

Communication from Public

Name: Phoebe
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:27 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please adopt the LA People's Budget and DEFUND THE LAPD.
BLM.

Communication from Public

Name: Syann Lunsford

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I do not support Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget that gives LAPD 54% of city funds. I support the People's Budget and I urge you to do the same as our representatives.
<https://peoplesbudgetla.com/peoplesbudget/> We do not need more policing in our city. These funds would be better used by community-oriented public safety crisis response organizations, housing, education, etc. It is sad to see Minneapolis making this changes while LA stagnates.

Communication from Public

Name: Keith Rohman

Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 12:16 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I want to write in support of a careful consideration of the People's Budget and the consideration of a reallocation of resources from the LAPD to other social needs of the City. I am a 62 year old resident of the City and have lived here long enough to see the riots in 1992. The problems of our communities need more than law enforcement. Police duties are often involved in homelessness, mental illness and domestic violence. Those duties should be performed by professionals in those fields, not by people with a badge and a gun. An email is not a good place to get into the specifics, but I ask the Council to strongly consider the recommendations of the People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 09:04 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police and Adopt a People's Budget. Many cities (ex. Minneapolis, San Francisco..) around the country are adopting new ways to commit to the safety of their citizens because more cops is not the answer. Redistribute this money to prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimaged public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Thank you for your time and attention.

Communication from Public

Name: Elisa Foster

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 09:05 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am writing to demand that you support the People's Budget L.A. Mayor Garcetti's budget, even with its minor cuts and reallocations, does NOT support the people. I demand that you defund LAPD and invest those funds in Black communities, communities of color, unhoused folx, institutionalized folx, trans folx and all marginalized communities. The people of this city are struggling. We don't need more cops, we need more affordable housing, accessible mental healthcare, educational enrichment, sustainability initiatives, and overall support for the people who need it most. LAPD has a horrific track record of harming and disrupting marginalized communities, and if you do not defund LAPD's enormous budget you are not serving the people, you are hurting them – especially Black people and people of color. We don't need a racist, violent, militarized police system that brutalizes and kills Black folx – we need community care. Reject Garcetti's budget, and support the People's Budget L.A. Defund LAPD! Thank you for your time. Elisa Foster

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Ackerman

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 08:33 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and redirect that money to social programs that support black communities - housing, education, healthcare, etc. I think at least half of the nearly \$3.2 billion dollar LAPD budget should be used instead to fix the communities they so blatantly terrorize. AT LEAST HALF. Also fire Chief Moore.

Communication from Public

Name: Emma Doremus
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:30 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Defunding LAPD is completely irresponsible and LA is not ready for it. The citizens who love LA do not want this, and this decision would only drive out the peaceful, law-abiding citizens who contribute positively to the community.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:39 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defunding LAPD is completely irresponsible and LA is not ready for it. This decision would only drive productive, peaceful, law-abiding citizens out of the city forever.

Communication from Public

Name: Parker Ammann

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:21 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, We need to look more seriously at defunding the police. It seems pretty obvious that the current system and priority of our budget is not accurately reflecting the needs and desires of the Los Angeles community as a whole. Our funds could be better spend on community focused services. The police should not have so much presence and responsibility in LA. We can definitely do better and have a city that makes everyone feel safe without the police force as it currently is. Please adopt the People's budget and do your community right. Thanks, Parker

Communication from Public

Name: Geoffrey KixMiller

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:20 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I support consideration of the People's Budget and want to see funds removed from the bloated LAPD budget and moved to city services that support communities across LA. We know the obvious is true: the LAPD is an engine for inequality. The more funds designated towards the LAPD the more unequal we should expect our city to be. We need to draw as many funds from the LAPD as possible right now and look to restructure the LAPD as soon as possible in order to hold some accountability for gross violence, racism and murder.

Communication from Public

Name: Sandra Castillo

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:01 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: In regards to the current city budget, I urge you all to reconsider how the city is allocating those funds. While I am thankful that a 150 Million dollar deduction was made, there are issues we face as a community that the LAPD is not able to manage. For one, homelessness in this city is increasing every year and with the economic impact that we are facing and will continue to face due to COVID-19, we need to invest in the well being of ALL of our citizens. We need to invest in affordable housing and resources that help individuals become contributing members of society. I support the People's Budget and I ask that you defund the police. DO NOT OFFER REFORM AS A COMPROMISE. The issues the LAPD faces are deeply rooted in racism and reform only disguises those motives under a new mask. The future of this city is in your hands right now but if you chose against the people we will vote you out!

Communication from Public

Name: Megan Berru-Kerr

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 09:07 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am requesting that the budget package also be made available in a spreadsheet format. PDF format is very difficult to use for those who are interested in the calculations.

Communication from Public

Name: Leily
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 09:07 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I support the Mayor's proposed \$150 million cut from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), but it is not nearly enough. Angelenos deserve a budget that effectively meets the needs of black and brown communities. I want to see my tax dollars go to healthcare, housing, mental health services, and education. It is an unacceptable misuse of funds that over 50 percent of our city's budget was set aside for law enforcement - especially amid the COVID-19 and homelessness pandemics. Proposing to reduce LAPD's budget by less than 5 percent is also inadequate, and we expect a significantly greater reduction. Budget cuts will likely necessitate a reduction in police personnel. This should be an opportunity for LAPD to rid itself of the numerous violent and abusive officers that have been recorded on camera and have had serious complaints filed against them. Along with budget cuts, we must also see the demilitarization of the LAPD and legal accountability for law enforcement officers who use excessive force and violence against civilians. To be clear, I respect law enforcement officers who do not abuse their power and use their role to ensure public safety - for everyone. However, the status quo is clearly producing irreparable damage for our minority communities and resulting in the constant degradation of black and brown lives. If Minneapolis' city council can "disband" the police, you can certainly use this political moment to create systematic change in the LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Vivienne Richardson
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 09:24 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am fourth grade teacher in Los Angeles, and a time when our city and state is facing massive cuts to education it is unfathomable to me why the LAPD is getting so MUCH MONEY from the city. It makes zero sense and frankly, I find it enraging. We do not need more police!!! We need more funding for social services to help our populations most in need! We need housing! We need mental health services! I need someone to tell my neighbors to stop lighting fireworks at all hours of the day and night! Where are the police then? Last night there were ten cop cars and two helicopters to stop ONE MAN with gun. I get you need back up, but my god, the cop cars were going probably 80 MPH down a residential neighborhood and the two cop helicopters were scaring my toddler and dogs. But when fireworks go off in the neighborhood at all hours (WHICH BY THE WAY ARE ILLEGAL AND CAUSE FIRES) we get nothing. I just don't understand where the priorities of the city council members are. If you do not at the VERY LEAST slash the LAPDs budget and give more of the money to social services, may god help you during the next election. It's not hard to do the right thing. We do not need more policing. WE NEED MORE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES. Defund the police and fund the people. This is ridiculous and honestly, just common sense. Thank you for your time. Vivienne Richardson

Communication from Public

Name: Rocio Alvarado
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 09:34 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: I am a constituent of District 9 and I am again asking that the council move to defund the lapd and adopt the people's budget put forward by black lives matter.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 09:42 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please adopt the people's budget which reflects what the people and this city want and need. We want to see change and progress! Affordable housing, mental health services, public school funding, etc. — we want to the money to go back into the communities!

