steps to disband the police department as it currently stands. It is time that we follow our midwestern leaders in taking real steps toward justice and public safety. Protestors in New Zealand, England, France, Japan, Australia, Brazil, and other countries have joined together to condemn American police brutality. The LAPD is a blight on our city and a global embarrassment which neither serves nor protects the people of Los Angeles, and their long and ongoing history of racism and brutality proves that they are unfit to serve the city in any capacity. Defund LAPD now.

Communication from Public

Name: Winnie Kemp

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:55 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my deep concern about the budget for fiscal year 2020-21. I'm urging the council to amend the budget to reflect the values of our community. We want social services, employment programs, public health resources, rent relief and restorative justice programs, NOT more policing. Reducing the LAPD budget by 150m is not enough. There needs to be drastic measures taken as reforms have proven to be ineffective. We need justice for the 600+ black people killed by the LAPD and we the people are demanding systemic change. Now is the time to dream big and fight hard for changes that will serve our city and its residents. No more continually starving the programs that can make our communities stronger. I urge the City Council to adopt the People's Budget. Sincerely, Winnie Kemp 90291

Communication from Public

Name: Artair Rogers

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:57 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Artair Rogers, and I am a resident of the city of Los Angeles. I strongly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. Decades of racist policies, land use planning and disinvestment from LA's Black communities continue to have devastating effects today. Black residents are over-represented in the homeless population, and continue to experience higher rates of unemployment. Our shameful history of racism has created a city where Black and Latinx communities still face the deepest inequities. I am asking for the city council to reject the mayor's budget and to pass a budget that shows Black Lives Matter and are valued in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:58 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please, do what is right. We the people are asking you to Defund the Police, re-allocate our tax dollars to communities in need, our public education system, programs for the disenfranchised. Systematic racism is the current system, and the system needs to be dismantled and rebuilt from the ground up. Our country is founded upon the idea of equality and justice for all. Do the right thing.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:00 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon, First, I want to start by acknowledging the Mayor's consideration of a budget cut of \$100-150 million from the police budget in the upcoming fiscal year budget planning. However, this is not enough. Take it from Minneapolis, which just committed itself to defunding and dismantling its entire police force in favor of community-led initiatives, or Camden, NJ, which successfully implemented community-led policing protocols after firing its entire policing staff, the only way to enact true justice and secure the safety of the people of Los Angeles is to slash the funding to the LAPD and start over from within. The people of Los Angeles deserve more than punishment, over-policing, public gassing, rubber bullets to the eyes and bellies and faces and legs, sticks on their backs, murders in their streets. They deserve safe housing, safe water and access to food, social service programs, and supportive environments. It is no surprise that the communities that have the most police presence also have the most violence. Invert that, and the communities that have the most support from within, the most programming, the most resources, and the least police presence, have the least violence, the most thriving members, and the least police murder in the street. Consider your children and the world we have created that allows them to grow up in radically different worlds, in towns bordering the other. Consider the system that continue to pour money into, the police we continue to promote and employ, the militarized weapons we continue to arm them with. What is it doing for us? Do you feel safer? I don't. My Black peers and friends and mentors and neighbors sure as hell don't. It is embarrassing in 2020 in the middle of a pandemic to live in a city that cares so little for its people, while cloaking itself in the safety of liberalism. Do better. Adopt the People's Budget. Defund the police. Fire the cops. Hire from within communities. Before we vote everyone out and start again with people who will.

Communication from Public

Name: Iman Shervington

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:00 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Time and time again we have been shown that the current conceptualization of “law enforcement” is systemically flawed and biased and repeatedly harms communities of color and those that are socio-economically disadvantaged. It is time to rethink, reorganize and restructure how we “protect and serve” our communities in a community-based, trauma-informed manner centered around equity, diversity, representation and inclusion, and that is also based not only in restorative justice principles, but also compassion and a desire to listen and understand.

Communication from Public

Name: Gabriella

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:00 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, I am an Angeleno and I live in District 14. 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, Gabriella

Communication from Public

Name: Ryan

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:20 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I propose that any and all lawsuit awards and settlement awards made to police brutality victims should come from police pensions and not taxpayer dollars. Also please greatly reduce the policing budget to go towards other things that will reduce crime like more funding for schools, housing, and after-school programs. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:09 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to express my support for the People's Budget. In particular, I would like to encourage you to dismantle the LASPD. The presence of cops in our schools only serves to funnel the children of LA (particularly our Black and brown children) into prisons. As Angela Davis said, "when children attend schools that place a greater value on discipline and security than on knowledge and intellectual development, they are attending prep schools for prison." Follow the example of Minneapolis public schools, who recently ended their contract with their police department. We can do the same in LA. The only thing standing in our way is our elected officials' refusal to listen to their constituents.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeremy

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:09 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am a life long Angeleno and a resident of District 5. Over the past week I have watched time and time again as LAPD used brutal and unnecessary force against the citizens of LA. I watched my own neighborhood descend into violence and destruction because the LAPD attacked a peaceful march with rubber bullets, pepper balls, and batons. I lived through the events of '92 and I am not seeing a police department that has made any lasting changes. We need to have a new budget that puts money back into our communities and our schools and our mental healthcare workers and takes it away from police officers who only seem to know how to use violence or the threat of violence to solve anything. Please, I am asking you to make a difference, defund the police and adopt the people's budget and help to fix some of our problems instead of giving the police new ways to hurt people. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Paulhus

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:02 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: \$150 million seems like a lot, until you realize that the police are still getting 51% of the budget. After watching LAPD conduct in the past two weeks, the brutality towards protesters, the entrapment via changing curfews, hearing stories from those who were detained and abused for breaking curfew, in addition to the far too many deaths at the hands of LAPD in recent years, there is no chance at reform, we MUST DEFUND and invest in our communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Hirsch

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Like Minneapolis VP City Council member Andrea Jenkins said "Racism is a Public Health Crisis" and while COVID continues to rage havoc on our communities (disproportionally Black folks) the idea that this city council body would rubber stamp a budget that allocates more than half the entire budget resources to the LAPD and cut every other necessary service is despicable. The message sent to us is that our survival is in fact NOT essential. The single digit percentage of cuts to the LAPD proposed this week are far from sufficient. This country is watching the votes you take today and the people will remember where you stand. Will you #DefendBlackLife? We demand #CareNotCops. We want a #PeoplesBudgetLA.

Communication from Public

Name: Ethan

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Support the People Budget of Los Angeles by defunding the police and re-allocating funds to Reimagined Community Safety, Universal Aid and Crisis Management, and Built Environment!

Communication from Public

Name: Noah Suarez Sikes

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, After the past few weeks, where we've seen the LAPD violate Geneva conventions by firing tear gas against peaceful protesters and shooting them with rubber bullets, I find the mayor's proposed cuts to the LAPD's massively overinflated budget ludicrously inadequate. The mayor himself has demonstrated a complete lack of awareness of any of the issues going on in his city, or a lack of caring. Either way, it is beyond time to defund the LAPD—an institution that has been corrupt at the root since the time of its founding, an institution so irredeemably bad that the federal government had to step in and fix it, and it has still led us to a situation where we have the highest police deaths per capita. Rather than use the police as a cudgel with which to beat our Black and Latino communities, I call on the city council to strip them of their funding and dismantle them, and use that money to do something helpful for the city. I hope, for the city's sake, that you all choose the correct and just course of action.

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Chalsma

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I urge council to commit to a budget that reallocates funding from the police and instead invests in things that make us safe, like universal housing, good jobs, healthy food, a clean environment, community workers, youth services, free public transportation, arts programs, and parks and libraries. A 3% cut in LAPD Operating Budget is NOT ENOUGH. I'm attaching a statement signed by 131 members of my community.

To: Mayor Garcetti & the Los Angeles City Council
From: Melissa Chalsma and Members of the Los Angeles Theater Community

Dear Mayor Garcetti and the members of the Los Angeles City Council,

Thank you for your continuing service to Los Angeles. We are writing today to urge you to reconsider the City's budget.

As members of the theater community, we understand that a budget is a moral document. The stories we choose to tell, the people we choose to employ, the structures we choose to inhabit: all of these things demand resources. How we commit resources is a public statement of our values.

Whatever difficult choices we are led to by budgetary constraints, ultimately where we place our dollars indicates what our values are. There are deep consequences to the choices we make. Currently, the City budget reflects an overwhelming value on policing, with a correspondingly low value on vital public services.

“Care Not Cops” is more than a hashtag. It is a statement that CARING for a community must always come before POLICING a community. The consequence of this budget is that, by increasing funding for police, there is less money to spend on services with a direct and substantial impact on the health and well-being of our community: education, health, housing, parks, youth and arts programs. These services supply critical care as well as joy, community connection, and a sense that we, and our personal experience of the city we live in, matter.

This is especially horrifying given the state of Los Angeles during this time of pandemic, with its corresponding economic recession. Both of these have devastating and disproportionate impacts on Black and Brown Angelenos, as well as poor communities, and our fellow citizens who are experiencing homelessness. With crime at a historic low, and needs at a historic high, this is not the time to defund public services—the very services that keep Angelenos housed, employed, connected, safe, and fed (literally as well as spiritually). As a consequence, this budget does damage to the moral heart of Los Angeles.

We ask that you:

- Reimagine the City budget to align with the People’s Budget.
- Commit to a budget that reallocates the proposed 53.8% of funding for police and invests in things that make us safe, like universal housing, good jobs, healthy food, a clean environment, community workers, youth services, free public transportation, arts programs, parks, and libraries.
- Reaffirm through public policy and clear, unconditional statements, that Black Lives Matter, and furthermore, that police accountability is a crucial component of a city that is safe for Black people.

Theater is a practice by which humans weigh our past and witness our present, in order to pass our stories to the future. What story will be passed down about this moment in Los Angeles? How will the actions we take now be remembered?

The future is watching.

Melissa Chalsma
Independent Shakespeare Co.

130 more signatures on the following pages.

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Marian	Gonzalez	martiancrocodile@gmail.com	Valley Village	CA	91607	<p>I am asking you to delay the budget vote scheduled for the next city council meeting and give the community an opportunity to give meaningful input into the document that is crucial to the well-being of all Angelenos in the coming year.</p> <p>A budget is a reflection of our city's values. Right now, we have a moral imperative to provide services that keep people housed and healthy, that strengthen small businesses and help people thrive. We don't need more police and we can't afford to pass another budget overwhelmingly devoted to police over people. We need Los Angeles to prioritize providing housing, strengthening small business, and building health services, food programs, and other services that help our city thrive- not to fill police coffers.</p> <p>I work in the theater industry, and I have been furloughed because of coronavirus. With no clear idea of when people will be able to gather in a room together-a practice that is essential to my line of work-it is very unnerving to think about how I will afford to pay my bill in the upcoming months. I would hope that our local government would understand that my struggle, one that millions of people are experiencing right now, is serious enough that our budget needs to reflect increases in the services listed in my last paragraph rather than increased police spending.</p> <p>I'll probably be okay. Others aren't as lucky.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, and I hope you will make the right decision.</p> <p>Best,</p>
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Harim	Sanchez	lowrimssanchez@gmail.com	Alhambra	CA	91803	
Kimiko Gelman	Prosky	kgelman@sbcglobal.net	North Hollywood	CA	91602	I love in Savannah but have lived and worked in the LA theater for 30 years and still own a house there and stay and work there every year. Recosider the city budget needs top change to put money into the community ! I support this petition 100%
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Chris	Fairbanks	fairmont6@yahoo.com	Monterey Park	CA	91754	
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Shannon	Kearney	shannonbrousseau@gmail.com	Altadena	CA	91001	
crisrina	frias	crisrinafrias@mac.com	Los Angeles	CA	90036	
Jennifer	Barguiarena	jstyle1@mac.com	Altadena	CA	91001	
Julie	Lanctot	julielanctot8@gmail.com	Sherman Oaks	CA	91403	Reallocate funds away from the police and you will see how powerful our city can be.
Jordan	Klomp	jordanjklomp@gmail.com	Van Nuys	CA	91406	
Frank	Lopes	franklopes3@gmail.com	Los Angeles	CA	90028	In times like these we look to public art to unite us to lift us up, to inspire our souls, to heal our spirits and to help us look forward to see who we can be The public arts need your help now more than ever as you need them to lift to heal to look ahead to see who we all can be...
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Janet	Quirion	jquirion@att.net	Fullerton	CA	92833	
Salvador	Benavides	salvadorbenavides@juno.com	Los Angeles	CA	90029	Theater for and by the People!

David	McIntyre	david@davidlmmcintyre.com	Burbank	CA	91501	
James	DePaul	astrov328@gmail.com	Piscataway	NJ	8854	
BERNADETTE	SULLIVAN	bernadettesullivan@sbcglobal.net	Los Angeles	CA	90026	
Christin	Webb	christinla@yahoo.com	Woodland Hills	CA	91364	I support passing the People's Budget.
Tori	Silverman	torisilverman@gmail.com	Altadena	CA	91001	
Erica	Parrish	e.starr.p311@gmail.com	Los Angeles	CA	90036	
Caroline	Reynolds	cary.a.reynolds@gmail.com	Los Angeles	CA	90007	
Faqir	Qarghah	F_qarghah@hotmail.com	Glendale	CA	91205	
		ginbin@prodigy.net	Altadena	CA	91001	If we take money away from those areas that lift people up, ie education, health care, housing, then policing will be unable to contend with the consequences.
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		tanasinay@gmail.com	Altadena	CA	91001	
Sabrina	Lloyd	mssabrinallloyd@gmail.com	Los Angeles	CA	90026	Do more.
Sarah	Peters	sarahkaypeters@yahoo.com	Los Angeles	CA	90020	As a theatre artist who also uses theatre for social change, healing and community work in schools, juvenile hall and reentry programs, I know how impactful the arts are in changing communities for the better. We are always working on shoestring budgets, but we still manage to make huge impact on communities. Imagine what we could do with city support. More police is not the answer. Work with and fund community orgs who are trained in deescalation and who know the communities and care about the communities they work in.
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Communication from Public

Name: Hex Hudosh

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Hex Hudosh and I strongly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. SHAME ON YOU FOR APPROVING A BUDGET THAT CONTINUES TO ALLOW LAPD TO RACIALLY TARGET AND PROFILE PEOPLE OF COLOR! Decades of racist policies, and disinvestment from LA's Black communities continue to have devastating effects today. Black residents are overrepresented in the homeless population, and continue to experience higher rates of unemployment. Our shameful history of racism has created a city where Black and Latinx communities still face the deepest inequities. I am asking for the city council to reject the mayor's budget and to pass a budget that shows Black Lives Matter and are valued in Los Angeles. YOU NOW HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO FIX THIS LAPSE IN JUDGEMENT AND DEFUND THE LAPD NOW. Empty promises of police reform won't cut it anymore! WE ARE WATCHING WHAT YOU DO NEXT! DO BETTER AND TAKE ACTION AND ADOPT A BUDGET THAT ALIGNS WITH THE PRIORITIES OF THE PEOPLE WHO YOU HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO REPRESENT!