Communication from Public

Name: Karla

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 09:48 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police! allocate funds to the community. prioritize public services, youth programs, housing, rent relief, healthcare, mental healthcare, and community safety. WE WILL NOT TOLERATE ELECTED OFFICIALS CORRUPTION.

Communication from Public

Name: Audrey Love

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 09:50 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I live in the Echo Park neighborhood of CD13, and am writing in vehement support of the Peoples Budget and the radical defunding of the Los Angeles police department. The LAPD leadership, alongside the leadership of Mayor Garcetti, and the City Council has been embarrassing, with Mitch O'Farrel's office REFUSING TO ACKNOWLEDGE the multiple acts of police brutality that have been reported by his constituents. Mitch O'Farrell social media feed continues to center the issues of while artfully dodging what so many voters are asking him to implement - the Peoples Budget. Defund the LAPD, and please implement the Peoples Budget to divert our city budget into care-focused programs.

Communication from Public

Name: Kristie

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 09:52 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I understand that \$1.86 billion dollars is planned to be allocated to policing while the \$1.2 billion that was slated for 10,000 apartments for homeless residents has been slashed by at least \$1.2 million. I'd like an answer as to why the city would prefer to put budget behind policing when solving a problem like homelessness is getting put on the back burner. As a resident of Venice, I am surrounded by homeless encampments, many of which have grown in the past year. I urge you to reconsider the Budget Proposal for the fiscal year 2020 - 2021 and reinvest much-needed funds in housing and caring for / assisting our homeless population.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Sommer

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:10 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers, listen to community leaders, your constituents, and the people. This is your chance to make history. Pass the People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Aquilina Soriano Versoza

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:16 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of the Pilipino Workers Center and our worker members, we strongly recommend maintaining the Office of Wage Standards' existing annual \$350,000 budget for community contracts to conduct outreach and education to workers and businesses about their wage rights and obligations. PWC's members are primarily home care workers who care for elders in their homes, in Assisted Living Facilities and Residential Care for the Elderly facilities. Wage theft is a huge problem in this industry where often workers are not paid for all of the hours that they work and commonly are not given overtime. Enforcing labor rights is impossible in a climate of ignorance and fear. Workers and businesses who don't know the law can't comply with it; likewise, workers afraid of retaliation are unlikely to cooperate with investigations or file complaints on their own. COVID-19 has exacerbated existing inequalities and created a climate of economic desperation. Equitable recovery demands culturally and linguistically competent outreach to the most marginalized workers and businesses. When they raised their minimum wages and paid sick leave, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Seattle, Oakland, San Diego, and a host of other municipalities including this Council recognized the value of contracting with community groups to conduct outreach and education to workers and businesses to assist with compliance and referrals. Cities that adequately fund outreach and enforcement see returns on that investment. Eighty percent of successful cases come from referrals made by community groups contracted by San Francisco's Office of Labor Standards Enforcement. It recently elected to increase its contract budget to more than \$1,000,000. Seattle did likewise. In LA, our Office of Wage Standards has contracted CBOs with a budget of \$350,000 annually since 2017. Businesses in Seattle and San Francisco each employ approximately one-quarter the low-wage workforce of LA. To keep pace, OWS would have a \$4 million budget to contract community organizations for meaningful, culturally-appropriate, popularized education to workers and businesses about their labor standards rights and obligations. Adequate funding for these community contracts improves compliance and engenders the trust of workers and businesses, which in turn leads to successful investigations that bring in fees and fines to help fund

enforcement. The experience of other cities in California helps identify potential challenges. San Jose currently enforces higher minimum wages in the city of San Jose, Sunnyvale, and Mountain View. Adopting San Francisco's ratio of investigators to workers, city officials estimated that 4.5 investigator positions were necessary to adequately enforce its minimum wage. However, without funding to community groups for outreach and education, the city found that few workers reported minimum wage violations, and even fewer investigations panned out. City officials there stressed the need for community-led outreach and education to generate interest and cooperation with investigators. The city of San Jose reduced to a single position staff dedicated to enforcing minimum wage and has recovered very little of the unpaid wages found due. Los Angeles, with the highest wage theft rate in the nation, cannot afford to repeat the mistakes San Jose made. We recommend maintaining or increasing the existing \$350,000 in Office of Wage Standards contracts to community organizations.

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Name: Sarah

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: It is so important you adopt the People's Budget for Los Angeles. You hold the power to fund solutions for our city. There is no logical excuse for teachers to have to pay for school supplies while the LAPD is outfitted with high-quality riot gear. The work has already been done for you. We will not continue to accept "changes can be made throughout the fiscal year." It's an obvious delaying tactic and it's an insult to your constituents that you continue to make excuses. You no longer enjoy the luxury of our indifference. We are tuning in and watching every week. We are speaking up everyday. Defund the LAPD and build a real city, not a police state.

Communication from Public

Name: Noel Vazquez

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We the citizens of Los Angeles, demand the defunding the Los Angeles Police Department effective immediately. We propose that those billions of dollars be put toward the following: Health services for people of color that can bring about better care during COVID-19 which to this point has not been sufficient both for patient and essential health care workers. Second, mental health care for people struggling with domestic abuse, police trauma, and previously incarcerated peoples. Third, housing for homeless whose numbers (already in the ten of thousands) increase DAILY due to COVID-19. Forth and finally, the public school system in urban neighbors, who are marginalized and not given even a fraction of the opportunities for a better life i.e. books, a better standard to mental health counselors, and the abolishment of having police in schools which nine out of ten times cause trauma in young students (certain almost always black and brown students) that they take with them for the rest of their lives. Do the right thing.

Communication from Public

Name: Esme

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Adopt the People's Budget! Defund LAPD, and reallocate those resources to community services and investment in Black communities. Invest in Housing Solutions! Affordable housing, social housing, permanent supportive housing and fully funded eviction defense. Invest in Protections for Workers! Fully fund the City's Office of Wage Standards, fully fund the City's day labor centers and continue funding job education through community organizations. These meetings are all in English and translations should be provided for those who can't speak/understand English.