Communication from Public

Name: Adam Willis

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am publicly commenting to show my support for massive reprioritizing change to the proposed city budget. Slashing the overblown police budget more than the \$250million dollar proposed cuts and reallocating funds to community programs to address lack of housing, a public health crisis we are in, an unprecedented unemployment crisis. Divesting in traditional policing. The last week has made it explicitly clear to our city and world that our justice system needs immediate addressing to rebuild structurally and not with empty proposed reformation. I urge you to open discussions to work with Peoples Budget LA to create a new budgets proposal for our city that begins to address these issues fundamentally. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley Broc

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Over the years, I have come to the defense of the LAPD and the reforms they made since Rodney King. I attended the LAPD LA High School Student theatrical workshop walking the Beat's performance this summer, Wall is Just Another Door. I was struck by the openness, bravery, and vulnerability of all involved, and I walked away with a strong impression of a police department committed to the community it serves. I have seen that in some of the footage of officers responding to protests and the violence and vandalism. But I am frankly appalled by what else I have seen. The blatant disregard for the safety, humanity, and rights of civilians in our city. It is disgraceful and unacceptable. If our police force cannot be better than this particularly while knowingly being filmed and watched the world over, then we as a community must seek alternatives to be better. The police department is too sprawling, takes on too much, is not trained to deal with the community members it encounters. Police forces should never have been militarized. Police should never be in our schools for discipline. Principals should not be terrorizing BIPOC kindergarteners with threats of being arrested, which I have witnessed first hand. We need to defund the LAPD and reinvest the money in education, housing, community support, mental health services, and more. I thank every officer currently or who ever has served on the force who everyday showed compassion, empathy, and care in your jobs. It is a difficult job, exacting mental, emotional, and physical costs. I see you, and I thank you. But this system is broken and needs to be dismantled and reimaged. Thank you for your time. Defund the LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Julia Haft-Candell
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:05 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am an Angeleno living 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 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, Julia Haft-Candell

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Pinon
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:05 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I grew up here and I care deeply about this city. It's obvious that Angelenos are struggling with two linked pandemics concurrently - COVID-19 and legacy of racism that has claimed far too many lives of black Americans at the hands of law enforcement. I know times are hard and the city is looking closely at it's budget to survive the economic hardships that are coming. But remember, as you assess your budgets, that is community led organizations, social services and our public spaces that bring us together and make us stronger - not law enforcement. I appreciate the efforts that have already been made to amend the budget in response to the Black Lives Matter protests. But more is still possible and we look to your leadership to continue defunding the police and reinvesting in communities. The whole country is looking for leadership from our elected officials. Let it start here, in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in District 14. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Evelyn Pope

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:06 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the Budget and Finance Committee to adopt the People's Budget. The LAPD does not need any additional funding. That funding should be going to education, social services, housing, and community investment particularly in Black communities that have been over-policed and disenfranchised by the government. A 150 million dollar cut is simply not enough. You are still giving the police 51% of the budget during a global pandemic in which we could not afford to provide frontline medical workers and other essential workers the proper protective gear. This pandemic also is having severe economic ramifications. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed — and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of this city is renters — and if folx are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, there were around 60k unhoused folx; after evictions and economic insecurity due to COVID-19 and its fall out, we can expect thousands more. This is not even to begin to mention the disparities in wealth and unemployment by race with Black Angelenos facing incredibly high rates of unemployment. Defund the police! Adopt a People's Budget for Los Angeles!

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Franklin

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:06 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon, I am a resident of Hollywood, and I'm writing to urge the City Council to defund the LAPD -- move significant amounts of its \$3 billion budget into essential city resources and other public services. If a little over half of the city's unrestricted funds are directed to any singular place, that is a problem in itself, but especially a problem when that body is given ammunition and uses it to harass, attack and kill black and brown members of this city. In Jackie Lacey's tenure as District Attorney alone, there have been over 600 civilian deaths at the hands of Los Angeles law enforcement. In what other possible industry would you continue to *increase* the budget allocated to a department after it killed people? Arguments about civilian deaths aside, police do not solve the city's problems. They just punish people for being victims of these problems. Investing in education, shelters and public bathrooms and resources for unhoused people, mental health and public therapy, healthcare and PPE, roads, and holding wage thieves and landlords committing illegal acts against tenants accountable -- all of these uses of taxpayer money do more to combat the root causes of 911 calls. A bloated police force hurts Angelinos. I've been marching with thousands over the last two weeks to argue that the city budget needs to be reworked, and we will continue to march until this happens. Adopt the People's Budget, as outlined at <https://peoplesbudgetla.com>. Serve the citizens who elected you, instead of serving a police union. Stop taking money out of the paychecks of every working person in this city to employ hundreds of armed officers in a department that has time and again proven itself incompetent, negligent, and murderous. Change is long overdue. We need to defund and divest from the LAPD. Thank you, Lisa Franklin

Communication from Public

Name: Kate Curtis

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:06 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Kate Curtis and I strongly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. Our communities were already facing the nation's worst housing and homelessness crisis before the COVID-19 pandemic; 36,300 unhoused Angelinos within the City of LA, 57% of renters in the City of LA being rent-burdened, with the median renter income in the City of LA at \$48,253. I'm asking the city council to reject the mayor's budget and to pass a budget that prioritizes the housing and homelessness needs of Los Angeles residents that includes funding and resources for: 1) Making permanent affordable housing from existing housing stock 2) Eviction Defense 3) Social Housing 4) Building Affordable Housing 5) Supportive Housing and Tenant Protections Also, we must reinvest in our schools and in education as a whole. I would like for you to reallocate the money that you were going to spend further militarizing our police force toward educating our city's children. Our children need better paid teachers, smaller class sizes, more books, school supplies (that teachers don't have to pay for out of their own pockets), upgraded electronic devices, school counselors, librarians, art programs, sports programs and a safe environment to learn. If we invest in our children and in our communities - they will flourish. This should be your TOP priority. Not the LAPD and police unions. Do the right thing, rewrite the budget, and put the majority of our tax payer dollars toward the most pressing necessities: housing and education. Thank you for your time Kate Curtis

Communication from Public

Name: Jorge Ravelo

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, My name is Jorge, I reside in val verde and i support the people's budget of LA to defund the police and re-allocate the cities budget to prioritize universal needs, reimagined public safety, pandemic recovery, built environment, all of that. You should also make an effort to dismantle and challenge the police union that will try with all their power to push back against defunding the same way they push back against police accountability. A 3 billion dollar budget for the police department is the real looting of the people in Los Angeles, and we cannot ignore that policing benefits the neoliberal agenda to destroy and gentrify the city as well, so none of this milquetoast police reform garbage, total defunding, period.

Communication from Public

Name: Chloe E

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my support for #PeoplesBudgetLA and #CareNotCops. LAPD needs to be defunded immediately and that money needs to go towards desperately needed social services, housing, and education efforts. Continually inflating the police budget to deal with the effects of underfunding social services is nonsensical, compassionless, and unsustainable. You represent the people of Los Angeles, please support the People's Budget!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:13 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I 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. LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Keeley Bumford

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:13 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Garcetti's decision to reevaluate his budget & find \$150 million to remove from the LAPD is too little too late. His reapportionment proposal would still leave LAPD with over 50% of unrestricted funds. We need him to defund the police and adopt The People's Budget which focuses on care not cops. This police force is out of control as the protests have only illuminated. Be on the right side of history and reimagine how we keep our communities safe without leaving behind our black, indigenous and communities of color.

Communication from Public

Name: Diana Rozendaal
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:08 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am inspired by the People’s Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and urge you to revise the current budget accordingly. It's absolutely absurd that over half of unrestricted funds from the Mayor's budget are currently allotted for the LAPD. Heavy police presence is a result of white supremacy and the intent to control communities of color. If you really believe that Black lives matter, you will show us by listening to us and redirecting A LOT more of the LAPD budget to community services. 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, Diana Rozendaal

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:08 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. I urge you and the rest of the city council to reject the Mayor's proposed budget. The City's proposed budget does not reflect the priorities and values of Los Angeles residents. In this time of global pandemic and the fight to end systemic racism, the city budget should invest in communities, not policing. Prioritize your constituents who are suffering under historically racist systems and need more relief. I support the People's Budget LA in demanding the defunding of police, and the HealthyLA Coalition in calling for the funding of needed housing programs.

Communication from Public

Name: Patti Kilroy

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:08 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Patti Kilroy and I am a constituent in District 14 - I am calling to ask the Council to defund the LAPD more than the \$150 million currently cut, and adopt the People's Budget. I personally would ask that further cuts to the LAPD go to programs that support housing security, public health, and mental health and wellness. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Grace

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:09 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

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

Communication from Public

Name: Charlotte M.

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:09 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Cutting just \$150 million dollars from a 3.7 billion dollar police budget is NOT ENOUGH. To be exact it is only 4.0540540540541%. That is an absolute insult especially because it is the people's money. As a tax paying citizen I am demanding that you cut the LAPD 3.7 Billion dollar budget by AT LEAST 65%. Secondly, I ask that you reallocate that roughly 2.4 billion dollars to 1. Universal Aid Crisis Management 2. Built Environment 3. Reimagined Community Safety. Thirdly you must adopt The People's Budget ASAP. We deserve to have a community dynamic the is reflective of the community wants and needs.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Eason

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:09 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Jessica Eason, and I strongly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. Our communities were already facing the nation's worst housing and homelessness crisis before the COVID-19 pandemic; 36,300 unhoused Angelinos within the City of LA, 57% of renters in the City of LA being rent-burdened, with the median renter income in the City of LA at \$48,253. I'm asking the city council to REJECT the mayor's budget and to pass a budget that prioritizes the housing and homelessness needs of Los Angeles residents that includes funding and resources for: Making permanent affordable housing from existing housing stock, Eviction Defense, Social Housing, Building Affordable Housing, Supportive Housing, and Tenant Protections Sincerely, Jessica Eason

Communication from Public

Name: Hailey Niswanger

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:10 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in District 2. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Abby Bean

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:10 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello council members, I live in district 4. Born and raised in Los Angeles. The author of the 2017 book 'The End of Policing,' argues that, instead of focusing on police reform or officer retraining, the country needs to fundamentally reconsider what the police should be doing at all. We need to move away from the narrow construction of public safety that relies on policing and punishment and invest in the communities' actual safety like stable housing, good jobs, mental health care, educational enrichment, healthy food, and other community organizations. You want public safety but you send a stranger with a gun and handcuffs to a mental health call instead of a social worker. Fun Fact: Most cops do not live in the communities they are paid to protect. You keep imagining that you can turn police into social workers. Police AREN'T social workers. Police AREN'T trained mental health professionals. Police AREN'T substance abuse addiction counselors. Public safety is created through more resources and care, not more cops. City Council should adopt The People's Budget LA. Black Lives Matter. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Zoe Z Montano

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:10 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello Budget Committee, My name is Zoë Montano and I am an Angeleno living in the 6th district. I am calling in to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. I believe 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 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. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Thank you for your time, Zoë Montano

Communication from Public

Name: Briana M. Pruett

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:11 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We demand the mayor take further action to defund the LAPD, and adopt the People's Budget. We demand the city council take measures to put care of LA citizens before the militarization and expansion of an already dangerously violent and uncontrollable police force. We will continue to raise our voices in protest until it is made clear by our elected officials that the values of the people are being put before the state.

Communication from Public

Name: Anna Garcia

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:11 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: 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. \$150 million is nothing. Please consider re-allocating the budget proposed by Mayor Eric Garcetti to focus more on parks, education, ending homelessness in LA, and mental health services. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Santos

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:11 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police! A 5% cut is not enough. We the people of this community deserve better. Black lives deserve better. There needs to be a bigger cut in the police fund and have that money reinvested into a universal aid and crisis management, programs for rebuilding our environment, and new departments working to reimagine community safety!

Communication from Public

Name: Kelley Pierre

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:12 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello Council Member Martinez, I am asking for a complete dismantling of the police and a rebuild from the ground up, as Minneapolis city council is promising. I am one of many citizens who is not going away on this issue and can not continue to support cosmetic reform policies on a police department that is sucking up over 50% of our cities budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Christophe Lam
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:12 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm demanding for a people's budget. To me and many people who live in Los Angeles, the 150 million cut made from the 3 billion budget allocated to the LAPD is insulting because it is but a hollow gesture in an attempt to appease, but not meet our demands. Garcetti has repeatedly said "we all have a responsibility to do better." So then why aren't you all listening to Black Lives Matter Co-Founder and Professor Melina Abdulla who spoke out against it. And why is the police union asking for additional funding for officers to perform the duties of social workers, EMTs, and therapists? If you think this is at all reasonable, this city is in much more danger than I thought it was. Making the police juggle multiple roles instead of letting trained professional do the work is completely idiotic and asinine. I can't help but worry that you all still cling onto heroic police narratives. But from seeing how many of my friends were unjustly shot at point blank and detained, you'll have to excuse me for concluding that policing has not escaped it's violent origins to facilitate systems of exploitation like slavery and the suppression of workers' rights movements. To say that that THEY are best suited to solve a broad range of community problems is delusional and complicit. And that's what this budget is. How do we expect our city to change for the better, if the way we allocate city resources does not change? The police clearly does not work and will continue to not work. We must explore other options like restorative justice, mental health, better jobs. Methods that heal communities from within, not the police. Meet our demands or expect to continue marching and badgering you until we make sure you lose your jobs and let your inaction and complicity in violence against black and brown people color the rest of your political careers.

Communication from Public

Name: Chris Merchant

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:21 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Chris Merchant and I'm writing today in support of Black Lives Matter and the People's Budget coalition. I believe we are witnessing a crisis of confidence in the role of the LAPD; the people of Los Angeles are telling you loudly and clearly that this department is not serving our communities. Mayor Garcetti has presented a modest set of reforms, including a 3% reduction of the LAPD budget, as well as training and oversight, which are similar to programs that LAPD already has in place. He seems to think these marginal reforms represent progress, in fact he bragged that LA should be used as a model for the rest of the country. What so many of us are here to tell you is that incremental training and oversight reforms do NOT represent progress, they only serve to maintain our broken status quo. The LAPD has demonstrated time and again that it will not change through incremental reforms like officer bias training, or body cameras. It is time to reform the LAPD structurally through the use of the budget, and by envisioning robust social service programs that empower and strengthen communities rather than fracturing them through punitive enforcement. It is time to fund a network of social service workers, mental healthcare workers and homeless outreach programs. It is time to fund real housing relief measures. Los Angeles has a chance to show real leadership on this issue, but we must be willing to enact new systems. You've seen the people out in the streets, now hear what we are asking for. I believe the People's Budget is the best way forward. Thank you.

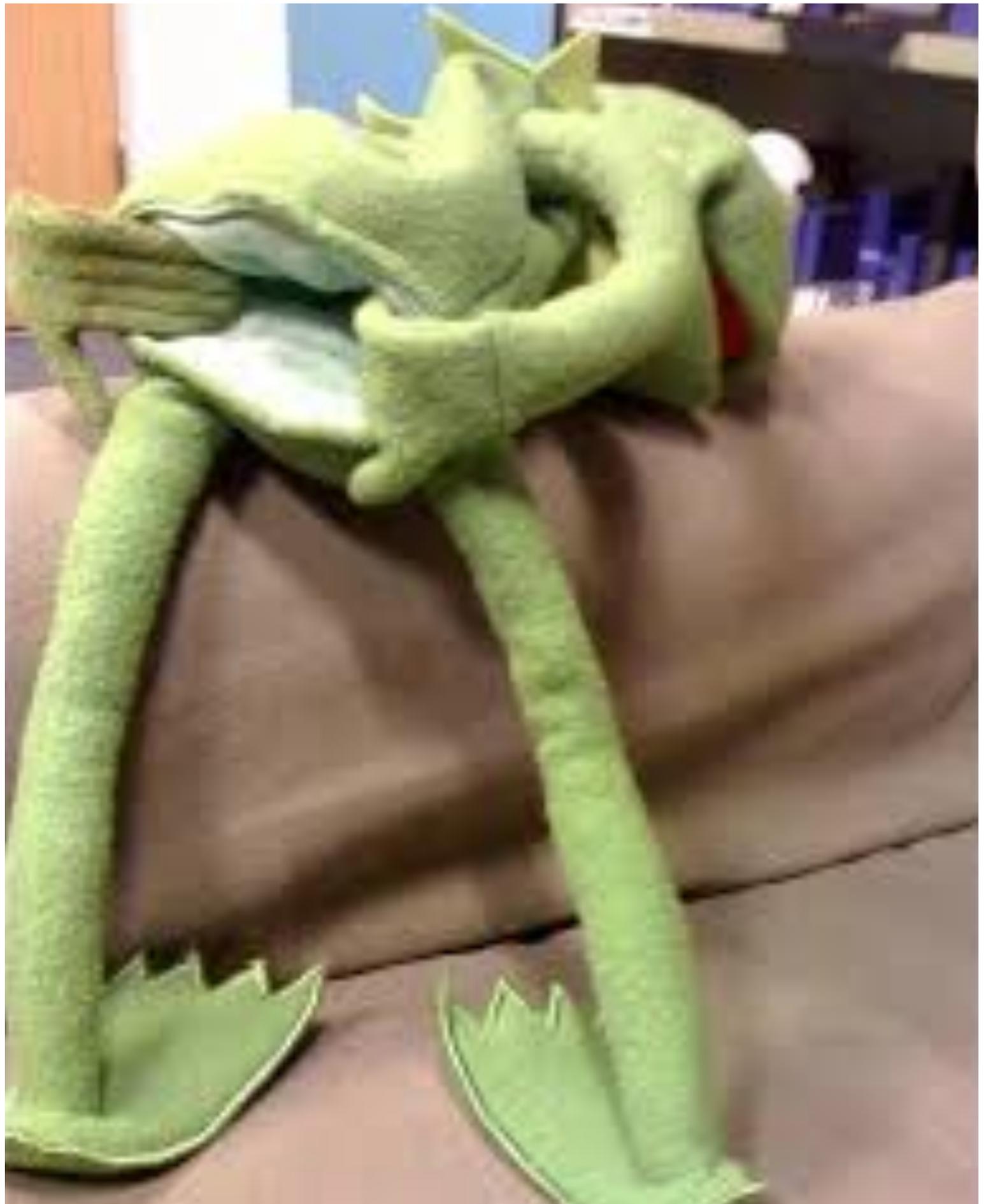
Communication from Public

Name: Devon Manney

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:21 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Your constituents -- the people you have been elected to serve, are being injured. Are being deprived of resources. Are DYING. At the hands of the LAPD, and at the feet of the City Council. They are calling out to you. Over and over and over and over again, they are calling out for any sort of help, and they are met with silence and ultimately, DISDAIN by their councilmembers. And this is not some new problem of this council, as you're all well aware. Throughout these last three months alone, you've wrung your hands on measures that could alleviate the burdens on your districts' most vulnerable populations -- on eviction moratoriums that you refuse to consider, on rent and mortgage relief that you openly scoff at, all while your citizens lose their jobs, their insurance, and for untold THOUSANDS, their lives. And through all of this there are two constants -- there are the calls for help from your constituents, ever-expanding in their volume and anguish. And then there is the complete disregard for the city of Los Angeles from the Councilmembers. You twiddle your thumbs and hem and haw, and people die. And that blood is on your hands. And now, it is happening again, and you have the chance to do something. The LAPD are being given free reign of LA, to take millions of taxpayer dollars in egregiously unaudited overtime, to terrorize and demean those most vulnerable, and to ultimately injure and murder the citizens of the city without any fear of repercussions. And now, you have the option to do something. 100 million isn't enough, 150 million isn't enough. There is nearly THREE BILLION DOLLARS in the budget that should be allocated to your constituents, those who are crying out for help. They demand The Peoples' Budget. And I pray, Councilmembers, that for the first time in your miserable and apathy-filled incumbencies, that you lend them a hand.



Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:21 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Colby Colodner and I am a constituent living in Council District 4. We believe that our council members have a serious conflict of interest in continually accepting money from the Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL), which you have allowed from 2017-2020. I am writing to demand that you invest your LAPPL money in bail out funds, mutual aid, and organizations that benefit the black community in this pivotal time of tragedy and change. Moving forward, it is your utmost duty to take a stand with your fellow community members and refuse donations and endorsements from the police union. We urge you to commit to a future in which senseless acts of police violence no longer go unheard, and we hope you honor George Floyd's legacy to seek justice alongside us. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Hannah Globus

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:21 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Hannah Globus and I am a member of the Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council, though I am writing today on my own behalf and not in my role as a board member. I strongly object to the budget as written, for many reasons, though particularly to the increase in the LAPD budget, and the extremely shortsighted and, frankly, dangerous cuts to Climate programs, most especially the Office of Climate Emergency Mobilization and its community assemblies, which were meant to get robust and proper input from the very communities being most hard hit by police brutalization, poor air quality, urban heat indexes, and as a result, COVID19. For far too long we have been focused on reacting to crises and not preventing them, as the COVID19 Federal response has painfully taught us. Cutting the office of Climate Emergency Mobilization is akin to cutting the pandemic response team in 2018, and will result in far greater pain and danger to our communities, and will hit our communities of color with particular pain. Meanwhile, current policing policies have done absolutely nothing to address our greatest threats today - housing insecurity, economic insecurity, traffic deaths, while simultaneously killing 601 community members since 2013. It is beyond time to recognize these terrible and damaging mistakes, and move into a new era of public safety, where our safety programs actually keep all our residents safe from their greatest threats. The number proposed to cut the LAPD is a start, but it is not nearly enough. We need real investment in our communities now. A final thought: As someone who has been involved in LA politics for many years now, it is painfully clear that LA officials are completely disconnected from most of the people they serve. These feelings towards police, towards climate policy, towards the budget, are not new. Awareness has simply been raised by the recent events, and COVID19 has allowed usually working people to attend day time meetings. It is far past time to rethink how we do outreach to communities, as the way we do it now excludes the vast majority of voices who have been silenced until COVID19 and George Floyd's death gave them a moment to finally speak. Like policing, outreach needs a dramatic re-thinking to reach the true voices of all Angelenos.

Communication from Public

Name: Catherine Outterbridge

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in District 04. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Gabriel Durkin-White

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I support BLM-LA's demands. Specifically, we need a substantial reduction in LAPD's funding in line with the People's Budget LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Joe Luther

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please begin defunding the Los Angeles Police Department to invest in affordable housing, jobs and infrastructure. Please tackle the root of crime instead of trying to keep it in check at the barrel of a gun.

Communication from Public

Name: Dulma

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of District 11 and demand a larger defunding of the police. \$150M in cuts is not enough during & in the aftermath of a pandemic. It needs to be a FAR larger cut with those funds then invested into health, housing, and education. Please adopt the People's Budget: <https://peoplesbudgetla.com/> Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicholas Bottomley

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the LAPD and allocate the funds according the People's Budget LA. The roles LAPD has taken on in our city has overextended far beyond their capacity, leading to unnecessary death and incarceration in our communities. These structural issues can be fixed by funding the essential city services using the bloated budget of the LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:16 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: 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, Christopher Bishop

Communication from Public

Name: Barbara

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:16 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: LA City Council, Please make it the top priority for this week's budget meetings to reassess the LAPD budget. A 5% shift per the Mayor is helpful, but is just crumbs in the massive amount listed for LAPD. We want CARE not cops. We will all be following and watching the steps you take this week. Be for care for the people.

Communication from Public

Name: Gaby Sarmiento
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:17 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. A few days ago the Mayor proposed a \$250 million budget cut to LAPD in response to initial protests to defund the police. I want to be clear, this \$250 million cut to LAPD funding is NOT ENOUGH. First of all, the original proposed budget for the LAPD was \$3.15 billion (53.8%). Thus, a \$250 million cut still leaves 51% of the city's general fund for the police. Is this a joke? The people of LA are demanding a real defunding of the police, not small cuts that will simply appease us and are being done to save face. Also, the original proposed budget of \$3.15 billion for LAPD was already a \$657 million increase from the year before. The Mayor expects us to be happy with a \$250 million "cut" when he already planned such a sharp increase in the budget. This is unacceptable. Unlike the Mayor's budget, which — again even with cuts and proposed reapportionments — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the People's Budget LA gives 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. The Mayor's budget would leave a meager 30% of the general funds for these vital and universal needs! 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. I also want to address the reasons why the Mayor and City Council Members have repeatedly chosen to give high amounts of money to the LAPD. The LAPD Protective League Pac contributed \$98,879 to the Mayor's campaign. The same PAC donated \$24,999 to City Council member Paul Krekorian's 2020 reelection campaign. Every sitting City Council member has received funding from the LAPD PAC. I see you. I am appalled that the leaders of this city are succumbing to the demands of the LAPD because you are all in their back pocket. This needs to stop immediately. The leadership of this city must prioritize the needs of its citizens over LAPD. 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. Los Angeles must follow the example of the city of Minneapolis. The City Council members of Minneapolis stated that they will be dismantling their police department and diverting funds to community based safety efforts. 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: Molly Griffin

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:17 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, I have lived in Los Angeles since 2001. I have 3x kids ages 6,10, and 12 who attend LAUSD schools. 50% of the LA budget to fund the LAPD is unconscionable. Money should be allocated to our underfunded schools, community organizations, social workers, and first responders that are more equipped to deal with issues (unarmed), creating a model of care rather than the current model of violence and incarceration rooted in systemic racism directly effecting our BIPOC communities. The people have spoken. I was among the more than 50k people out on Hollywood Blvd yesterday, chanting Defund the Police. I am writing to demand the People's Budget be adopted for 2020-2021 and be our future model. Minneapolis city council listened to their people. Listen to your people. Angelenos do not need policing. We need support and care. We need a People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Katie Wright

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:17 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is obscene that the mayor's proposed budget provides more funding to the LAPD than to the fire department, Office of Emergency Management, Department of Transportation, Bureau of Street Services and the Housing and Community Investment Agency combined. The mayor's small proposed cut to the LAPD budget is insufficient and insulting. The city must adopt the People's Budget and defund the police NOW.

Communication from Public

Name: Amy She

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:17 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence — embodied by the LAPD — which murders Black folk. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of “reform.” What happened to George Floyd is not some isolated instance---there's a reason that protests have sparked nationwide. We have had enough police brutality. If their job is supposed to protect and serve, how is unequally enforcing laws and criminalizing black men and women going to accomplish that? Defund the LAPD! Take that money and put it into things that will actually solve drug addiction and the homelessness crisis in Los Angeles. Fund social workers and social work training for PEACE officers, not police officers. Fix this budget NOW. 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. After City Council cowardly avoided voting or revising your draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. I am urging you, Mayor Eric Garcetti, to completely revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 and fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People’s Budget. Public opinion is with me.

Communication from Public

Name: Imanna Almourzaeva

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:18 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The culture of the LAPD police department is fundamentally flawed. A comparative parallel can be drawn to the Catholic Church's exploitation and abuse of children -- it was tolerated and covered up by the organization (from the bottom to the very top) for decades. The church stood behind its abusive priests just like the police department protects their own regardless of any obscene behavior. Mayor Garcetti should be embarrassed for leaving 51% of the city budget on the table for an organization that's dysfunctional to such an atrocious degree. \$150 million in LAPD cuts is not nearly enough of a budget slash. No more than 10% of the city budget should be left to LAPD and the rest distributed to social services, mental health organizations, etc.

Communication from Public

Name: Valerie G. Hanley
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:18 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear President and City Council members, My name is Valerie Garcia Hanley. I am a third generation Merchant on Olvera Street. My father started on Olvera Street when it opened with Ms. Christine Sterling on April 20, 1930. My 82 year old mother and I still work our business (up until 3/18/20). I am also a member of the Olvera Street Merchants Association. This year is Olvera Street's 90th birthday and we are closed. The street is a ghost town. In my 52 years I have never seen it like this. The Merchants provide our traditional events & children workshops (Blessing of the Animals, Day of the Dead and Las Posadas) free to the public. We preserve the culture and traditions of the early Mexican influence of Los Angeles. Back in the 1990's the electorate of City deemed the Merchants unique and that we are the living cultural resource which has made Olvera Street and El Pueblo what it is today. The Merchants want to maintain the historical and cultural integrity that we provide, not only to our City and State, but also to millions of visitors from around the world. I understand that Councilman Huizar is putting forward a motion of two months' rent forgiveness for the Merchants. We are truly grateful and support this initial help. However, I and others would like to make the City aware that this will not be enough to help us in this unprecedented crisis we are all going through. These are just a few reasons why we will need much more help. The Merchants, and El Pueblo as a whole, will be one of the last areas in the City to recover. We rely heavily on tourism (which is non-existent now and will take a long time to return). Our local customers will have very little expendable income for quite some time. Our local church (La Placita) parishioners have are just recently coming back in very few numbers. Downtown businesses and government buildings will not be at their regular capacity (due to telecommuting). There are no field trip from schools. We will not be able to hold our large events for a long time. Mass transit will not have its regular ridership and we will have new restrictions on how we can do business (the "New Normal"). All of these factors equal lower revenues. We need the City to provide rent forgiveness for an extended period of time (6mo to a year), to supplement the El Pueblo department's operating budget, and that the City empower the El Pueblo management to work with us to work through this critical period. I am hoping that the

City Family, our landlord, is understanding and compassionate to our situation and will work with the Merchants to assure that we continue to be the Historical Heart of Los Angeles on Olvera Street. Without your (the City) help, my family and many others will not be able to come back to our business and our legacy. Ninety years of our family's history is being wiped out in 90 days of financial hardship. You all have the power to be remembered as the council that saved Los Angeles' history. Please do not turn a deaf ear on us, hear our plea! Sincerely, //s// Valerie Valerie Garcia Hanley Casa California W-10 Olvera Street 213-716-1373

Communication from Public

Name: Caity

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:18 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Angelenos are INSULTED by the paltry \$150 million dollar adjustment to the Police Budget. This may shock you, but some of us know math. 5% is a ridiculous joke. We want OUR money to go towards actually supporting our community. Defund the Police. They are beyond reform and retaining and we refuse to let any more OUR money be dumped into that abyss of violence and trash. We demand the redistribution of funds immediately to unhoused services, parks, libraries, infrastructure and other necessary services.

Communication from Public

Name: Amy Chihara

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:19 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The Mayors \$150 million budget cut to the LAPD is unimpressive. That still leaves over half of the city's unrestricted funds to the LAPD, which is unsure. Adopt the PEOPLES BUDGET and defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Runjan Dhar

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:19 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It's time to DEFUND LAPD. Over half of extra budget resources should not be going to LAPD. This moment is NOT about sensitivity training, it is about re-allocating resources to disrupt a prison pipeline supply system that has been de-railing poor communities. Part of LAPD's purpose is to help keep up the supply chain of brown bodies that fill the PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX because those people are the easiest to lock up through un-equitable policing practices and drug enforcement policies. Brown bodies will no longer be the capital to prop up these DEHUMANIZING CORPORATE ENTITIES WHICH PROFIT FROM PRISON who are destroying our communities. INVEST IN CITIZENS! DEFUND LAPD!

Communication from Public

Name: Maddie Coleman
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:20 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to demand you support 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, maimed, and murdered Black Angelenos under the guise of serve and protect: no more. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Jason Paul

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:20 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Garcetti and Councilmembers Krekorian, Price, Koretz, Blumenfield, and Bonin, I write to express my deep concern regarding the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-21. I urge the City Council to amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to reflect the values of our community: we want more social services, employment programs, public health resources, rent relief, and restorative justice programs, not more policing. We request 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. Public safety should no doubt be one of the City's highest priorities. But investments in housing and job security, mental health care, and after-school programs are investments in public safety. By cutting these services, this budget will not make Angelenos safer. Furthermore, protests in Los Angeles following the murder of George Floyd have exemplified the issue of police brutality, including the indiscriminate use of tear-gas and rubber bullets against protesters, demonstrating the need for an overhaul of the LAPD. 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. I urge the City Council to adopt the People's Budget LA and amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to shift resources from the LAPD to social services, housing, employment programs, restorative justice programs, rent relief, and public health efforts. -Jason

Communication from Public

Name: Constance Melkonian

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:30 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

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, Constance Melkonian

Communication from Public

Name: Andy

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the LAPD. Reinvest the money in education, housing, healthcare, mental health, and communities. See The People's Budget for details. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Audrey Love

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Cutting it by \$150M is not nearly enough. (LAPD budget this year is \$3.1B) City Council should adopt the People's Budget. 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, Audrey

Communication from Public

Name: Samir Forghani
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:23 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: It is absolutely absurd that the Sheriff's budget exceeds \$3,500,000,000. That is money that could be used to improve our communities, rather than funding an organization with an extremely racist past and present.