Communication from Public

Name: Rebecca Rice
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:15 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: 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 your 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: Claire Steakley

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:20 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I hope I wrote the right council file number. Y'all didn't put it anywhere easy to find for the 6/15/20 City Council Budget meeting, the first part of which included an AMAZING presentation from BLMLA and fellow organizers, which I'm sure was intentional. The LA City Council is two-faced: they say one thing then do the opposite. They lie about their past deeds to very ineffectively keep up the facade that they actually care about anyone but themselves. President Nury Martinez and Councilman Paul Krekorian, head of the Budget Committee, are the worst offenders. I listened to the BLMLA presentation and the council members response to their very simple and intelligent demands. All the council members and/or government officials who responded to the BLMLA presentation claimed they were 100% in favor of their desires, but were uncertain if they had any power to do anything to help. These claims are extremely offensive lies. Krekorian said himself at the beginning of this meeting he's very proud of how every budget has passed unanimously as long as he's been on the committee. Why then has the LA budget been abused and violently allocated for so many years? He also claimed he's always encouraged citizen input on the budget. Why then has BLMLA's demands not been reflected in the budget when they've been making the same demands for years? I am tired of these inept politicians thinking they can get away with boldly lying to their constituents' faces when everything they do and say is on the record. Nury Martinez and Paul Krekorian, and every City Council Member as well, stood by while Mayor Garcetti increased the LAPD budget to \$3 billion while cutting every other program the budget accounts for. Martinez and Krekorian both had power to stop him. They are responsible. They did nothing. We will not accept flowery words and subversive action any longer. We demand results. BLMLA and similar groups have done the work for you FOR FREE. The Council and Mayor Garcetti should be ashamed at the very least that volunteer activists are doing an infinitely better job of constructing a city budget, mind you a budget for the second largest city in America, than this council ever has. Implement the People's Budget, stop accepting money from police unions, and do your fucking job for once. I know for a fact every single one of you is a snake in the grass and if you don't want your metaphorical head chopped off, you will implement the

People's Budget and serve the fucking people!

Communication from Public

Name: Steve Boehm
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:06 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please provide sound leadership by not engaging or attempting to defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley Chacon

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a worker advocate from the Warehouse Worker Resource Center, we've provided some of the data critical to raising and enforcing labor standards, including minimum wage, paid sick leave, and the creation of the Office of Wage Standards. Today, we recommend maintaining the Office of Wage Standards' existing annual \$350,000 budget for community contracts to conduct outreach and education to workers and businesses about their wage rights and obligations. Enforcing labor rights is impossible in a climate of ignorance and fear. Workers and businesses who don't know the law can't comply with it; likewise, workers afraid of retaliation are unlikely to cooperate with investigations or file complaints on their own. COVID-19 has exacerbated existing inequalities and created a climate of economic desperation. Equitable recovery demands culturally and linguistically competent outreach to the most marginalized workers and businesses. When they raised their minimum wages and paid sick leave, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Seattle, Oakland, San Diego, and a host of other municipalities including this Council recognized the value of contracting with community groups to conduct outreach and education to workers and businesses to assist with compliance and referrals. Cities that adequately fund outreach and enforcement see returns on that investment. Eighty percent of successful cases come from referrals made by community groups contracted by San Francisco's Office of Labor Standards Enforcement. It recently elected to increase its contract budget to more than \$1,000,000. Seattle did likewise. In LA, our Office of Wage Standards has contracted CBOs with a budget of \$350,000 annually since 2017. Businesses in Seattle and San Francisco each employ approximately one-quarter the low-wage workforce of LA. To keep pace, OWS would have a \$4 million budget to contract community organizations for meaningful, culturally-appropriate, popularized education to workers and businesses about their labor standards rights and obligations. Adequate funding for these community contracts improves compliance and engenders the trust of workers and businesses, which in turn leads to successful investigations that bring in fees and fines to help fund enforcement. The experience of other cities in California helps identify potential challenges. San Jose currently enforces higher

minimum wages in the city of San Jose, Sunnyvale, and Mountain View. Adopting San Francisco's ratio of investigators to workers, city officials estimated that 4.5 investigator positions were necessary to adequately enforce its minimum wage. However, without funding to community groups for outreach and education, the city found that few workers reported minimum wage violations, and even fewer investigations panned out. City officials there stressed the need for community-led outreach and education to generate interest and cooperation with investigators. The city of San Jose reduced to a single position staff dedicated to enforcing minimum wage and has recovered very little of the unpaid wages found due. Los Angeles, with the highest wage theft rate in the nation, cannot afford to repeat the mistakes San Jose made. We recommend maintaining or increasing the existing \$350,000 in Office of Wage Standards contracts to community organizations.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexandra Suh

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:09 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing on behalf of KIWA (Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance). KIWA has organized and advocated with Los Angeles workers in low-wage industries since 1992. In the first half of 2020 alone, we have directly reached over 110,000 residents and workers with information about workers' rights, immigrants' rights, the Census, including information about pandemic-related aid for undocumented workers and their families. We are an affiliate of the LA County Federation of Labor and on the steering committee of ACT-LA. We are active in the Healthy LA coalition and co-lead the statewide Future of Workers & Work coalition. KIWA stands strongly in favor of the People's Budget LA budget platform. In particular, we support the re-allocation of the vast majority of General funds currently destined for the LAPD to alternative programs for addressing issues including homelessness, affordable housing, mental illness, and the lack of quality, family-supporting jobs. These are urgent, grave crises for which our public funds must support solutions now. The current proposed budget does not work for the people of Los Angeles--and the 13% rise in homelessness in LA County, which disproportionately affects Black residents--even before Safer at Home was implemented, points to the failure of our past budget approaches. As a worker center with 28 years' experience fighting wage theft, we also specifically recommend maintaining the Office of Wage Standards' existing annual \$350,000 budget for community contracts to conduct outreach and education to workers and businesses about their wage rights and obligations. Enforcing labor rights is impossible in a climate of ignorance and fear. Workers and businesses who don't know the law can't comply with it; likewise, workers afraid of retaliation are unlikely to cooperate with investigations or file complaints on their own. COVID-19 has exacerbated existing inequalities and created a climate of economic desperation. Equitable recovery demands culturally and linguistically competent outreach to the most marginalized workers and businesses. When they raised their minimum wages and paid sick leave, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Seattle, Oakland, San Diego, and a host of other municipalities including this Council recognized the value of contracting with community groups to conduct outreach and education to workers and businesses to assist with compliance and referrals. Cities that

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Name: Gabrielle Carroll
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:57 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: SUPPORT THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET LA! Defund the police and use those funds for the cities social services. We need significant cuts to the LAPD, not just the \$150M that has been suggested.