Communication from Public

Name: Kar C

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:23 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Karla from LA District 11. I Would like to see our cities budget go into community services NOT the police. I demand the budget instead allocate the majority of funds towards universal aid and crisis preparedness, a reimagined community safety program, our public schools and transportation and other services that DO NOT include the police/Sherriff departments. #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Ross
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:23 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Member, Please call an emergency city council meeting and deny the Mayor's budget in favor of services over policing and support the People's budget. <https://peoplesbudgetla.com/>. Dedicating over half of our budget to solely the police is not only a gross step in the wrong direction, it is also not reflective of what this city actually needs. I want to see our city fund housing, healthcare, small business support, climate change measures, education, good jobs, free public transit and mental healthcare. These are things that make our city safer and our citizens thrive, not more police. Please, you have the power to make a difference. Thank you for your time,

Communication from Public

Name: Angelica Arnold
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:23 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in District 4. 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 People's Budget 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 LAPD as they continue to terrorize the public they have pledged to serve. 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 equivocated looting during LA protests with the Minneapolis police murder of George Floyd, and then had Mayor Garcetti cover for him and gave a half hearted apology. Even as the mayor continues to gaslight the public with empty platitudes ("harsh police tactics have no place in LA", "officers are completing de-escalation and crowd control training", "I stand with Angelenos protesting racial injustice"), we will not let up. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Kar C
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:24 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Karla from LA District 11. #DefundThePolice allocate the majority of funds towards universal aid and crisis preparedness, a reimagined community safety program, our public schools and transportation and other services that DO NOT include the police/Sherriff departments. #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Kar C

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:25 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

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Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Hunter

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:25 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge Mayor Garcetti and the councilmembers to defund the police and adopt The People's Budget. I am sickened and horrified by the police violence I witnessed first-hand this week. But this is not new. The LAPD is the deadliest police force in the country -- is that something you are proud of? Our city would be safer and healthier for its citizens if we could reallocate those BILLIONS of dollars to social services, housing for the homeless, healthcare, parks, public transportation and public education. This is why hundreds of thousands of Angelenos have taken to the streets. Not for a 3% budget cut. But for a complete restructuring of our city's services. If Minneapolis can do it, so can we. Also, my god, fire Chief Michael Moore already. He is a terrifying racist. What is HAPPENING.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Carrie

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:25 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Stephanie Carrie and I strongly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. I urge you and the rest of the city council to reject the Mayor's proposed budget. The City's proposed budget does not reflect the priorities and values of Los Angeles residents. In this time of global pandemic and the fight to end systemic racism, the city budget should invest in communities, not policing. Prioritize your constituents who are suffering under historically racist systems and need more relief. I support the People's Budget LA in demanding the defunding of police, and the HealthyLA Coalition in calling for the funding of needed housing programs. Thank you for your service to the community and your hopeful representation of our needs.

Communication from Public

Name: Benjamin James McPeek

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:26 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in Van Nuys. 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, Ben McPeek

Communication from Public

Name: Kim Kohatsu

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:26 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council, I am an Angeleno, homeowner, and business owner and I live in District 10. 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, Kim Kohatsu

Communication from Public

Name: Ester Lou Weithers

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:26 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The recent events in our country have shown me that as a society, we ask too much of our police department. We ask them to come into our communities and fix problems that are symptoms of a greater disease - of inequality and unfairness in our city. So instead of giving cops more money, why not pour more resources into our communities - fund long term solutions for homelessness, fund affordable health care centers (mental and physical), fund community centers - and give Angelenos a genuine chance to pursue the life of true liberty that this country promises and that our city so brilliantly displays on big and small screens. Defunding the police is about refunding the people of Los Angeles. It's about giving the people back the opportunities that racism and bias have stolen. It's about giving the people back the safety and peace of mind that police brutality have destroyed. It's about giving the people back a city that makes good on the contract to serve the citizens above any and all other interests. As a citizen of this city, I am demanding that Mayor Garcetti and the other elected officials on the city council adopt The People's Budget, reinvest in our city and DEFUND THE POLICE.

Communication from Public

Name: Pamela G.

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:26 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. Decades of racist policies, land use planning and disinvestment from LA's Black communities continue to have devastating effects today. Black residents are overrepresented in the homeless population, and continue to experience higher rates of unemployment. Most notably, the undeniable uprising in our country denouncing police brutality and violence against the Black community should be a clear sign for Council that allocating the majority of funds to a police system entrenched in racist ideologies is not what the people of Los Angeles want. I am asking for the City Council to reject the Mayor's budget, defund the police beyond the paltry sum they have offered as an insulting attempt at appeasement—considering the allocations for police in the budget are still in the billions—and to pass a budget that shows Black Lives Matter and are valued in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:27 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in Highland 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.

Communication from Public

Name: ANISHA HINGORANI

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:28 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Zoe Nissen

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:28 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to urge the Budget & Finance Committee to please recommend that the city of Los Angeles defunds the LAPD to instead invest in community care. Over 50% of city funding is slated to the police, but a budget that prioritizes care for its citizens will eliminate the need for policing. We are in the midst of a major housing crisis, yet very little of the city budget is geared towards housing. Every year Los Angeles experiences horrific fires, yet the Fire department is only 30% of the LAPD budget, and emergency services is less than 1%. The city has shown overwhelming support for defunding LAPD and adopting a People's Budget for Los Angeles, both through physical and digital actions. As an Angeleno who is also an ex-Midwesterner, I'm going to play to your egos and remind you that Minneapolis has said that they're defunding THEIR police department - are you going to let a city in a flyover state do better than you at this?

Communication from Public

Name: Kar C
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:29 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: \$150 Million reductions to LAPD budget is NOT ENOUGH. We are demanding to defund the police! Give that money to schools, health care, student debt and more. #DefundThePolice -K from District 11

Communication from Public

Name: Maxwell Steward
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:30 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in Highland 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 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Stella

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:01 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a recent USC graduate and Los Angeles resident angered by the huge allocation of budget funding to the police force. I am writing to demand that the City Budget & Finance Committee discuss and adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. I understand the city is moving to cut 5% of the proposed allocation but this is not enough. Some areas that fall under police jurisdiction would be better served by highly trained social workers with the purpose of de-escalating events rather than law enforcers, who focus on catching crime and enforcing the law because police should be a service for the people, not a force to control the people. Additionally, I think that we could reduce crime by limiting the factors which create it. Through reallocating funds from police departments to education, afterschool programs, housing, social services, healthcare, mental health resources, jobs, employment services, and rehabilitation programs members of our community are less likely to be entangled in our criminal system. I strongly believe that these programs would help people who have committed crimes re-enter our community in successful and productive ways. I urge you to consider a plan similar to that of Minneapolis, which is attempting to completely defund their police force. Thank you for listening.

Communication from Public

Name: Reina

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:01 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I demand the restructuring of our city budget, so as to prioritize more social services for our community, and to drastically minimize spending on Police. It is unconscionable that 1/3 to 1/2 of the city's budget is going to the police department. This does not align with the values that I have as your constituent and I demand that you and other city officials work together to draft and approve a budget that diverts funds from the police department and reallocates them directly to benefit those in need. Defunding the police and restructuring the budget is an absolute necessity now more than ever. Police perpetuate a pattern of excessive violence and force, especially directed towards Black People and their communities. The police refuse to hold their own accountable and this is unacceptable. We are in the middle of a global pandemic that has killed 100,000 Americans and more than 40 million people have filed for unemployment. Healthcare workers are without proper equipment and essential workers are not being fairly compensated or protected for the great work they do. We don't need more police, we need more social safety nets. Funds intended for police would be better off being sorted to initiatives that:

- Enrich our public schools and students
- Provide more affordable housing and mental health care initiatives
- Protect and bolster our parks
- Support small businesses struggling due to COVID-19
- Provide cheaper and cleaner modes of public transportation

Our nation is grieving the deaths of Black Americans that were murdered at the hands of police officers who have yet to be held accountable. While the police department has more funding than it knows what to do with, we have communities who desperately need funding and every day they don't receive it their quality of life worsens. Thousands have died who did not need to. Time to act is now. You're the one's that can make the right change!!! Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Angela Simmons

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:01 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Angela Simmons and I strongly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. Decades of racist policies, land use planning and disinvestment from LA's Black communities continue to have devastating effects today. Black residents are overrepresented in the homeless population, and continue to experience higher rates of unemployment. Our shameful history of racism has created a city where Black and Latinx communities still face the deepest inequities. I am asking for the city council to reject the mayor's budget and to pass a budget that shows Black Lives Matter and are valued in Los Angeles. Defunding the LAPD is only the first step, but it is beyond necessary for people's lives- for the people you guys are supposed to be representing and taking care of. Do better LA.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:02 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Adopt the people's budget. Dismantle the LAPD and rebuild it from the ground up. Prioritize prevention, de-escalation, and support, healthcare, and treatment mechanisms through appropriate agencies, rather than police.

Communication from Public

Name: Kendra Adler

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:02 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Garcetti and LA Budget and Finance Committee, My name is Kendra Adler, I am a resident of Los Feliz in LA county and I demand a complete defunding of the LAPD. I am personally traumatized by the constant police presence in our city: the cruisers, helicopters, car searches with no warrants, and abuse I see coming from the police patrolling my neighborhood. I have never felt safe nor protected by the police. But my experience as a white woman with the privilege of living in white skin in no way compares to the daily reality of living in black and brown skin. I call for reallocations and reparations of funds to restorative justice programs, social and health services, housing for the homeless, rent relief, education, parks, etc. which support black and brown communities. I call for all LAPD funds to directly support black and brown communities which have been at the receiving end of police violence, institutional racism, environmental racism, redlining, and food racism for as long as Los Angeles has been a city. I demand the LAPD be defunded to at least the extent laid out in The People's Budget LA. I demand a continued decarceration of our city and county jails and prisons, which disproportionately incarcerate black and brown people. Policing and incarceration is racist and unjust, its roots in the first slave patrols, but it is also expensive and a massive waste of our individual and collective resources. For far too long, we have actively supported and stood by as the police force has manipulated its ever growing power to corrupt our city government. Each member of the city council has run an election campaign funded in part by the police union. I will not sit down silently and complicity as over half of my tax money goes toward the criminalization, brutalization, and traumatizing of black and brown communities. We fund the police in the name of "public safety" and "law and order" and yet we see that the police value private and public property over the lives of people (and further, the lives of white people over black people). LAPD has killed 601 people in the past 8 years and not one of those cops has been prosecuted. The presence of the police at our recent protests has not contributed to the "public's safety." The police, with their bullet proof vests and weapons of war have brought more violence to the protests. The curfews criminalized our lives and our bodies and our rights to protest. The police, empowered by the

massive funding provided by their over-inflated budget, are far overstepping their power and terrorizing our city. Mayor Garcetti has proposed a \$150 million cut to the LAPD. This is an insult to the tens of thousands of people asking for a defunding of the police through the People's Budget LA. Though \$150 million may sound like a lot and Garcetti can pretend like he's making changes, it is a tiny drop in the huge ocean of the LAPD's \$3+ billion budget. Over half of our city's budget will still go to the LAPD. I demand that Mayor Garcetti and the members of this board and city council LISTEN to the people and DO MORE. Now is the time to use your white privilege and power for good. Defund the police. Implement the #8cantwait initiative via Campaign Zero. Stop paying the LAPD to uphold a racist and white supremacist police force. Put money back into the black communities it was stolen from. Now is the time to face our racist past, apologize for our mistakes, and begin the work of reparations and repair. Thank you for reading. Kendra Adler

Communication from Public

Name: Sam Royall

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:02 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a Los Angeles resident, I demand that the Budget & Finance Committee adopt a People's Budget to ensure that all Angelenos are able to thrive in this city. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has been made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must NOT use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. The proposed \$150 million cut is a start, but it is nowhere near enough considering the fact that Los Angeles spends \$1.86 billion on the LAPD. In the midst of a global pandemic and an economic recession — and, especially, in the ongoing context of state-sanctioned violence against Black and brown communities — this is a despicable misuse of funds. Thus, I implore you to reallocate these funds to support a People's Budget. 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. I am calling on you today to use your power to ensure that Los Angeles is a city in which Black Lives Matter.

Communication from Public

Name: James Mannion

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:02 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Over the last week and a half I have seen instance after instance in which the LAPD agitated, instigated, and escalated violence against peaceful protesters. The less police presence there was at a protest, the more peaceful it was. This is all not even to mention the over 600 "officer involved killings" for which zero officers have been prosecuted. The LAPD has lost all credibility as an organization with the supposed purpose of protecting and serving the community. I do not trust the LAPD to keep Angelenos safe. For too long black and brown communities have been overly policed and overly incarcerated. This has to stop. I implore the City Council to divest in policing and invest in communities. Please adopt a People's Budget. A couple hundred million dollars and some toothless reforms are not going to cut it. We need to completely re-imagine public safety and use precious city funds and resources to actually help people, not subject them to an occupying force.

Communication from Public

Name: Peter Haderlein

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:43 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Council members, Please reverse the following cuts to agencies and programs stemming from the Mayor's most recent proposal for the Los Angeles City Budget, FY 2020/20201: The Neighborhood Council Annual Budget (Cut to \$32,000 a year from \$42,000). This reduced budget impedes the effectiveness of Neighborhood Councils to perform outreach, offer community improvements and neighborhood purpose grants to our communities. The elimination of the Office of Climate Emergency Mobilization, the Climate Emergency Commission, and the Community Assemblies, all programs designed to engage and support vulnerable communities impacted by climate change. These programs would otherwise be cut just as they are about to start. The elimination of the Wildlife Pilot Study, which would support much needed ecosystem restoration. Vision Zero, the initiative to eliminate traffic deaths in L.A., is set to be cut by about 5%, or \$3.4 million Support for these programs should be drawn by reallocating disbursements earmarked for the LAPD, which already takes up almost 54% of the General Fund for 2020-20201. In the wake of evidence of police brutality perpetrated during the peaceful protests over the murder of George Floyd, it is unconscionable for the department to receive a raise, particularly in a time of county-wide austerity due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in a year when crime is down. We need more money for affordable housing, services for persons experiencing homelessness, and community development, not law enforcement. Regards, Peter Haderlein

Communication from Public

Name: Gabriella

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:44 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I have previously been in touch with both my Neighborhood Council Representative and my City Council Representative regarding my stance on defunding the police. The people of this city have made clear the overwhelming support for this action. It is the first step in a process toward fully abolishing police departments across this country and it is critical that the Los Angeles City Council closely, openly, review these demands and enact them. The People's Budget LA and the Healthy LA Coalition have provided clear opportunities for investment in community systems that actually protect and serve our community. They have done your work for you. The \$150 million already flagged for reallocation is not enough. It is an obvious political play and a weak attempt at quieting this movement which demands radical change to meet the radical need of your constituents who have been neglected for far too long. The research has been done, the demands have been made, now we need representatives brave enough to listen and act. You represent US and we will continue to make ourselves clearly heard until you choose to do the work and disentangle yourselves from the white supremacist structures you feed from.

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Simunovic
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:44 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles and I am writing to join the Movement of Black Lives and the thousands of LA citizens and groups across this country who have been marching these past weeks to demand that our local governments defund the police and move budget to efforts that allow its Black residents to thrive. The irony is not lost on the people of this city that as we protest violence and police brutality we are only met with MORE violence at the hands of police. WE SEE THIS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. It is absolutely absurd to to take a look at this cities current budget. It is embarrassing. It's embarrassing you have gotten away with this for so long. And may I remind you If, as a civil servant, you are not actively using your power to stop this than you are part of the problem. You have chosen to divest from our communities for too long. Who would choose to spend their own money this way????? When statistics like "Black Americans are 2.5 times as likely as white Americans to be killed by police" exist why are we still funneling billions to the police expecting any other result than the extinction of Black lives. Cutting 150 million is not enough when 50% of our spending STILL goes to policing. WHAT THE ACTUAL FUCK. If this isn't the perfect picture of white supremacy and rampant abuse of political power I do not know what is. TOO MANY OF YOU PREFER TO CLING ONTO A SYSTEM THAT IS UNJUST AND FLAWED RATHER THAN TO GIVE UP POLITICAL POWER. DO WHAT IS RIGHT. WE CANNOT FIX A SYSTEM THAT WAS BROKEN TO BEGIN WITH IT IS TIME TO TRY OTHER SOLUTIONS. BELIEVE IN SOMETHING, BETTER BELIEVE IN YOURSELVES, BELIVE IN HUMANITY. As a citizen of this city I DEMAND a reallocation of funds. I DEMAND we divest these funds from police and instead INVEST them in our marginalized communities. INVEST in social services NOT GUNS. I DEMAND WE DEFUND THE LAPD. WE MUST LOOK TO OTHER SOLUTIONS AND THAT MUST START NOW OR ALL IS LOST. BE BOLD!!!! WE ARE WATCHING YOU!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Aria Cataño

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:45 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Aria Cataño and I'm a recent graduate of USC. I'm speaking to demand the city's disinvestment from policing. I was recently arrested by the LA County Sheriff's Department for breaking curfew by peacefully protesting, and I'm utterly disgusted by the culture of manipulation, power and cruelty that the police state fosters. When we were arrested, we were held for 6.5 hours - 4 of which were on a cold, dark bus where the AC was purposefully blasting and rock music was blaring. Officers removed some people's masks despite the ongoing pandemic, and packed us in, making no efforts to social distance us. Our cuffs were so tight people started to lose circulation in their hands. When we asked officers to help by cutting the cuffs off or just loosening them, we were laughed at and ignored. When we were finally allowed to get off the bus, a Black woman was thrown to the ground by an officer – just for singing. I can still hear her screams. We were unable to attain the guilty officer's badge number or name, because they refused to provide them and instead locked the woman outside the parking lot gates, threatening to re-arrest her if she stayed. This is what your silence is supporting. You all are allowing the police to brutalize innocent people every day – whether they be peaceful protestors or Black residents who are simply on their own lawn or driving home – this is the system you are actively supporting. If none of the current reality doesn't appall you, I don't know what to say. If you can feel good about yourself every day, while you remain passive and allow black people to continue dying at the hands of a sadistic police force, you're blind. And if you look at the videos of the LAPD blatantly abusing protestors on the streets, and still don't understand the point we're trying to make, you are idiotic. This is the time to dismantle and disinvest. This is the time to pull the police out of our schools, to redistribute the obscene levels of funding that the police force currently has back to our communities, and, quite simply, to abandon an archaic, racist institution that continues to oppress and murder. You have the chance to make history, to be on the right side of the story, and to make change for the generations to come. And so I'm begging you, please listen to people. Listen to Black Lives Matter. Don't believe that you can't do anything to fix this – because WE believe we can do something to fix this, and we objectively have

less power than YOU.

Communication from Public

Name: Sam Lau

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:45 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a public policy researcher and student, and I am writing in regards to the LA City Council Budget. At a time when the pandemic is drastically reshaping city budgets and there is swell of support for ending policy brutality, I want to implore the City Council to reevaluate its spending priorities on LAPD and defund the department. According to rigorous research summarized by Law For Black Lives, study after study has shown that "a living wage, access to holistic health services and treatment, educational opportunity, and stable housing are more successful in reducing crime than more police or prisons." It has also been demonstrated that investments in educational completion, preschool programs, mental health crisis support, and drug treatment are better "crime fighting" strategies than policing and incarceration. That is why I strongly urge the City Council to adopt a People's Budget and defund LAPD. Based on research, we know that there are more effective ways for addressing crime. Sincerely, Sam Lau - Council District 4

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:45 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Policing is founded on the DNA of racism. This system of violence has meet us time and time again in many ways with many excuses. Due to the failure of this system, we've been forced to bare witness to what over policing looks like in communities of color. We've watched you murder, incarcerate and beat many individuals. Over 600 lives have been taken by the Los Angeles Police Department. Only one person has been charged. We are no longer willing to invest our tax dollars in any system that supports oppression, school to prison pipelines, public lynchings, murders, state funded terrorism, character assassination of your victims and whatever else you get away with. Our public servants don't appear to be capable of serving the people in a balanced and just manor. We are no longer willing to be silenced about it. We demand that our tax dollars go toward building up our communities, greening our environments, ensuring us that there is plan when a crisis or natural disaster hits, and much more than that a reimagined commitment to our public's safety, health and well being. I don't think anyone would like their children growing up living in fear. We're all in this together. ~ A concerned tax paying citizen

Communication from Public

Name: Sofia Bosch

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:46 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Sofia Bosch. I am a community organizer with the University Park Action Coalition and work closely with Districts 1 & 8. I am also a recent graduate of USC whose friends have been brutally arrested by LAPD for peacefully protesting. I am disappointed with City Council, your own people are hurting and action is long overdue. You have the power to help reallocate resources. Adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and defunds police. If you truly care about your constituents, you'll pass a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Angelenos rather than tears them apart. I also demand that you support the termination of LA Unified's partnership or ties with LAPD. Schools across the nation, including Minneapolis, have terminated their partnership with the police. Our schools are critically underfunded and under-resourced in Los Angeles. According to the ACLU, 1.7 million students in the U.S. are in schools with cops but no counselors. 3 million with cops but no nurses. Schools must be places where students can feel safe and learn, not come and deal with the hostility of being criminalized and pushed around by cops. You must invest in educational and counseling support if you care about your students. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Kaden

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:46 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Considering how massive the LAPD budget is, and how much community services have been neglected over the years, \$150 million simply is not enough. The mayor clearly does not take his people's demands seriously if he thinks skimming a fraction of the LAPD budget off will make a dent. Furthermore the Mayors proposal to further train officers in conflict resolution and mental health crisis intervention is entirely missing the point. That would be asking too much of people who are heavily armed and trained in enforcement. Instead, Let's set up a robust system of trained mental health crisis responders to get people the help they need. Including people guilty of non-violent crimes. Our prosecution of them needs to end, and a restorative justice model should be adopted immediately. Instead of using a band-aid for crime like the police, why don't we ask ourselves: "why did this person steal?" "Why did this person abuse drugs?". No one is born into crime. The health of our cities' people is truly it's biggest shame. For such a wealthy city to have so many on the streets at night, and so many neighborhoods neglected in their funding, and access to opportunities; It's a disgrace, and every time I see a new luxury apartment building being completed when we haven't made a dent in housing our homeless, I am ashamed of my city. Please fight for the people of your city and adopt a People's Budget ASAP.

Communication from Public

Name: Taylor Mendonca
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:46 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember Cedillo, I am an Angeleno and I live in District 1. 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, Taylor Mendonca

Communication from Public

Name: Harrison Kadwit

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:47 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Harrison Kadwit and I am a constituent living in District 13. I am writing to demand that you defund the police and reallocate those funds toward the people's budget. There's little evidence, if any, to suggest that more police equates to fewer crimes, while more aggressive policing seems to only increase arrests for extremely minor offenses and stoke violent interactions between police and minorities. As a representative, it is your utmost duty to take a stand with your fellow community members, and make a pledge to reject any subsequent donations from the LAPPL. We refuse to move towards a future in which senseless acts of violence at the hands of our police force go unheard, and we hope you honor George Floyd's legacy to seek justice alongside us. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Meridith McNeill

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:48 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We need care not cops. Instead of giving the LAPD (well known around the country for their unchecked brutality and violence) \$3 billion to continue to abuse our citizens, Mayor Garcetti could house the homeless, protect small businesses, provide school resources (!!!), build tenant protections, expand mental healthcare, and provide free transit. It seems like a radical idea to remove funding from the police, until you realize that we've been defunding our schools for decades. Re-allocate these funds to social services, growing and supporting our communities. We need care, not cops. Support the people's budget for LA to truly represent the people. It makes absolutely no sense for school teachers to need to use their own (sickeningly low) paycheck to buy supplies for their students while our police department has endless riot gear, tear gas, rubber bullets, live ammunition, battle humvees, etc. Defund the police. Demilitarize our police. Fight for the people.

Communication from Public

Name: Colette Sandstedt
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:48 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I'm asking for a complete dismantling of the police and a rebuild from the ground up, as Minneapolis city council is promising. I am asking that you fund the #PeoplesBudgetLA. Thanks,

Communication from Public

Name: Jonas Polin

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:49 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: City Council is used to relying on nobody paying attention to you and doing as little as possible. Now people are paying attention. You will not keep your jobs through inaction or token gestures. Of course you should defund LAPD. It is clear that they do not serve the public good and are out of the control of City Council and the Mayor. Minneapolis is doing it, and we should to. A tiny budget cut isn't enough, especially when the budget had raises for cops while other city employees got 10% cuts. But police brutality and LAPD's billowing budget aren't the only problems LA has. Suspend rent. At the very least have better messaging and less means testing for your upcoming relief fund. Make sure people who need the money know about it and can get it easily. But really, LA City should not waste public funds subsidizing landlords' failed parasitic investments. Make the sensible decision. Suspend rent. Give free licenses to street vendors like you did to restaurants. Street vendors need income to live and largely aren't eligible for public assistance. They provide a desired service and are good for a vibrant cityscape. Don't let restaurants privatize public sidewalk space while excluding those whose business works with walking space rather than monopolizing it. Expel Jose Huizar from city council. There's no reason a racketeer should be collecting a City salary. Expel John Lee too, who at best stood idly by while Mitch Englander accepted bribes. Endorsing a Republican over a progressive democrat was shameful, and even though you avoid criticizing your fellow members at all costs, you cannot afford to maintain ranks on this issue. I know you like to do everything unanimously, so do the right thing unanimously.

Communication from Public

Name: Isabel Renteria

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:49 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles District 1. I am troubled by Mayor Garcetti's and City Council's attempt to placate the citizens of this city with his proposal to to divert such a small percentage of the police budget. I am writing to demand the People's Budget be adopted. I demand trained and unarmed social workers, teachers, eligibility workers, healthcare workers, animal care technicians be funded and supported. I demand city officials serve their oath to the residents of Los Angeles and completely revise their horrific and violent proposed budget. We are in the midst of a global health pandemic —thousands remain unhoused and millions are at risk of joining those ranks. Black, Brown, poor, institutionalized and unhoused bodies are at the greatest risk of being exposed to and dying from COVID-19. These are the same folks who are disproportionately impacted by LAPD violence. The People have spoken. And they have marched. And the police CONTINUE to prove just how problematic and racist they are. We acknowledge the \$150M in diverged funds from the LAPD. While that is a great start it is simply not enough. Angelenos have demonstrated that we want the city to invest in universal needs like quality housing for all, universal access to healthy food, financial and economic support, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health and mental health support. They want the city to divest from traditional policing. I demand Mayor Garcetti and the LA City Council draft a People's Budget that emphasizes Care not Cops and which SERVES THE PEOPLE AND DEFUNDS THE POLICE. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Natasha Sill

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:49 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in District 3. 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. There's a reason there are protests. There's a reason you are receiving so many calls, emails, letters, tweets, and public comments. We know you can hear us, but are you listening? We will not stop fighting until you do. Thank you for your time and I hope you stay safe and healthy. Others may not have that privilege because of a system that failed them. I encourage you to put yourself in their shoes and listen with your heart. Lives are at stake. These are human beings.

Communication from Public

Name: Devin F.

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:49 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in District 2. I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. The reapportionment proposal by Mayor Garcetti is too little, too late and leaves the LAPD with too much funding. I want DEFUNDING of the LAPD and I want the money redistributed into community care. Small crumbs of reform are no longer enough; LAPD is ineffective, spread too thin, racist, VIOLENT and corrupted past the point of accountability and retraining. I'm sick of giving them my money to terrorize Black and brown bodies and so are millions of Angelenos. And we'll be remembering who listened to us when it's time to vote again.

Communication from Public

Name: Sam K

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:50 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I was born and raised in Santa Monica and now live in Los Angeles. Please stop pouring our resources into the wrong places, it is unacceptable. Our communities need stronger education, access to quality healthcare, and economic opportunity, NOT more violence, jailing, fear and policing. As a woman, a community college instructor, and a mental health advocate, I would feel safer and happier if all of our communities were being served and supported, not punished. We must make drastic cuts from the police department to reallocate funds to help with our dire substance abuse and homeless crises and target the core issues of our vulnerable populations. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Yelena Zeltser

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:51 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget coalitions. I urge you to reject the Mayor's proposed budget that commits more than 50% of our municipal (unrestricted) funds to the LAPD which continues to violate civil and human rights of Angelenos of color. The City's proposed budget does not reflect the priorities and values of Los Angeles residents. In this time of global pandemic and the fight to end systemic racism, the city budget should invest in communities, not policing. Prioritize your constituents who are suffering under historically racist systems and need more relief. I support the People's Budget LA and the HealthyLA Coalition budget proposals in funding housing, public health, and community development.

Communication from Public

Name: Mike Moore

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:52 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The behavior of the LAPD over the past week, from agitative officers on the streets to the appalling comments by CoP Michel Moore, have shown clearly what has been assumed for a while: the role of law enforcement in Los Angeles needs to change, because they do not act in the best interests of the communities they purport to serve. I strongly urge each council member to pay attention to what is happening in the city: the cops of the LAPD, already tarnished by its absurd murder rate, agitated peaceful protesters and incited fear and violence against the people they are charged to "protect and serve." The whole city has seen, and any faith that existed in the LAPD has evaporated. We need a People's Budget. We need a budget that helps people, instead of giving an inordinate amount of money to police department that only works in the interests of the cities most monied. We need social services that are very strongly funded. We need to listen to the people who have been saying for so long what many of us only began to realize within the last ten days: Defund the LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Chelsea

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:52 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, my name is Chelsea and I live in the City of LA. I urge you and the rest of the city council to reject the Mayor's proposed budget. The City's proposed budget does not reflect the priorities and values of Los Angeles residents. In this time of global pandemic and the fight to end systemic racism, the city budget should reflect the values and needs of the people you serve. The police don't need more funding, your constituents who are suffering under these racist systems do. I am calling for much more of those fund to be invested back INTO marginalized communities, into education and social work. I support the People's Budget LA in calling for the defunding of police, and the HealthyLA Coalition.

Communication from Public

Name: Marina Rodríguez

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:52 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Lives, dignity, health, of all LA citizens need to be improved by ensuring equality for Black people's lives, dignity, and health which will require the defunding of the LAPD and creating a better use of LA funds and personnel. These needs are immediate. This is the moment to finally change our city's culture and we will also impact the state of California and our nation. Be a part of the moral and just future. Do not just speak platitudes. We are watching and we vote.

Communication from Public

Name: Glyne Pease

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:52 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Garcetti's decision to reevaluate his budget to find \$150 million to remove from the LAPD budget is TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE. His reapportionment proposal would still leave the LAPD with over 50% of unrestricted funds. We need to move with the city of Minneapolis and defund the LAPD immediately, and invest in community safety measures as demanded by protestors. I am appalled that we continue to allow racism, murder, and violence to run rampant in our system. I am tired of waiting for change, I want to see action. If I do not see it now, I will be ready in November.

Communication from Public

Name: Ellen Crenshaw Boehm

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:53 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Council File Number: 20-0600 I am a registered voter in LA County District 5, 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 Mayor Garcetti'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 county 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Gabriella Casarez Puente

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:54 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Dr. Gabriella Puente and I am a resident of the Los Feliz neighborhood. I strongly feel that the city budget needs to support permanent affordable housing, tenant protections, food and economic justice, and MOST IMPORTANTLY defunding the LAPD and putting more funds in our communities for growth instead of policing.

Communication from Public

Name: Dr. Jean Thomas
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:57 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, I am writing to demand that you call for the resignation of LA's Chief of Police, Michel Moore, immediately. George Floyd was killed by police in Minneapolis and Moore had the audacity to blame his death on the community who is grieving for him, who is demanding his murders be held accountable. Just last week, Moore declared: "His death is on their hands, as much as it is on those officers." This is reprehensible. As Police Chief, Moore over sees a police force that has been responsible for the deaths of 601 LA community members since 2012. Every single day he is in office is another day we allow structural white supremacy to kill black people here in LA. His racism, and the structural racism he enacts, are deadly. He must resign immediately. I also demand we do better by our black, brown and native community members. We must adopt the people's budget, which calls for a demilitarization and defunding of a police department that is currently using our tax dollars to tear gas and terrorize black communities and their allies. We must stop funneling funds into an institution that has, and continues, to terrorize black folks. We must, instead, invest in mental health services, public education and other kinds of community care. To each and every city council member, I say this to you: we must all take responsibility for the state sanctioned violence that has been killing black folks in our communities for generations. We have a responsibility to listen to the demands for justice, to the calls to defend black lives, echoing through our streets. If we refuse, we are complicit in every murder to follow, in the grief of every loved one, in the intergenerational trauma that will steal joy and lives. So I ask you: which side are you? Will you continue to uphold deadly white supremacy or decide to fight for racial justice? In Solidarity with the Movement for Black Lives, Dr. Jean Thomas

Communication from Public

Name: eleanor goodrich

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:57 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It's atrocious that so much of our budget has been traditionally spent on LAPD. All of that money should be going towards programs for housing, education, transportation and supporting our black and brown communities - not terrorizing them. We should begin a transition right now to defund the police and abolish prisons as both have been ineffective at reducing crime, instead investing in proven responses, such as programs alleviating poverty: providing housing, health care, and employment, as well as utilizing mental health professionals trained in de-escalation when responding to mental health crises. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Dris

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:58 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The current proposed budget should be adjusted to more closely reflect the budget proposal entitled "The People's Budget." Currently, too much money is going to the LAPD when those are funds that could be more effectively put back into the community in areas such as mental health workers, housing, reimagined safety, emergency management, and environmental issues. The cut of \$150mil from the LAPD is not enough. We need more cuts and to put that money back into the community.