Communication from Public

Name: Denise Boylan

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:28 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The City Council needs to pass the People's Budget and reallocate funds from the LAPD to housing, crisis management, and other community-centric programs. Defund the police now and put money into what will actually help our communities and city.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea F.
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:36 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Please support the people's budget LA and defund the police. Support reimagined community safety. Police are hurting our communities of color.

Communication from Public

Name: Ann

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:56 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing as a LA County citizen to disapprove of the current 2020-2021 budget under review. 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 reimaged public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Judith ANderson

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:56 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please act on Climate Change NOW, it is so important that we do the necessary changes like increasing public transportation, giving rebates for going electric, and increased chargers to allow people to make these valuable changes.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Danis
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:00 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of District 5 of Los Angeles, I implore you to please reallocate your budget according to the asks of the People's Budget LA, Please invest in universal needs and divest from the police. Prioritize Universal Aid & Crisis Management, the community environment. Please invest in underrepresented communities, and divest from the City Attorney's Office. Decrease the power and influence of police unions on government officials. It is important that our communities are supported with food, healthcare, housing, economic assistance, and emergency preparedness. Invest in the Fire Department, public transportation, and public works, mental health, de-escalating training that is non-violent etc. Very basic needs. Look at Skidrow, how do you feel comfortable letting this city devolve like that and meanwhile spend close to \$3B on police? It's shocking and unconscionable. There needs to be reform, and as a citizen, I won't stop until the allocation and distribution of funds is fair and representative of the makeup of our community.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:13 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I live and run my business in 90068. Adopt the people's council. Defund the police. Redistribute billions of dollars to universal aid and crisis management. I urge the Budget and Finance members to defund the police, to prioritize care for Angelenos NOT cops. You are responsible to your constituents, not to the LAPD. Stop the violence.

Communication from Public

Name: Lili Mandl
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:15 AM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles DEMANDS a people's budget and we will neither give nor be silent. Please, divest from police and invest in communities!

Communication from Public

Name: Reina

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:18 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: LA Times tweeted: "SF police officers will be replaced with trained, unarmed professionals to respond to calls for help on non criminal matters involving mental health, the homeless, school discipline and neighbor disputes, as part of the new wave of police reforms." San Francisco just made announcements to make new reforms on the police department, SO CAN LOS ANGELES. THIS IS HAPPENING IN THE SAME STATE. 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!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Payne

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:46 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Lauren Payne. I am a constituent of CD13. It's time to adopt a People's Budget. I am tired of seeing our unhoused neighbors be treated as second class citizens while money that could be allocated to help them is spent instead on a bloated and ineffective LAPD budget. I am tired of the LA budget not reflecting the needs of the people. We need comprehensive and universal mental health care, and accessible housing for anyone who needs it. We need more space and resources dedicated to recreation and community spaces. Please adopt the People's Budget and stop punishing underfunded communities and people struggling with poverty, racism, disability and more. Thank you for listening to your citizens.

Communication from Public

Name: Grace Cotangco
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:03 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Grace Cotangco, I am a resident in councilman O'Farrell's district. I am one of over 24,000 survey respondents of the people's budget, and I support the people's budget priorities. It's disheartening to see the mayor's proposed budget with more than half devoted to law enforcement and policing - why is the City at war with its own people? If you truly, truly want to dismantle systemic racism, you have to start with the budget. shift your priorities to services that HEAL communities, rather than punishing them for being disenfranchised for GENERATIONS. Mr. Krekorian, you talk about wanting to engage the people of LA about the budget. Now is your chance to listen, and show that you really care. I ask the city council to please consider the people's budget priorities and commit to improving your community engagement efforts for all future budgets, because it obviously hasn't been done right. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:05 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please listen to the silent majority NOT to reduce the police department's budget. There is obviously a lot of vocal and violent pressure on you to reduce the budget, but that doesn't mean it's the ethically right decision. Police keep our children safe. Reducing the police budget will result in more harm to people. Reforms are of course needed to eradicate racism from police departments, but this is not the answer.

Communication from Public

Name: Eli Longnecker

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:07 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I support Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles' demands for the City Council to adopt the People's Budget. The City must allocate spending according to what our communities need and are asking for very clearly at this time. I also support BLM and other organizations' calls to defund the police. Lastly, I'm calling on the City to fully fund Day Labor Centers and Enforcement of Wage Theft through the Office of Wage Standards (included now in the People's Budget). Many workers in low-wage industries are currently classified as essential workers, and their health is our health. Please adopt the People's Budget, defund the police, and invest in workers and their rights to fair pay and dignity.

Communication from Public

Name: Justin

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:54 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Do not defund the police one cent. If anything we must INCREASE our funding for police. Latest statistical fact, based on California law enforcement (have arresting power) full-time employment number and CA population from 2003 through 2017. Over this period we have had a 3.4% increase in law enforcement, while the increase in overall California population is nearly 12%! This is crazy, if anything we must have a proportionate increase in policing capacity or capability. I'm sure the numbers for the city of Los Angeles are even more staggering, but we're not easily attainable for me to run the analysis, or at least I wasn't sure where to pull it from. Do NOT defund the police!

Communication from Public

Name: Jazmine Hill

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:28 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Jazmine and I am a resident of Los Angeles. I am reaching out to let you know that I oppose the LA millions of dollars budget, which still pours the majority of our funds into LAPD. I would like you to defund the police department and reconfigure it into something we can be more proud of. LAPD is too abusive to continue the way they are in its current state. The mayor's "work to identify \$250M further investments into community programs" is simply not enough. There have been cities (like Camden, NJ though I understand much smaller than LA) who have adopted defunding and reconfiguring their police departments and they have good results. Nothing is or will be perfect and each city in America will need to make their own version out of it. But, keeping things the same will literally not do anything. I would like our money going into quality housing to get rid of the remnants of redlining, proper education for all (not based on people's zip code), free and quality public transportation, sustainable climate changes, mental healthcare, social and health care workers for things like non emergency domestic violence and homelessness and drug abuse, small business resources, and using the police for things like emergency violent situations, when a life that is in danger needs protecting, filing reports for damaged property. The mayor's current budget proposal which gives the majority of the funds to the LAPD is too excessive and I ask you to please allocate less to the police and more toward other systems. I understand this will be a slow process but hoping this turns into progress and a safer city for the black and brown community that I am part of. Please listen to your community. I am black and deeply disappointed and saddened of not only the recent events but of the continuous poor treatment of black and brown people. Please be a good example. And if there's anything you can do to help the Louisville mayor bring justice for Breonna Taylor and arrest the 3 cops who viciously and unjustifiably killed her, please do. Thank you for your time