Communication from Public

Name: Jose Orozco Pelico BHNC President

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:58 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: June 4, 2020 To LA City Council President Nury Martinez, the Los Angeles City Council, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, and L.A. City Councilmember-elect for CD 14, Kevin De León: Re: Council Files: #20-0600 Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2020-2021; & 20-0482 Climate as Essential Services We, the Board of the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council, write today to address the motion introduced during the June 3rd meeting of the Los Angeles City Council, which Mayor Garcetti has spoken in support of in his subsequent public comments calling for up to 250 million dollars in cuts from various departments in the city's budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, including the LAPD, to invest in jobs, health, education and healing. While we believe this motion is a good start, we do not believe that 250 million in funds is nearly enough given the many, unprecedented crises currently facing the city. The Covid-19 pandemic, the unrest in our streets in response to the killing of George Floyd, and the threat of a prolonged economic depression call for bold action now, not symbolic gestures, which, in our board's view, is what 250 million in cuts represent. Since the beginning of the pandemic our city's response has been largely reactive—something bad happens and our representatives respond. We've become used to government functioning this way, but our current situation does not afford us that luxury. To that end we encourage the L.A. City Council and Mayor Garcetti, to take inspiration from and adopt as many of the measures as is possible from "The People's Budget LA" (peoplesbudgetla.com). This budget, developed by activists and community members, through survey responses, proactively addresses the systemic problems threatening our city and our Boyle Heights community. The People's Budget is a budget for the moment we are in now and will prepare us for future crises. The budget allocates 44 percent of funds to "Universal Aid and Crisis Management." This covers basic needs like housing, food, healthcare, economic assistance and emergency relief—all priorities and areas of acute need during the current pandemic. The budget further allocates 26 percent of funds to our "built environment" or our city's infrastructure: public transit, libraries, parks, public works, and the fire department. With unemployment as high as it is and with no end to the economic hardship in sight, it is time we invest in our infrastructure in ways not seen since the

Great Depression. We know from history that investment in our public infrastructure is one of the few ways we can create jobs during times of severe economic hardship like we are currently facing. The benefits of this investment will be enjoyed by Angelenos for generations and will serve to help put people back to work. This portion of the People's Budget further details environmental sustainability for the city going forward with consideration for the climate crisis we as a city must reckon with right now. Investment in environmental sustainability now will help us avoid catastrophe similar to what we are now experiencing because we failed to adequately invest in pandemic preparedness. To that end we support the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance's letter to Council File 20-0482, which calls for the climate to be considered an essential service in city budgets moving forward. The third major category of the People's Budget calls for 24 percent of funds to be allocated to "reimagined community safety," a community-led model that prioritizes public safety without law enforcement. This is where we can invest in family counseling, restorative justice, reparations to victims and families, and community-led crisis responses. The outrage our city has displayed following the George Floyd killing demonstrates how desperate people are for a new approach to public safety. This is our opportunity to invest in just that. Finally, the budget allocates 6 percent of funds to Law and Enforcement and Policing. We believe this is an appropriate level of investment in traditional law enforcement. We've tried solving our systemic problems in the past with heavier investments in traditional law enforcement. That approach has not worked. It is time we as a city try a new, bold approach and therefore our board endorses "The People's Budget" for the city's 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Respectfully, The Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council



June 4,

2020

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Respectfully,

The Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council

Communication from Public

Name: Jesus Hernandez
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:59 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

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

Communication from Public

Name: Tamsin Rawady
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:59 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I have lived in Los Angeles for more than 20 years. I love this city but it is broken. I own a home in District 13 but have lived all over Los Angeles. I have seen how much the city has changed and how it is going backwards not forwards. Angelenos are hurting. People who have lived here for years are leaving because they can't afford to stay, and they can't see the worthiness of the city anymore because it is being taken over by the developers and big businesses. I am writing to demand that you adopt The People's Budget for LA for the 2020/2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget. 5.7% is plenty to cover the actual policing of this community. 50% of the city's budget going to the LAPD is unfathomable. We need to save our small businesses who were already affected by COVID. We need to invest more into public education. We need to support our nurses with protective gear, our garbage collectors who don't get hazard pay. COVID-19 is still a huge danger to us all. We need to support our schools so they can implement safety procedures so kids can get back to learning. We need to prepare for the fire season and continue the great work we're doing for the environment. People don't need policing. They need support and care. We need a People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name: pooja dhuldhoya
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:59 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the LAPD by half. We need to support better training and harsher consequences in the event of police brutality.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:00 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I was born and raised in Los Angeles. I have seen the city change before my eyes and haven't done much until this moment. I would like to congratulate you all on mobilizing me. The last week has taught me that I cannot sit around and let others make decisions for me. I want a People's Budget I want money for black Communities to come from police funding, not other city programs. Accepting money from the Los Angeles Police Protective League is a conflict of interest and to invest the past LAPPL funds into bail funds and supporting the Black community. Thanks for your time and BLACK LIVES MATTER

Communication from Public

Name: Christina Mar

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:00 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge you to adopt a People's Budget and defund the police. We should not be spending such a large portion of the budget on police; instead, we need to allocate funds to services for our community, including housing, health care, transit, and education. I am calling on you to consider the People's Budget which centers Care, not Cops. You need to Adopt a People's Budget which defunds the police and re-allocates those funds to marginalized and underserved communities. Thank you for your time, Christina Mar

Communication from Public

Name: Jean Park

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:00 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I urge this committee to address the unwanted overfunding of LAPD and really consider amending the budget to reflect the community's needs, which focus on housing security, mental health and wellness, and public health/healthcare. Focusing on those issues will provide greater public and community safety for all Angelenos.

Communication from Public

Name: Sean Meredith

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:00 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Budget and Finance Committee, I'm an Angeleno and CD4. I urge, no DEMAND, that you implement the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. The city should prioritize universal needs: housing, childcare, healthy food, environmental justice, safe streets, 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. "REFORM" AND COMMISSIONS won't do it. DEFUND THE LAPD and begin to build a safer city. Thank you for your time, Sean Meredith

Communication from Public

Name: Rebecca

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:31 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to demand a complete dismantling of the LAPD. We must follow Minneapolis' lead, and create a People's Budget that reallocates the 3 billion dollars currently earmarked for the LAPD into social programs including but not limited to: public education, housing, and healthcare. We must defund the LAPD now. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Natalie Santizo

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:31 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Natalie and I am a resident of Los Angeles. I am reaching out to express that your "work to identify \$250M further investments into community programs" is simply not enough. We vehemently oppose your budget, which still pours the majority of our funds into LAPD. We are demanding you fire Chief Moore effective immediately. His behavior is abhorrent and your defense of him is absolutely shameful.

Communication from Public

Name: Amber Navran

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:32 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to demand that LA defund the police. We want services not police. We want to restructure. We want you to invest that money directly into communities of color through public services. Police should not be responding to things like mental health issues, drug overdoses, domestic violence, and homelessness. We want health care, after school programs, restorative care, trauma services, anti violence programs, social workers, doctors, caseworkers, etc. "The safest communities don't have the most cops, they have the most resources" Jillian Johnson. Please do everything you can to make this happen. This is why we're marching. LA has the most murderous police force in the country, reform HAS NOT WORKED. We can't train the racism, bias, and violence out of the system. Follow Minneapolis' lead and defund the LAPD. 150 million cut from a 3 billion dollar budget is an embarrassingly small cut. We need major change. We demand it. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Aden Yaregal

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:32 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Here to listen and make sure the people's budget is respected.

Communication from Public

Name: Nesta

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:33 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

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

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Malloy

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:34 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Council Members, 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.

Communication from Public

Name: kellie o'hara

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:34 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles and I am asking that instead of allocating over 50% of our budget to the police department, please re-distribute those funds towards things the community needs. Free transit, education, mental healthcare, healthy food, small business support and housing are just SOME of the areas that need YOU to allocate more funds to in order to better serve and support the people of LA. It is unjust that the police need more than 50% of our budget when there are TENS OF THOUSANDS of homeless individuals sleeping on benches, on the ground and in tents on YOUR STREETS. I am asking you to support the #PeoplesBudgetLA proposed by Black Lives Matter Los Angeles and coalition partners.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:35 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please consider the people's budget where money is removed from the police and appropriated into other social justice departments, such as homeless outreach, housing improvements, funding for the arts, and social outreach.

Communication from Public

Name: Jelena Woehr

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:35 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a Los Angeles resident and voter, I demand that my city council reject the mayor's proposed giveaway to police and instead adopt a People's Budget that puts housing and community services first, and community criminalization last. We never needed a 9000-strong paramilitary organization in Los Angeles and the time has come to end that experiment. Defund and disband the LAPD and redirect their ENTIRE \$3 billion budget to social work, housing, unarmed community response, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, quality public education, and workforce development programs. I pledge my time, support and dollars to the opponent of any and EVERY city council member who supports the Mayor's budget at this time of crisis. The time has come for radical change. If policing and incarceration reduced crime, Los Angeles County, being the largest single jailer in the world's most carceral democracy, should have the lowest rate of crime in the world. Instead, crime continues and people die at the hands of police. What we've done so far isn't working. We gave it the best "college try" we could. We built massive prisons and a massively powerful police force. That method of building a more peaceful city failed miserably. It is time to display good character and moral backbone by admitting our wrongs and entering a period of drastic rebuilding. Imagine if 40 years from today, children can look back and say, "What happened in 2020 is responsible for all this peace, beauty, and justice we experience today." Building that world requires drastic, not incremental change. It requires willingness to get uncomfortable and to say "I was wrong." In other words, it requires courage. So far, we have witnessed only cowardice from most members of the city council—Nury Martinez being an exception, as she stood strong in the face of open intimidation by armed members of the LAPD. Are the rest of you willing to show courage, too? If so, you will remember this 2020 budget vote as the moment you became part of a movement to build a better world. If not, you will remember this 2020 budget vote as the moment your fear of change ended your political career. Do the right thing.

Communication from Public

Name: Vaughan

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:36 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi my name is [Your Name] and I'm a constituent in your district calling Council Member [Council Member Name] because I want to urge you and the rest of the city council to reject the Mayor's current budget proposal, because it does not reflect the priorities and values of your constituents. The police don't need more funding; your constituents who are suffering under these racist systems do. I support the People's Budget LA in calling for the defunding of police, and the HealthyLA Coalition in calling for the funding of these housing efforts: Acquiring and rehabilitating 1,500 multi-family and 500 single family homes for affordable housing and fund community land trusts. Fully funding and implementing a Right to Counsel and Eviction Defense Program immediately. A pilot social housing program. Build 1,000 affordable housing units this fiscal year. Providing services for 10,000 units of supportive housing. Fully fund HCID to ensure the enforcement of existing tenant protections.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Bennett

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:36 PM

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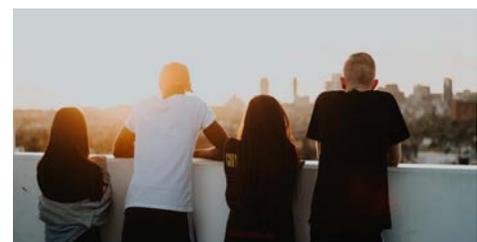
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The People's Budget

Los Angeles 2020-2021

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INTRODUCTION

The People's Budget LA Coalition has undertaken an urgent public process of participatory budgeting to solicit input of Angelenos on their priorities for the city and how they would like public resources to be spent. This project emerged rapidly and in direct response to the secretive, undemocratic process and draconian spending plan introduced by Mayor Eric Garcetti, and left unchallenged by City Council.

This report details our findings and presents a People's Budget alternative to the Mayor's proposed 2020-21 budget. **Our document and data both reveal a clear referendum: invest in universal needs (e.g., housing security, public health/health care, mental health and wellness, etc.) and divest from traditional forms of policing.**

Here's a summary of our methodology and results:

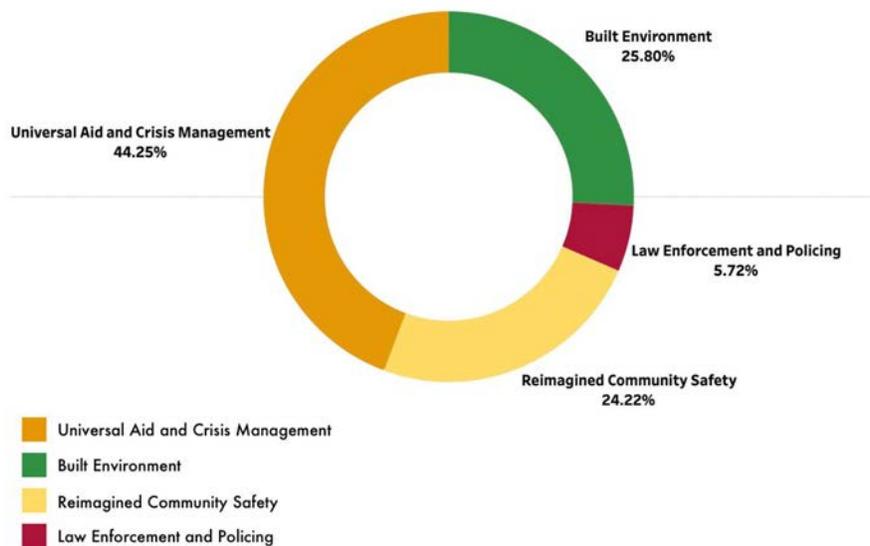
- More than 10,000 people were engaged in the drafting of the People's Budget. This includes 1,470 Angelenos who took our survey, 3,300 participants who engaged in our participatory budgeting process in real time on May 24, 2020 (via Zoom and Facebook Live), and 10,000 viewers who have watched the session after-the-fact.
- The top priorities for investment include housing, mental health and wellness, and public health and healthcare.
- The top priorities for divestment include parking enforcement, police and policing, and the City Attorney's Office.
- The People's Budget allocates just 5.7% of general funds to law enforcement and policing - just about one-tenth of the 54% given to the LAPD in the Mayor's proposed budget.
- The People's Budget allocates the largest amount of money to Universal Aid and Crisis Management (44.25%), followed by Built Environment (25.80%), then Reimagined Community Safety (24.22%), and finally Law Enforcement and Police (5.72%).

We implore the Los Angeles City Council to take action and adopt a budget that aligns with the priorities of the people who they have been elected to represent.

THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET

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The People's Budget Priorities



SPENDING AREAS

UNIVERSAL AID AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT

The Universal Aid and Crisis Management funding category supports the basic needs of Angelenos like housing, food, healthcare, economic assistance and emergency relief. Both survey participants and those participating in our participatory budgeting session emphasized universal aid and crisis management as their top priority, with a particular focus on housing.

This funding area includes funding for long-term housing, renter support and emergency housing, food assistance, support for those seeking work, support for small businesses, providing public health care, offering youth development programs and supporting youth centers, fighting the impacts of climate change and ensuring our city's environment is protected. This area also includes emergency preparedness for natural disasters like earthquakes and fire as well as the public health disasters.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Built Environment funding category focuses on our city's physical infrastructure like public transportation, libraries, parks, public works and the fire department. Based on our survey results, these are essential public goods for Angelenos.

REIMAGINED COMMUNITY SAFETY

Participants were also committed to reimagining community safety and building and resourcing restorative justice practices that enable strong communities without law enforcement presence or intervention. The Reimagined Community Safety funding category supports a community-led safety model including investing in mental health and harm reduction approaches. Rather than funding police that bring violence and harm into our communities, Reimagined Community Safety invests in communities themselves to determine what they need and to offer them support in executing those programs.

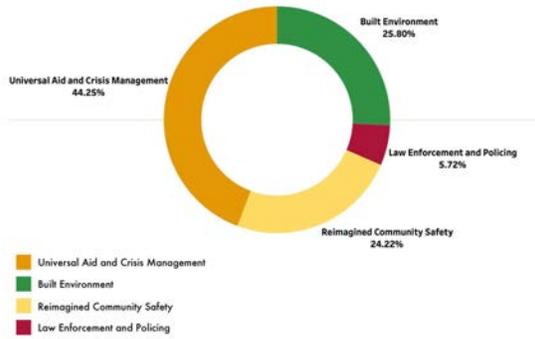
Specific initiatives that could be included in this category are family counseling, restorative justice programs, reparations to victims and their families, community-led crisis response programs, gang prevention/intervention/recovery without police involvement, and domestic violence prevention/intervention/recovery without police involvement. This category also includes building stronger connections among neighbors through investing in community-led events.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The law enforcement category included all traditional approaches, including police, City Attorney, and traffic enforcement. Across all demographics of survey respondents, this was ranked as the lowest priority for spending.

COMPARISON WITH THE MAYOR'S BUDGET

The People's Budget

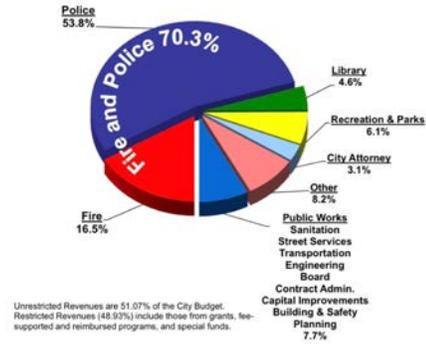


The People's Budget Allocations

Universal Aid and Crisis Management	44.25%
Built Environment	25.80%
Reimagined Community Safety	24.22%
Law Enforcement and Policing	5.72%

The Mayor's Budget

2020-21 PROPOSED BUDGET
UNRESTRICTED REVENUES (\$5.4 Billion)



The Mayor's Budget Allocations

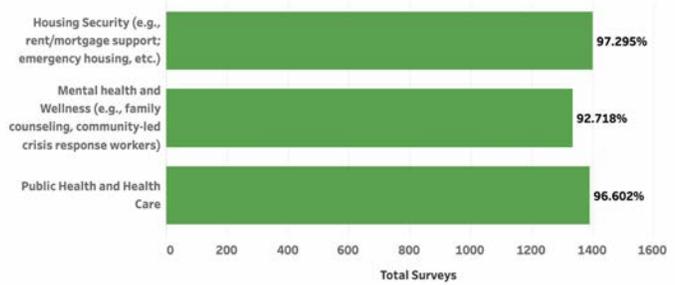
Police	53.8%
Fire	16.5%
Other	8.2%
Public Works	7.7%
Recreation & Parks	6.1%
Library	4.6%
City Attorney	3.1%

TOP PRIORITIES FOR INVESTMENT

Top areas where People’s Budget survey respondents wanted to see **investment** are:

- **Housing Security**
Ensuring people have housing and can stay in housing
- **Mental Health and Wellness**
Supporting mental health needs with counseling and community-led crisis response
- **Public Health and Healthcare**
Offering public healthcare and ensuring everyone can stay healthy

Top Priorities for Investment

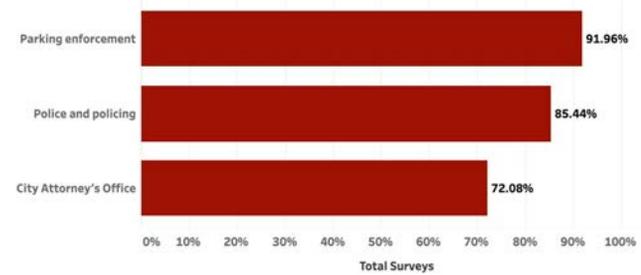


TOP PRIORITIES FOR DIVESTMENT

Top areas where People’s Budget survey respondents wanted to see **divestment** are:

- **Parking Enforcement**
- **Police and Policing**
- **City Attorney’s Office**

Top Priorities for Divestment



PROCESS AND METHODOLOGY

A survey was sent out by dozens of community organizations, with city-wide presence and representing neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles. The survey was also posted on more than 100 social media accounts and People's Budget LA's website. Responses were only accepted from residents of the City of Los Angeles who could identify their area of residence on an interactive map. Beyond the solicitation of survey responses, the coalition held a two-hour, online participatory budgeting session on Sunday, May 24, 2020 to share information about the city budgeting process and to gather public input. More than 10,000 people have viewed the session so far.

**1470 Angelenos responded to the survey and we are continuing to collect results
3300 participants engaged in the participatory budgeting session in real time and an additional 10,000 viewers watched the session after-the-fact.**

Survey responses included constituents from all 15 council districts. The survey data is available for exploration in a Tableau dashboard (linked at PeoplesBudgetLA.com)

ADOPT A PEOPLE'S BUDGET

We believe that the government should be responsive to the needs, priorities, and demands of the people. There is clearly a wide chasm between the budget proposed by the Mayor (and directly or indirectly endorsed by the City Council) and the one envisioned by Los Angeles residents. The City Charter enables Council to pass or revise the Mayor's budget proposal or submit a new budget for implementation. In a democracy, the Council should listen to the will of the people and pass a People's Budget that centers the priorities that Angelenos have listed as central to them by June 1, 2020.

ABOUT THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET LA COALITION

The People's Budget LA is a coalition convened by Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles. The coalition includes community organizations, faith leaders, parents, teachers, students, nonprofit leaders, and individuals from across Los Angeles.

Organizations who have signed onto the People's Budget LA initiative include:

Africa Town Coalition
Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles
Community Coalition
Crenshaw Subway Coalition
Dignity and Power NOW
Ground Game LA

The Justice Collaborative
Ktown for All
LA Defensa
LA Voice
Labor/Community Strategy Center
Los Angeles Community Action Network

People's City Council
Stop LAPD Spying
Street Watch LA/DSA
Students Deserve
Sunrise Movement LA
White People 4 Black Lives

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Communication from Public

Name: Kevin Swanstrom

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Re: People's Budget/LAPD Budget. I'm asking for a complete dismantling of the LAPD and a rebuild from the ground up, as Minneapolis city council is promising their constituents. There is no reason that more than half of our city's discretionary budget should go towards the LAPD and not healthcare, homelessness, public transit, and other community initiatives. Defund LAPD now.

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel Smith

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of WeHo. I stand with Black Lives Matter, Justice LA, Reform LA Jails. I support the People's Budget. You need to be meeting with these groups (among others) IMMEDIATELY and often. If this was in-person, we would be screaming in your faces, and our voices would be deafening. You are complicit in the betrayal and complete loss of trust between LA citizens and LAPD. You, alongside the LAPC and the LASD COC, need to be holding public hearings daily to address the injustice inflicted on the Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities, but especially the Black community. You need to acknowledge the role that you have played in furthering white supremacy, institutionalized racism, the militarization of our police, and fascism. Re: live public comment during meetings, the commission should not be putting a timer on the justified rage of our city, especially from Black members of this community, and the trauma that the LAPD has caused. You should have to listen for as long as it takes. Days, if not weeks and months! You are accountable to us! This should be hard. I challenge you to examine your own lives, your civic duty, and responsibilities on this committee. You need to be anti-racist, not just because that is your job here, and as a US citizen, but as a human on this planet. The LAPD cannot be trusted. Since the uprising began, they have used cars to attempt to mow down protestors (a tactic that terrorists have used) and rubber bullets with the capacity to PERMANENTLY BLIND peaceful protestors. These were illegally shot at people's faces instead of the ground. Immediately call to ban use of tear gas, pepper balls, and pepper spray that cause respiratory distress! To remind you, we are in a pandemic that is spread through saliva droplets, tears, discharge from the nose when people sneeze and cough. We are not simply angry right now about the lynching of George Floyd. If you choose to use that language in describing the outpouring of justified anger in our community, you are gaslighting victims, and contributing to the spread of white supremacy. Do NOT reduce the pain of more than 400 years of oppression to one moment in time. The LAPD has murdered 601 people in the last 7 years. To address the needs of the city and restore justice to our Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities, you must dramatically reduce the budget of the LAPD and enact/call for the following reforms: • Reduce the overall budget

of LAPD, divest from police unions, and reinvest all funds into Black, Brown and Indigenous communities • Fund and support public education (already in trouble and more so since COVID), mental healthcare, public access and resources for the differently-abled, drug treatment, affordable housing, and other community programs that offer alternatives to incarceration • Start decarceration efforts in our jails NOW so that more people do not die from our dangerous jail system and COVID outbreaks • Enact economic consequences for police officers who abuse their positions. Taxpayers shouldn't have to pay civil litigations against LAPD employees that the LAPD can't get under control. If officers are fired and not reinstated, the cost of the litigation should come out of their pensions • Demilitarize the police force, and end all curfews, because curfews are just an excuse for more racist mass arrests • Immediately stop the use of tear gas, pepper balls, pepper spray, rubber bullets and cars against American citizens • Fire Michel Moore. His comments on June 1 were abhorrent and reflect the institutional racism of the organization we PAY to protect us • Names of officers who commit misconduct must be publicized immediately into a state and national database • Suspend the use of paid administrative leave for cops under investigation • Cap overtime accrual and overtime pay for military exercises • Withdraw participating in police militarization programs • Reduce the size of the police workforce • LAPD must meet with BLM, Justice LA, Reform LA Jails, as well as victims often and regularly • Officers who witness crimes perpetrated by other officers (like assaults and murders) need to be held accountable • Officers should not have a license to kill • Officer training must be more than six months long. Enact stricter educational requirements before being accepted into the academy • Officers must live in (for a period of at least six months) in the low-income communities it purports to protect • And lastly, open an investigation into the Sheriff's Department's excessively violent treatment of protestors This commission has the power to change the LAPD and the direction that LA (and by extension, the country) is headed. I implore you to meet this moment on the right side of history.

Communication from Public

Name: Annie Stamell

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:39 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Adopt the People's Budget and defund the police. Our police department is past reform. We need a widespread overhaul of the entire system, we need to divest funds from our police for and reinvest into services that would actually benefit our community. Read the book *The End of Policing* by Alex Vitale if you want to understand more. If you don't want to read a book, simply pay attention to what's happening in Minneapolis, where the city council knows this simple truth: abolishing the police is essential to the process of reforming our criminal justice system. It is simply the first step. Why should other states and cities lead in this regard when California and LA take pride in being progressive leaders? Let's show the world how well we can take care of ourselves and our communities. We don't need a militarized police force. We need care, not cops.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:40 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Megan Webster. I am a resident of Los Angeles and continue to be affected by the laws, policies and practices instituted by the local city and state government. In response to the countless black lives that continue to be slain in streets across America, I am voicing my vehement disagreement with the Mayor's proposed budget. The budget in its current state allocates over \$3 Billion to LAPD. In this present date and time, the absolute last thing we need is more police empowerment that leads to abuse of power, terrorizing our communities and killing our people. I am demanding that an emergency City Council Meeting be held to veto the Mayor's proposed budget and submit it back to committee for review and reallocation. Please utilize the People's budget as a blueprint. I urge the appropriation of funds be directed to impact the people of Los Angeles in the areas of health, education, culture, arts, housing, and to provide immediate resources for small businesses and the arts— especially given the pandemic. Best Regards, Megan

Communication from Public

Name: Patrick

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:41 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Good Afternoon, I'm encouraged that the mayor and city council have expressed interest in re-allocating a portion of the budget away from the police and towards community oriented programs. While this is a good first step, the police will still get 51% of the entire budget. This is still far too high. I would like to see even more funds re-directed towards community programs this year and every year following. We cannot continue increasing the budget of an organization that faces practically zero accountability. I would also like the city council to adopt community safety programs that de-emphasize the role of police. For too long the LAPD has acted as an oppressive force against the black and Latino citizens of Los Angeles, and it has only gotten worse as they have equipped themselves with military grade equipment. We all want safe communities, but sadly I feel involving the police only endangers my fellow citizens in most cases . We need a new model of public safety that actually protects and serves. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:41 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: defund the police and allocate the funds to social services. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Whitaker
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:41 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember Cedillo, I am an Angeleno and I live in District 1. 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, Elizabeth Whitaker

Communication from Public

Name: Erin Jane Douglass

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:41 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno, and I am a constituent of David Ryu in District 4. 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 we must defund the LAPD now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Thank you for your time, Erin Douglass

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Reed

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in District 11. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Roberts

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I support the People's Budget LA and think you should defund the LAPD. We need care not cops. Defund the LAPD and invest more money in affordable housing, education, mental health services, and healthcare. It is your job to serve the community, and this is what the community needs - not more cops.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:43 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles needs to dismantle the police, and start over from scratch. Funds can be channeled into bettering the community through institutions that have been grossly overlooked for decades. I am a former LAUSD student and can tell you personally, that it is because of the privilege that comes from the color of my skin, that I made it out and into college. Housing, homelessness, mental health resources, are all programs that can use this money as well. The police is a fundamentally racist system that needs to be replaced with a completely new system that ACTUALLY helps people, not hunts them. It is a system of oppression. Please think about what that means.

Communication from Public

Name: Kendall D

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:43 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in District 11. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Lara

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:21 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and adopt the budget put forth by the People's Budget LA Coalition. Eliminate the recommendations in Exhibit H and fully fund the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA). Do not make changes to the Transient Occupancy Tax that will adversely impact arts and culture funding in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Sami Zerrade

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:22 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: LAPD is a criminal group that has stolen from our schools, public health services and libraries for far too long. They need to be disarmed and defunded. Garcetti and Michel Moore's disrespect for their constituents is abhorrent and they both need to resign. Return police spending to pre-9-11 levels and pass the People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:22 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles and student at UCLA School of Law writing to urge you to defund the LAPD immediately and enact the People's Budget - a budget advocating for investment in our communities to fund things like housing and education. Video after video shows the LAPD committing acts of violence against peaceful protesters. This is unacceptable. Despite the outrageous police violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights, Mayor Garcetti has defended law enforcement officials as "guardian angels" and has only offered superficial reforms like keeping the LAPD's budget the same as last year instead of increasing it. I urge you to allocate dramatically less money to the LAPD's budget this year than last year. The LAPD is not equipped to deal with any of the social issues to which they are called on to respond, resolving every situation with fear and intimidation. The LAPD has destroyed the trust of the communities it purports to protect. The LAPD do not behave like nor do they consider themselves public servants. They treat Black Angelenos with utter contempt and maim and murder them with impunity. We will not stand for this any longer. There is no upper limit on how much money I would like you to divest from the LAPD budget and invest in programs that help people survive and thrive. I want you to cut their budget by as much as you possibly can.

Communication from Public

Name: Renee MoNROY

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:23 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi there! The people of Los Angeles are demanding the People's Budget to implemented. You can visit the peoplesbudgetla.com for further information and helpful graphs. Otherwise, I have listed some key details below! I am an Angeleno and I live in District 1. 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, Renee Monroy.

Communication from Public

Name: Elliot Zarrabi

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:24 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council - As a Los Angeles County resident, I strongly urge you to PLEASE DECREASE POLICE FUNDING in next year's proposed budget, and re-allocate a greater percentage of those funds to community-based initiatives and resources that can arguably do more good. Some of these include, but are not limited to: "unemployment relief, affordable housing, better public education, expanded healthcare (especially for mental health), healthy food, expanded access to public transit, and support for small businesses right now, not an expansion of the overly militarized, ruthless police department." As City Council members, defunding the Los Angeles Police Department is just ONE OF MANY actionable steps you can take to make meaningful and lasting changes that can help END social injustice and institutional racism in this country. And by doing so, I believe you can—and will—inspire other local governments across the United States to do the same. PLEASE STEP UP and help us build a better future for this country. Sincerely, Elliot Zarrabi

Communication from Public

Name: David

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:24 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: There are thousands in the streets calling for the defunding and dismantling of the police. You owe it to every citizen of this city to end the empty promises and tiny steps we are being fed by the city council and Mayor Garcetti. We need to defund the police and build a better public safety system that treats black people, latinx people, queer people, mentally ill, and homeless all with respect. We need to end policing in our schools, we need to for cured Moore, we need to take every step to build a better city.