Communication from Public

Name: Candie
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:50 AM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to state emphatically that I am against cuts in the LAPD budget. I am a law abiding, tax paying resident of Los Angeles and during the recent riots, it was the presence of these brave and dedicated officers that made me and my children feel safe. We are also blessed to live in a relatively safe neighborhood that has its own armed patrol security, so I'm not solely speaking on behalf of my family. I'm also speaking on behalf of the families that live in the areas that don't have access to private security and that see their fair share of crime. Who will probably be the first to feel the effects of a diminished police force. Who will they call when their house gets broken into or they're being assaulted if the police force is spread too thin because of budget cuts? Criminals aren't going to stop being criminals because we decide to stop policing them. You can call in all the social workers you want but they won't be able to stop a violent assault if a dispute takes a turn for the worse, not to mention they wouldn't be much of a deterrent to the person looking to cause harm. Using this money to create more rec centers won't do much good if those that would sell drugs or just look to cause trouble use them as their places of business, due to lack of police presence. This feels like a punishment and a passive bandaid that will NOT fix those officers that abuse their power. All positions of power have the capacity to corrupt (just look at most politicians), if we want change to happen in the police department cutting funds isn't the way. We should be using the proposed cuts to increase psychiatric care and evaluations for officers. We should use these funds to increase community training and mentor programs between the officers and the areas they serve. We should use these funds to research and put into training safer and effective ways to subdue a suspect. We should use these funds to actually pay our officers more so that we attract a higher quality individual for the position. I will end with all honesty and say that since this budget cut was proposed, we have been looking to move our family out of this state. We will not continue to pay massive taxes to a state and city that will look to endanger its people in a reactionary response that will have harmful effects on all its citizens. We love Los Angeles and would love to remain in the city where my children were born, but I will not sacrifice their safety for an ineffective measure.

Communication from Public

Name: Melinh Rozen

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:44 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I support the People's Budget, not the Mayor's. The 3% reduction to LAPD budget proposed by President Nury and others does not nearly meet the demands of the moment, or progress us sufficiently towards a more just and equitable Los Angeles. Council must dramatically re-think the budget. Defund the police. Invest in communities. We want care not cops, services not sweeps.

Communication from Public

Name: Chris Merchant

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 05:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Chris Merchant, I live in CD14, and I'm calling about Agenda Item 3 I'm writing today in support of Black Lives Matter, Healthy LA and the People's Budget coalition. As you know, we are already witnessing a crisis of confidence in the role of the LAPD in this city. I believe we are also witnessing a crisis of confidence in Los Angeles City Council as well. Specifically in it's ability to work as a good-faith partner in the transformational change that so many Angelenos are calling for. Until we have faith in you as a partner you will continue to hear our anger. I heard you say that you are only looking to address the most critical budget items by the end of June, I hope you understand that there is no more important or urgent budget change than defunding the police. Defunding the police is a spectrum and there is a vital conversation that needs to happen about where Los Angeles will sit on that spectrum. BLM Leadership showed up today to start that conversation, but what we need from you is a strong commitment that you will Defund the Police. If you can't commit to that principle, we cannot yet trust you as a negotiation partner. We know that this is possible, because it is happening in other major cities around the country; Minneapolis, Seattle, Denver and San Francisco are already taking action. We are behind the curve. I understand that a comprehensive re-envisioning of public safety will take time and experimentation, but we need to see immediate and significant action from you in order to trust your leadership. Please make a commitment in this meeting to defunding the police, and adopting the People's Budget. Finally, I'd like to state solidarity with the commentator from Stop LAPD Spying; and add that we should immediately cancel LAPD's surveillance partnerships with Ring Doorbell, Clearview AI, and other facial recognition surveillance technologies. Not just because they are expensive, but because they harm our civil rights and form the basis of a dangerously unregulated surveillance apparatus. Thank You.

Communication from Public

Name: Kate Erickson Neumark

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 03:10 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Please defund the police -- not by 150 million, not 200 million, but ENTIRELY. Low-income neighborhoods need improved bus stops and other transit infrastructure, as well as more green communal gathering spaces. Every neighborhood needs better mental health support, a complete overhaul of your approach to the unhoused, and more counselors in the schools. I found many of the City Council's comments today to the People's Budget presenters patronizing and unspecific. I demand a specific, concrete, public commitment to a defunded police department -- a financial acknowledgement that Black Lives Matter. The Los Angeles Police Department is a stain on this city, and while we can't bring back all the innocent people they have killed, we can make a better future for our children.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 03:10 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund LAPD! Redirect funding to education, health care and community based safety programs.

Communication from Public

Name: Patricia Perd

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 03:35 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I want to write in that I am in support of defunding the police and using those resources instead for other community programs. Please adopt the reinvesting details as proposed Peoples Budget LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 03:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I'm listening to you talk to department after department what are providing community services about how you might cut their funding, and yet you are hesitant to cut the funding from the ones who have it all? Please stop looking for pennies in the community serving government agencies and just take the money from the police force!

Communication from Public

Name: Natalie Burke

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 02:54 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am urging all council-members to support the People's Budget LA to reinvest in social services/programs (homelessness/housing, mental health, crisis interventionist, education, etc.) and disinvest and defund the police department. The Mayor's current plan to supplant \$150 million from the police department is not enough and frankly laughable in comparison to the funds currently being allocated to the LAPD and social services/programs. I urge you to re-imagine public safety. Police exacerbate public safety. Hundreds of lives from the LAPD have been taken at their disposal. Unnecessary force is being employed on innocent constituents because the police believe they are above the law as there are no repercussions. You the council-members and DA Jackie Lacey are responsible for this mindset and behavior as police are not being prosecuted. Police think they can get away with excessive force because they are allowed to get away through the actions of city officials. This is UNACCEPTABLE!!!!!! We the people demand and deserve more. Imagine your child, your friend, your mother, your father, your siblings being mistreated or even worse killed unjustly by the police without any ramifications. We demand change!! Listen and act to the myriad of voices calling out for change. The People's Budget LA is conspicuously laid out and is tangible. You have the power to rewrite history, to impose change, and to make a better future for generations to come. Which side of history do you want to be on??? We the people are watching you will hold you accountable. We demand you to adopt the People's Budget as it is our tax dollars at stake. We want our money to go towards resources that will our increase public safety not police. DEFUND THE POLICE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Chase Engelhardt
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 03:00 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I want to reiterate again my support for the People's Budget, and specifically for Defunding the LAPD. The presenters earlier today did an amazing job and I would like to see more committal language coming from all members. I think phrasing things as "try to re-imagine" or "continue to discuss" are inappropriate at this time. What tens of thousands of people in the streets are saying very clearly is "defund the police". I would also like to call out that participatory budgeting was discussed, and while I think that is an incredible tool, the onus is not on the community to initiate that process. I think that comment also skirts around just how loudly and resolutely people are calling to defund the LAPD. Additionally, the survey that the People's Budget put out was well responded to and emulates this model, which shows additional overwhelming support. If a participatory budget is truly the tool that the council has identified as a mechanism to accomplish equity then "we commit to launching a participatory budgeting process with the goal of defunding the police." I understand and recognize the power of police unions to push for and uphold police terror, but now is a historic moment for the council to decide if they will continue to placate, equivocate, and uphold racist structures, or be leaders in anti-racism and allow LA to be a model for the country. Thank you, Chase Engelhardt

Communication from Public

Name: Karen
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 03:05 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and increase funding for school counselors, teachers, green spaces, public access to mental health services, the homeless and housing services.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 02:19 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hi. The homeless count is up and those numbers were BEFORE COVID. We need a budget that helps the unhoused people of LA and ALSO prevents those not working from becoming homeless as soon as eviction protections are gone. Please redirect funds from the LAPD to those in LA who desperately need help now and will need help soon--the economy is not bouncing back overnight, and our police force should be navigating cuts the way all the other city departments are, and the way ALL PEOPLE IN THIS CITY ARE. It's insane to me that they can beat up citizens on national TV and think they are exempt from budget cuts by claiming they're protecting people. Please defund the LAPD. Thanks.

Communication from Public

Name: M.D. Faith
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 07:58 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Your Honors DO NOT DEFUND our vital police fire and emergency services ! We COMPLETELY support our LAPD and LAFD. If you support ALL our lives and all races then you MUST maintain civil legal and social order and justice. Thank you Mayor Council members and officials who work so hard. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Joey Dosik

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 05:44 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I enthusiastically support the plan for the People's Budget. Today's presentation laid out an amazing case. We have an amazing opportunity to change the world!!

Communication from Public

Name: Melisa Des Rosiers

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:44 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I want to urge the City Council to adopt the People's Budget and defund the police. We need to re-evaluate how we respond to mental health crises, homelessness, domestic abuse, and many other aspects where police should not be the first responder but rather a social worker.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Gracia-Santiago

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:45 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Good Afternoon, My name is Laura Gracia and I'm 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 writing to urge you to support the People's Budget LA. The People's Budget is a clear path to achieving true transformative change, so that Angelenos -- especially the most vulnerable among us -- are not forced into making false choices between the many community based programs and services that we all need. For items 23 & 24: You must renew the LA Justice Fund (LAJF) once and for all. These proposals in Items 23 and 24 of your agenda present us with false choices, when, in fact, we need all of it. There is no either/or here. Angelenos deserve it all. We need to fully fund the renewal of the LA Justice Fund at \$1m and also funding of these projects -- items that will be possible if you support the People's Budget LA. 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. I'm urging ensure full funding of \$700,000 to the 20-21 budget for the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office, Climate Emergency Commission, and Community Assemblies in the FY-2020-21 budget. As the City considers what a truly just economic recovery from COVID looks like and how to uproot deep-seated structural racism -- all while meeting the urgency of the climate crisis -- these initiatives are more important than ever to ensure working class communities of color have a central role and that justice and sustainability are core principles. 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. 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. Invest in Community. Divest from Policing. Give us a People's Budget. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Florice Houde

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles. I demand that you support the People's Budget LA in its entirety. The inequity of values in this city is unacceptable!!! I oppose any budget cuts and/or furloughs to any NON- LAPD City Programs and Departments, specifically, any cuts/furloughs proposed for: Economic and Workforce Development Department Emergency Management Department Los Angeles Fire Department Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department Recreation and Parks Department Any Fiscal Impact should be offset by dramatic cuts to the proposed LAPD budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Chalsma
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 02:03 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: The presentation by Black Lives Matter Los Angeles today before council was the single most meaningful civic action I have ever witnessed in 51 years. If you do not heed the People's Budget you are missing the single greatest opportunity of your careers. They laid out a vision of transformative change that is logical, possible, and the only conceivable thing to do. The only humane thing to do. This is an opportunity to create a city that can be a true beacon of humane principals. That can lead to real, lasting change. That can, finally, allow us begin to create an equitable society. Adopt the People's Budget. Re-imagine public safety. Divest general fund money away from LAPD and to the community. You all know the problems facing this community. Solve them: defund the police and invest in a re-imagined vision of public safety. Black Lives Matter Los Angeles have done the work. Adopt the People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: It is PAST TIME we re-imagine public safety and divest from LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 02:09 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I support the peoples budget LA Defund the Police and stop the attack our our homeless. Reinvest in the communities that have been disproportionately effected by systemic racism which will in turn benefit our whole community. If you have a daughter, think about this... I even as a young white women have been the recipient of abusive tactics and sexual harassment from the lapd. And that had nothing to do with the color of my skin, or my place of residence, my sexual preferences or my mental health. Can you imagine what might have happened if I were any of these things? The police should not have the budget to terrorize the people.

Communication from Public

Name: Alloy Kemp

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 02:13 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: You have the chance right now to show the community you serve that you understand the problems of the city and are taking real steps to SOLVE them, not just criminalize / profit from them. I urge you to adopt the people's budget of LA. Do the right thing.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 02:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: hi, i'm a young voter and i'm just emailing to say that i'm 100% in favor of the people's budget. please help our community by redistributing the polices funding into other city services. the fact that half the the funding is going to the police while the things that actually help the community (emergency services, healthcare, libraries, etc) is ridiculous. we are in the middle of a pandemic- why do the police deserve more money than our health workers! it doesn't make sense. please adopt the people's budget, thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Guadalupe Garcia

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:29 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon, my name is Guadalupe Garcia. I am the Day Labor Program manager at IDEPSCA (Institute of Popular Education of Southern California). I am glad to see that day labor centers will be funded next FY, especially when our communities are facing more visible challenges due the current public health crisis. Although every year we face the challenge to advocate to ensure this fund and/or not getting cuts as this year. I am writing to express my support to Black Lives Matter, LA People's budget and urge you to de-fund the police and invest in the community, fully fund day labor centers and the enforcement of wage theft through the Office of wage standards. I am grateful to work with and for day laborers and household workers, who everyday face challenges as immigrant, low-income workers. It is sad to hear the stories and experiences they are facing, especially during this pandemic, and is sad to see the very few resources and assistance they can have access to versus all money and resources the LAPD is receiving. As Latina, as indigenous single mother I strongly support our black brothers and sisters and I am thankful for the work they are doing in the community. We deserve better ways to keep our communities safe, where people are not criminalized, harassed or killed by the police. Jornaleros, while waiting for a job on the corners, have experienced intimidation and harassment by security guards who are tied to the police or are off duty cops. Our communities need more resources and services to address mental health crisis and illness, health access, education, workforce development and job opportunities, especially services that are more inclusive and do not leave behind immigrants who hardly can get access to resources, such as jornaleros and household workers. Thank you, Black Lives Matter!