Communication from Public

Name: Cheyenne

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:25 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is evident that LAPD have abused their power and failed to protect the citizens of Los Angeles from safety and from their CONSTITUTIONAL rights. Not only should they be defunded, but held accountable for the harm and damage they have caused for decades and within the last weeks. They have caused physical, permanent harm to civilians and need to pay for their actions.

Communication from Public

Name: Carly

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:25 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council, I respectfully request a more substantial cut to the police budget. \$150 million is simply not enough. Please adopt the People's Budget and spend this money on community resources, such as housing, education, food, and mental health aid. While police have been a staple in our society for years, it is now time to envision a brighter future. One in which we take preventative and helpful measures to diagnose and understand those who would normally have committed crimes. Those who have committed a crime need rehabilitation, not prison. In the wake of numerous disturbing videos exposing police brutality, I ask the council to please lead the world by building a city that's not patrolled by militarized police, and instead provide peaceful resources. The history of police in America is not a kind one, and I ask you to consider that no reform has ever brought about true and lasting peace. Beginning this transition of funds from police to the community is essential and urgent. Thank you for your time.

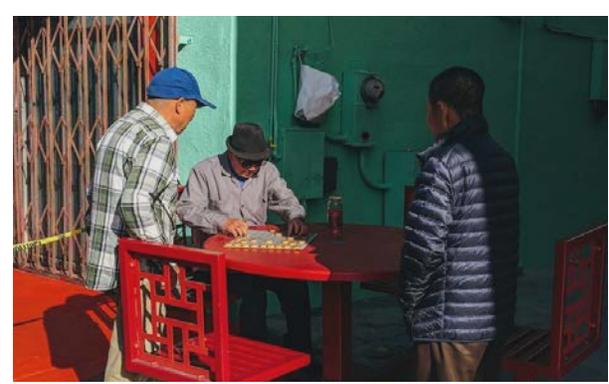
Communication from Public

Name: Colleen Hargaden

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:26 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: City Council should adopt the people's budget and defund the police immediately! Cutting funding by \$150M is not nearly enough! 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.



The People's Budget

Los Angeles 2020-2021

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INTRODUCTION

The People's Budget LA Coalition has undertaken an urgent public process of participatory budgeting to solicit input of Angelenos on their priorities for the city and how they would like public resources to be spent. This project emerged rapidly and in direct response to the secretive, undemocratic process and draconian spending plan introduced by Mayor Eric Garcetti, and left unchallenged by City Council.

This report details our findings and presents a People's Budget alternative to the Mayor's proposed 2020-21 budget. **Our document and data both reveal a clear referendum: invest in universal needs (e.g., housing security, public health/health care, mental health and wellness, etc.) and divest from traditional forms of policing.**

Here's a summary of our methodology and results:

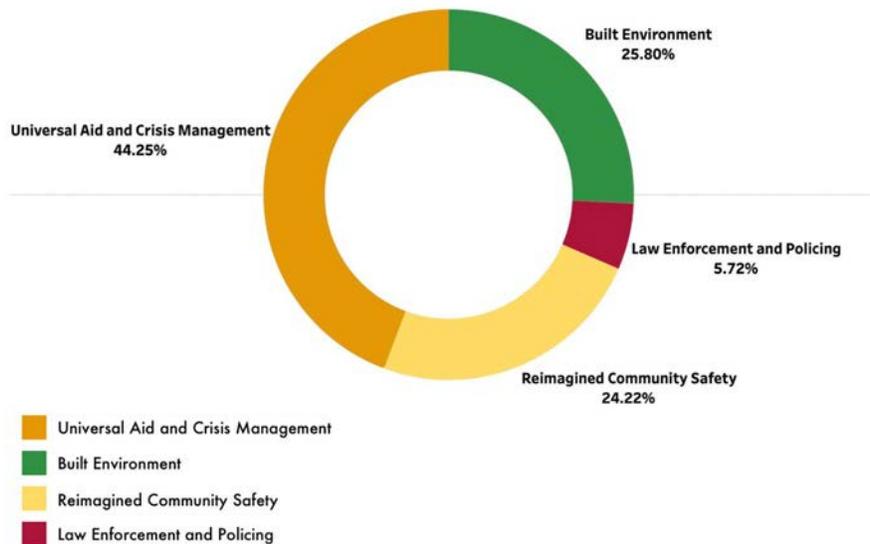
- More than 10,000 people were engaged in the drafting of the People's Budget. This includes 1,470 Angelenos who took our survey, 3,300 participants who engaged in our participatory budgeting process in real time on May 24, 2020 (via Zoom and Facebook Live), and 10,000 viewers who have watched the session after-the-fact.
- The top priorities for investment include housing, mental health and wellness, and public health and healthcare.
- The top priorities for divestment include parking enforcement, police and policing, and the City Attorney's Office.
- The People's Budget allocates just 5.7% of general funds to law enforcement and policing - just about one-tenth of the 54% given to the LAPD in the Mayor's proposed budget.
- The People's Budget allocates the largest amount of money to Universal Aid and Crisis Management (44.25%), followed by Built Environment (25.80%), then Reimagined Community Safety (24.22%), and finally Law Enforcement and Police (5.72%).

We implore the Los Angeles City Council to take action and adopt a budget that aligns with the priorities of the people who they have been elected to represent.

THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET

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The People's Budget Priorities



SPENDING AREAS

UNIVERSAL AID AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT

The Universal Aid and Crisis Management funding category supports the basic needs of Angelenos like housing, food, healthcare, economic assistance and emergency relief. Both survey participants and those participating in our participatory budgeting session emphasized universal aid and crisis management as their top priority, with a particular focus on housing.

This funding area includes funding for long-term housing, renter support and emergency housing, food assistance, support for those seeking work, support for small businesses, providing public health care, offering youth development programs and supporting youth centers, fighting the impacts of climate change and ensuring our city's environment is protected. This area also includes emergency preparedness for natural disasters like earthquakes and fire as well as the public health disasters.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Built Environment funding category focuses on our city's physical infrastructure like public transportation, libraries, parks, public works and the fire department. Based on our survey results, these are essential public goods for Angelenos.

REIMAGINED COMMUNITY SAFETY

Participants were also committed to reimagining community safety and building and resourcing restorative justice practices that enable strong communities without law enforcement presence or intervention. The Reimagined Community Safety funding category supports a community-led safety model including investing in mental health and harm reduction approaches. Rather than funding police that bring violence and harm into our communities, Reimagined Community Safety invests in communities themselves to determine what they need and to offer them support in executing those programs.

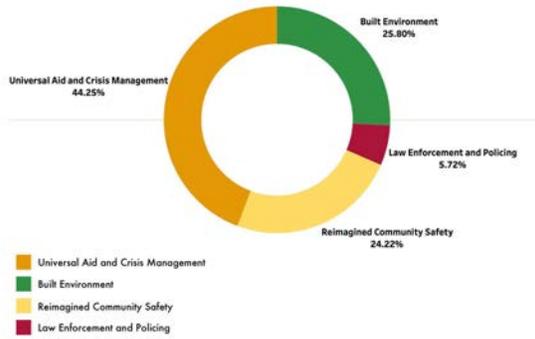
Specific initiatives that could be included in this category are family counseling, restorative justice programs, reparations to victims and their families, community-led crisis response programs, gang prevention/intervention/recovery without police involvement, and domestic violence prevention/intervention/recovery without police involvement. This category also includes building stronger connections among neighbors through investing in community-led events.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The law enforcement category included all traditional approaches, including police, City Attorney, and traffic enforcement. Across all demographics of survey respondents, this was ranked as the lowest priority for spending.

COMPARISON WITH THE MAYOR'S BUDGET

The People's Budget

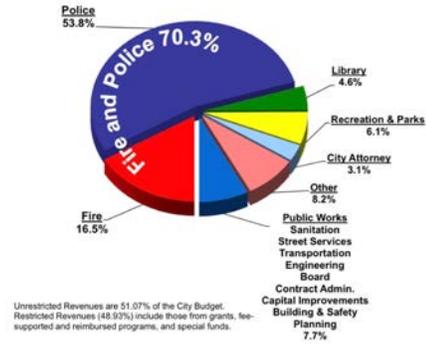


The People's Budget Allocations

Universal Aid and Crisis Management	44.25%
Built Environment	25.80%
Reimagined Community Safety	24.22%
Law Enforcement and Policing	5.72%

The Mayor's Budget

2020-21 PROPOSED BUDGET
UNRESTRICTED REVENUES (\$5.4 Billion)



The Mayor's Budget Allocations

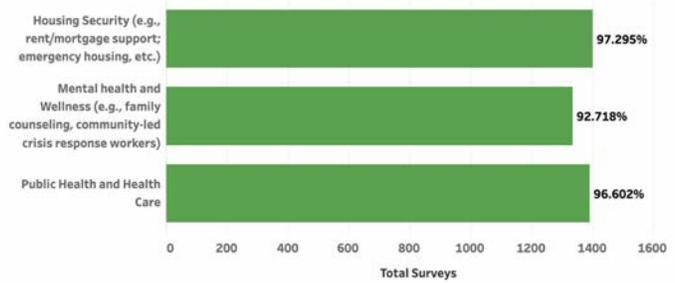
Police	53.8%
Fire	16.5%
Other	8.2%
Public Works	7.7%
Recreation & Parks	6.1%
Library	4.6%
City Attorney	3.1%

TOP PRIORITIES FOR INVESTMENT

Top areas where People’s Budget survey respondents wanted to see **investment** are:

- **Housing Security**
Ensuring people have housing and can stay in housing
- **Mental Health and Wellness**
Supporting mental health needs with counseling and community-led crisis response
- **Public Health and Healthcare**
Offering public healthcare and ensuring everyone can stay healthy

Top Priorities for Investment

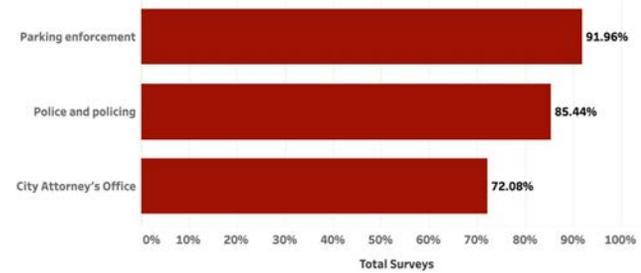


TOP PRIORITIES FOR DIVESTMENT

Top areas where People’s Budget survey respondents wanted to see **divestment** are:

- **Parking Enforcement**
- **Police and Policing**
- **City Attorney’s Office**

Top Priorities for Divestment



PROCESS AND METHODOLOGY

A survey was sent out by dozens of community organizations, with city-wide presence and representing neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles. The survey was also posted on more than 100 social media accounts and People’s Budget LA’s website. Responses were only accepted from residents of the City of Los Angeles who could identify their area of residence on an interactive map. Beyond the solicitation of survey responses, the coalition held a two-hour, online participatory budgeting session on Sunday, May 24, 2020 to share information about the city budgeting process and to gather public input. More than 10,000 people have viewed the session so far.

**1470 Angelenos responded to the survey and we are continuing to collect results
3300 participants engaged in the participatory budgeting session in real time and an additional 10,000 viewers watched the session after-the-fact.**

Survey responses included constituents from all 15 council districts. The survey data is available for exploration in a Tableau dashboard (linked at PeoplesBudgetLA.com)

ADOPT A PEOPLE’S BUDGET

We believe that the government should be responsive to the needs, priorities, and demands of the people. There is clearly a wide chasm between the budget proposed by the Mayor (and directly or indirectly endorsed by the City Council) and the one envisioned by Los Angeles residents. The City Charter enables Council to pass or revise the Mayor’s budget proposal or submit a new budget for implementation. In a democracy, the Council should listen to the will of the people and pass a People’s Budget that centers the priorities that Angelenos have listed as central to them by June 1, 2020.

ABOUT THE PEOPLE’S BUDGET LA COALITION

The People’s Budget LA is a coalition convened by Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles. The coalition includes community organizations, faith leaders, parents, teachers, students, nonprofit leaders, and individuals from across Los Angeles.

Organizations who have signed onto the People’s Budget LA initiative include:

Africa Town Coalition
Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles
Community Coalition
Crenshaw Subway Coalition
Dignity and Power NOW
Ground Game LA

The Justice Collaborative
Ktown for All
LA Defensa
LA Voice
Labor/Community Strategy Center
Los Angeles Community Action Network

People’s City Council
Stop LAPD Spying
Street Watch LA/DSA
Students Deserve
Sunrise Movement LA
White People 4 Black Lives

Communication from Public

Name: Jonas

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:27 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: DO NOT SPEND BILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON THE POLICE!!!! We do NOT need a further militarized police force, matter of fact we don't need them at all! PLEASE redirect the MAJORITY of that money directly back into communities, schools, and other projects investing in Los Angeles, particularly in black communities. If you do that, we wouldn't need police and could transfer into a new form of law enforcement. Which side of history will you be on?

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Novick

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:27 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The Mayor's budget and proposed minor cuts in LAPD are completely inadequate. It's time to #DefundThePolice entirely. Even if you cut the LAPD budget in half, you'd still be spending close to a billion dollars on murderous, intrusive enforcement of exploitation, oppression, gentrification and displacement.

Communication from Public

Name: M Cook

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:28 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: We are calling for the DEFUNDING of the LAPD, advocating for the People's Budget which redistributes the ridiculous sum of money being funneled into the LAPD back into services that actually benefit the community instead of killing Black folx and (as has been abundantly clear in the last week) attacking the citizenry as an attempt to stifle the voices of the people. A 250 Million cut (while seemingly a big number) is hardly a sufficient decrease (not even 10%) and to presume that that is an appropriate response to the action seen in support of defunding the police is an insult to all those involved. Defunding is not an impossible goal (as has been proved in Minneapolis) but is a wholly achievable one and to pretend that reform is the answer instead of abolishment is to only preserve the LAPD (and the Mayor's) self-interest. It is also egregious, I might add, that Chief Moore has not been fired for his comments last week and in respect to his blatant disregard for the safety of the public and human life. A budget that continues to disproportionately support the LAPD is a budget that continues to denigrate the value to Black life and of life et large. The LAPD should not be used in lieu of qualified officials in regard to issues of housing, mental health, social work, etc. These are the issues plaguing our communities (not crime) and they are only bolstered by the mass of money being funneled into the LAPD. Having been victim to police brutality in the last week (in respect to militant measures being used to suppress peaceful protest) and having seen nothing be done in regards to the constant murder of Black folx at the hands of the LAPD it is clear that to continue to fund them would be akin to supporting a genocide. As an LA resident, I am deeply disappointed and ashamed by the lack of action being taken to defund the LAPD, we have made our demands clear en masse: DEFUND THE LAPD, put money into the community, not into the hands of the militant, murderous police force. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Hannah Flynn

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:28 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Regarding LA's budget, we must defund our police department and rebuild, as Minneapolis PD is doing. LAPD only knows how to be violent and escalate situations, as I have seen first-hand as a resident of Beverly Grove, a 20 minute walk from Pan Pacific Park. We must also invest our funds in other forms of public social safety and infrastructure, mainly schools, transit, and parks. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jamie Feldmar

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:29 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of District 13. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of "reform." This includes Mayor Garcetti's paltry 5% proposed cut with no clarity as to where these funds will be redirected, if at all. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. We are in the midst of a pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed, and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of those in this city are renters. When people are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, 60k people were unhoused; the evictions and economic insecurity caused by COVID-19 will bring that number even higher. We demand that the City Council meaningfully defund the LAPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Garcetti's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jamie Feldmar Resident/Voter in District 13, zip code 90029 jamie.feldmar@gmail.com 630-750-6787

Communication from Public

Name: Rhett Baruch

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:29 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Put city and state money towards the programs, industries and communities that need it most. If they win, we win. Do the right thing. Best, Rhett