Communication from Public

Name: Gabrielle Seiwert

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:29 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: You have heard over and over and over that the people of LA want you to defund the LAPD. Your constituents are imploring you to be leaders in the this moment, and you have the capacity to do so. Please do not tell us again how much you're doing to combat social issues and pat yourself on the back for the paucity of work you've been able to accomplish with a meager budget. Imagine how much you could accomplish with further funding! Which could come directly from the LAPD budget. As City Council President Martinez said this morning - it's not rocket science. Defund LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Kristin Cammermeyer

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:34 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: You need to reallocate ONLY funds in the budget FROM the police force (notice "force") and TO programs that support, empower, uplift, encourage, educate, nurture, heal, and the like. To perpetually throw more and more money at a broken system does not SOLVE anything. This in turn aggravates the growing tide of distrust and inequity. This is an insult the basic human desire for a peaceful and just life. Be revolutionary in tackling the systemic problem plaguing our communities. Trust that if you GIVE rather than ENFORCE, we will prosper and thrive. CARE not COPS!

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Krause

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am writing to express my support for the Peoples Budget LA instead of the current budget proposed. The amount allocated to the Los Angeles Police Department should be decreased. Thank you for you attention to this matter. Best regards,
Stephanie

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Campbell
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:06 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am a resident of Los Angeles (90048). I want to voice my support for the People's Budget. Please please seriously consider defunding the LAPD and re-distributing these funds to communities and programs that will make this city thrive.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Altschul

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a lifelong Angeleno, a resident of District 5, and I vote in every election. I, along with the people of Los Angeles, will no longer accept incremental reform to our current policing system as a "solution" to the myriad issues surrounding policing in our city. Adopt the People's Budget. Divest from the LAPD and invest in community wellbeing. It was an important first step to invite and broadcast BLM-LA and The People's Budget Coalition to a meeting prior to this budget meeting to speak on Angelenos' priorities at this time. I hope you heard them loud and clear. We want - we need - to reimagine public safety. Housing security, healthcare, mental healthcare, and programs that will uplift our Black community -- NOT further investments in the LAPD who have terrorized the Black community for decades. This is a time to make waves, to make change, to be the city we know we can be. Create a better Los Angeles - one that works for everyone, and invests in those who've been repeatedly harmed by past policy and budget allocation. Invest in care, not cops. Adopt The People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Sally Embrey

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:34 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: As an LA resident, I understand that money has to be cut from some budgets in order for other budgets to get increased funding. Therefore, I urge you, again, to make cuts to LAPD. Their budget is quite large, and they have proved that they are unable to use their funds appropriately. LAPD doesn't need Teslas. They don't need military-grade gear. Spending on these items at the expense of public services is wrong. I have lived in LA for 10 years, and I have not been assisted on any of the rare occasions I have called LAPD. I called LAPD when a homeless person was jumping on the roof of my car. I was hung up on. I called LAPD after our neighbors threw a 200+ person party during the COVID-19 lockdown. The dispatcher said 4 other community members called, but the LAPD never came. When I have spoken with our SLO officer about fireworks, I was told it was "too inconvenient" to identify the perpetrators. Every quality of life issues I have, the police have refused to address... yet I am expected to give them more of a taxpayer dollars? \$100-150M are not large enough cuts. More dollars need to go to public services.

Communication from Public

Name: Rebekah Percy

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:09 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge you to include full funding of at least \$700,000 for the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office, Climate Emergency Commission, and Community Assemblies in the FY-2020-21 budget. Los Angeles is now at the crossroads of what it will look like to build a just economic recovery after COVID, and how we will go about uprooting deep-seated structural racism. At the same time, we must meet the urgency of the climate crisis. These environmental initiatives are more important than ever to ensure working class communities of color have a central role and that justice and sustainability are core principles. Let us not return the world to normal, but create a new, greener and more just one together. Thank you for your work and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:25 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Part of the budget for the police should instead go towards schools, mental health help, social workers, subsidized housing
Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Jacob Lyle
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:35 PM
Council File No: 20-0600
Comments for Public Posting: Hello. As a resident of LA County, I urge city council to reject the proposed budget and instead adopt the People's Budget. The spending on LAPD far exceeds what is necessary for public safety and health. We should instead invest those funds into community health and wellness, "healing" and care, not cops.

Communication from Public

Name: Kristen Azevedo

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:41 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to the committee to urge them to please adopt the People's Budget for the city of Los Angeles. Your constituents are begging you to divest from the LAPD and instead invest in community development and services that can provide long term solutions for the citizens of our city. We want you to show an interest in preventative measures instead of reactionary measures, and provide options that help people rather than hurt them. Now is the time to lead the country and the world by making real change and reflecting the priorities of our citizens.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:32 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Do not take away any money from the LAPD. Cutting any money from the LAPD in response to the recent looting, stealing, and the terrorizing of law-abiding citizens would hand victory to anarchists and those who do try to deceive the African American community by professing love but feeling hate. The LAPD had nothing to do with the death of George Floyd, and deaths of blacks by police have been declining for decades. Less police would mean that MORE blacks in poor neighborhoods would suffer. Eventually the City Council would have to admit that to save face, it kowtowed, a la Chamberlain with Sudetenland, to those who don't care for the black community — and blacks paid for it with their lives, G-d forbid.

Communication from Public

Name: David Bacall

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:23 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in objection to the proposed cuts to the LAPD. Our city is one of the largest cities in the country, yet we have 25% of the officers of NYC. Our cost of police per capita is one of the lowest in the country. We should be doing the opposite. We need more funding for the police department. We need more officers, more equipment and more training. We need our police to be able to be proactive, not just reactive. If we Angelenos want to remain a national leader, and example to the country, we must remain at the forefront of public safety. Surely there must be other departments with waste that can be scaled back. The City of Angeles can not be allowed to return to a lawless wild west.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Muraida

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:27 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of Strategic Concepts in Organizing & Policy Education (SCOPE), a South Los Angeles community-based organization, I'm urging this Committee, the full City Council, and the Mayor to ensure full funding of \$700,000 for the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office, Climate Emergency Commission, and Community Assemblies in the FY-2020-21 budget. As the City considers what a truly just economic recovery from COVID looks like and how to uproot deep-seated structural racism -- all while meeting the urgency of the climate crisis -- these initiatives are more important than ever to ensure low-income communities of color have a central role in shaping policy and that justice and sustainability are core principles. We also urge this Committee to defund the police and reimagine and reinvest in public safety, care, and public services. Thank you.
Laura Muraida Research & Communications Director Strategic Concepts in Organizing & Policy Education (SCOPE)

Communication from Public

Name: Kathryn Esquibel

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:29 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and redirect that money to social programs that support black communities - housing, education, healthcare, etc. I think at least half of the nearly \$3.2 billion dollar LAPD budget should be used instead to help the black communities. Also, fire Chief Moore.

Communication from Public

Name: Julianna Kufeldt
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:30 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Hello council members. I am commenting on the Mayor's Proposed Budget. I live in District 13 and I strongly urge you to Defund the Police and adopt the People'e Budget. As I watched their presentation this morning, I see the commitment and passion towards a better Los Angeles that is desperately needed. The work from these activists is admirable! I am shocked at the responses from Mitch O'Farrell, saying that you are aware of the problems in policing and there is still such a lack of change in our neighborhood- especially against homeless folks. No one needs to "hold your feet to the fire" this your job and if you are not up for it- then you need to resign. You are asking black people to work for you and keep you accountable, which is completely unacceptable, you need to do the work yourself! The homeless population is growing, people are suffering in our city. We want and need change to happen now and it needs to be focused on Care not Cops! Listen to the people - we are listening, watching and waiting - and we are not going anywhere.

Communication from Public

Name: Rebecca

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:55 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am reaching out today to speak on item number 3. I support the People's Budget and Black Lives Matter to defund the police and reallocate these funds to community programs that will protect and uplift our communities and create public safety everyone can benefit from. The \$150 million dollar budget cut to the LAPD is pocket change and is not good enough. I watched the Black Lives Matter presentation of the budget this morning and that means I also watched your responses. Instead of patting yourselves on your back for everything you still haven't done for us, please back up your words with actions by voting to take on the People's Budget NOW. Your constituents are speaking to you and it's your job to listen to us and to act in our best interest. They did it in Minneapolis- we can do it in LA. Please do the right thing and vote to adopt the People's Budget and defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: krystle ramos

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:45 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I demand that City of LA redirect their campaign donations from the LAPPL to mental health services, specifically the National Alliance on Mental Illness. My brother, who is in Pacoima, lives with schizophrenia yet cannot get the appropriate treatment because there aren't any spaces for him at long-term mental health service facilities. He doesn't have insurance because my dad is on disability from the City of LA, WHO HAS CUT MY FAMILY OFF FROM HEALTH INSURANCE. My brother deserves a treatment and I demand that city council members redistribute their donations from the LAPPL to mental health services. I demand that the City of LA adopt The People's Budget immediately and disband LAPD and LASD. My brother has been harassed by these incompetent thugs and then placed in the incompetent LA jail system where he was assaulted! My brother needs his health care. My brother needs his treatment. My brother needs mental health services- NOT LAPD OR LASD! DISBAND LAPD AND LASD IMMEDIATELY! DO NOT TOUCH A PENNY FROM ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT. ALL FUNDING TO CARE SERVICES AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS SHOULD COME STRAIGHT OUT OF THE POLICE BUDGET!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Pojman

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:45 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Emily Pojman and I'm a resident of North Hollywood. I'm writing on items number 3 and 28 and in support of the People's Budget LA. Having over 50% of the Los Angeles budget dedicated to the police is not only a disservice to the people of the Los Angeles, but for many, it can be a death sentence. An overwhelming number of citizens (myself included) are asking you to defund the police and redistribute that money to housing, mental health services, and community development. Stop beating around the bush by saying that the BLM-LA's presentation of the People's Budget LA is ground breaking and important and start taking physical action. Defund the police and start taking care of your people. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:46 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I support the People's Budget LA. As a tax payer I would like my money to be spent more on social services, on housing and mental health, and less on policing. I don't believe the current budget allocations are effective in terms of keeping our communities safe and protected. Please reinvest the grossly overinflated police budget in other services that strengthen the community, as outlined by the People's Budget LA's proposal.

Communication from Public

Name: Terra Ashe

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am here to address item 3. We must defund the police, disband the police and instead invest in public safety it is clear that police do not work for the safety of our public. You must adopt the people's budget and invest in our communities especially our communities of color who are disproportionately affected by homelessness, addiction, mental health, POLICE BRUTALITY, Covid-19 among more. Stop funding a brutal force that attacks and intimidates and instead invest in community reimagine what public safety can be. Do not give us empty words that you have done and you did today during the council meeting with the People's City Council to discuss the People's budget, act today and adopt the people's budget and publicly state that you support defunding the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew Pardue
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:16 PM
Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am a constituent of CD 13 and I want to say that I'm opposed to the mayors proposed budget and I am proud to stand in support of the Peoples Budget. I am looking for long term commitments to defunding the police department and long term commitments to invest to providing housing, healthcare, mental health support, youth development, and reimagining public safety that doesn't involve police. 100-150m dollars of cuts to LAPD is simply not enough. We are currently living in a city that criminalizes mental health, that criminalizes homelessness, that criminalizes people because of the color of their skin. Your flowery words and empty gestures are an insult to the constituents you serve. Now is a time to lead with compassion not violence and criminalization. Make a commitment to defund the police and adopt the peoples budget. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Hecht

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:17 PM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: You can find some savings if you eliminate the Domestic Partnership Program which provides (City/tax payer funded) health care and other benefits to girlfriends/boyfriends of City employees. The Domestic Partnership Program was an important City program that was implemented before the Supreme Court legalized gay marriage so that partners who could not get married would be provided w/ the same benefits as heterosexual couples. However, now that the Supreme Court legalized marriage, this Domestic Partnership Program still exists and I don't think that taxpayers want to fund health insurance (\$8-10k per person) for girlfriends/boyfriends of City employees. Is that really the most effective use of taxpayer funds and dollars? Ask Personnel Department how much this is costing the City and consider eliminating it so that taxpayers are not funding health care and other benefits for girlfriends/boyfriends of City employees. This could save the City money.