

Communication from Public

Name: Ethan Ming

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

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I hope you will rewrite the city's budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 to better serve the people of LA and be less tone deaf to current state of matters. There should be no reason why LAPD is receiving additional funding while cuts are being made to essential services such as the Public Works and Transportation departments. Rather than more policing, your biggest priority should be to ensure the health and safety of LA residents and have your allocation of funds reflect that.

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Name: Julia Aponte

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Communication from Public

Name: Mariela Nevárez

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 12:07 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My comment is regarding the LA city budget. As a physician in training and constituent of District 10, I am appalled that the city council would consider a budget that prioritizes the police during these moments of sickness. These distorted priorities are evident by the amount of disproportionate money allocated to the LAPD as opposed to social services. Not only is Covid-19 affecting the Black community disparately due to structural racism and the way we see it operationalized in institutions, but Black folks are also dying at the hands of law enforcement all over the country. We must put a stop to this state and city sanctioned violence by the police. A great start would be to defund the police. This pandemic offers us a window of opportunity to imagine and rebuild a healthier LA community. This city needs to be able to trust its city council to prioritize their wellness and health during these most difficult moments we are experiencing. We are in a public health crisis! Those of us who care for the LA community in our hospitals and clinics know that the people need care, not cops.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 12:22 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a concerned Los Angeles resident, I am urging the Council to re-allocate and transfer funds from our policing budget to urgently needed social programs for our city's Black community. The outsized, disproportionate amount of our city's expenditures that are provided to the LAPD at the expense of rising homelessness, unemployment, and public health risk is an unequivocal misappropriation of Angelenos' tax dollars. Angelenos need better public transport. We need more equitable housing and primary schooling. And more than anything, we need to invest in Black communities. While the Mayor's budget re-allocation to communities of color was a positive step, we need much more. What we certainly do not need, is a militarized police force that has yet to be held to account for its repeated and serial misdeeds and systemic targeting of Black residents. Let us live up to the beauty and spirit of resilient Angelenos by investing in the social programs that our vulnerable populations and our Black community need most, not continue to devote more than half of our budget to an outsized, multi-billion dollar police force. I am urging the Council to pass amendments to the budget that move funding away from increased policing and toward desperately needed social programs for our Black community. Black Lives Matter. Our city's budget must reflect that.

Communication from Public

Name: Maya

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 12:22 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a 17 year old girl. I am probably not going to write this in a “correct” form and I apologize. I have seen videos and pictures of my city, I can tell you this is the worst thing I have EVER seen. Mayor Eric Garcetti is saying he “sees us”. Has he seen the protests lately? LA city police officers, whom have sworn to protect us, are taking advantage of the power they have. I see videos of PEACEFUL protesters and the police are pushing them as if they are violent. They are using their voice is all. If you want to stop looting and violence it starts with the police. I understand that you have to go by what the president says, but you also have power of Cheif Moore. He needs to retire. He is not a good example for the police officers. I can say that because of the way they are treating INNOCENT INDIVIDUALS, PEOPLE. Our voice was heard, those officers responsible for the murder of George Floyd are in jail. Now you have a bigger problem, police brutality. They use their power way too much. Bringing me to my next topic. Rubber bullets. They use these in the most inappropriate times. People are getting hurt, losing eye sight, brains are bleeding, hearing loss. These should NOT be used during a PEACEFUL protest. What is a peaceful protest to them? Us staying home? Us going to a protest and staying quiet the whole time? Mr. Garcetti wants our voice to be heard, how can it be heard when the police are threatening us? When the police make us feel unsafe? They are scared? I think we are more scared of them. The fear I hear in people’s voices, “please don’t shoot” “please I am following the instructions you are saying” “please put the gun away”. Do you think this is the way we want our voice to be heard? With a gun against our head? With a rubber bullet bruising my body. Please help us. I beg you. Recently I have been SO scared, my mother works in retail. I am scared they are going to loot the store because YOUR officers are threatening the people. I am scared they are going to mistaken her as a looter. I am scared I won’t see her come home at 2 p.m. I am scared my father, who looks a little darker than me, is going to get put in a wrong situation. I am scared he is not going to come home at 4 p.m. Look at the impact that these police officers are making on us. Look at the impact they are making on children, babies, elders. Do you think this is the way we want to fight against BLACK LIVES MATTER? By being threatened? I don’t think

this will be read and will be listened to, but I want to give it a try. I beg you, please take action if you're seeing us. I thank you for the positive that you are doing which is letting us protest in what we believe but make these protests safer. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Pete Byrnes

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 01:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a heinous and inexcusable amount of money going to the LAPD, a department held entirely unaccountable by its chief, the mayor, DA Jackie Lacey, and yourselves. How many more Black Americans have to die for you to take control of a department teeming with racists and white supremacists? If I beat anybody with a club, or pepper sprayed teenagers point blank in the eye, or flashed the white power sign at my job, there would be no second chance - I would be rightfully fired on the spot. Police departments across this country must reckon with the fact that a large proportion of their own are mentally UNWELL: as Toni Morrison says, racism is a disease, an affliction. A \$150 million cut to LAPD will not achieve the drastic change needed to uproot these forces from the militarized force that is the LAPD, nor will updating police conduct up to the 8 standards circulating currently. After all, it is a capital-E Embarrassment to our city we aren't currently following these protocol. Los Angeles needs to dramatically reimagine what public safety looks like, and that starts with the city council familiarizing itself and implementing the People's Budget. Those without the imagination or political will to lead the way to this new era of public safety will be promptly voted out of office.

Communication from Public

Name: Perry Radford

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 01:53 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern, As you know, members of our Angeleno community continue to be victims of growing income inequality. Thousands of people live on our streets. More are threatened with homelessness, loss of health care, and the fear of catching COVID-19 as we sink further into this health and economic crisis. For those reasons alone, it is unethical to devote so many of our city funds to policing. Funds must be diverted to programs that actually improve the healthy and safety of our community. Furthermore, the LAPD continues to show that it is unable to protect and serve and is doing the opposite. I am appalled by the photos of a disabled homeless man just one block from my home being shot in the face with rubber bullets for merely being in the wrong place at the wrong time. I am appalled that none of the dozens of police present at the moment stopped a clearly immoral and illegal action from taking place. You know this is just one single example of our police actively harming members of the community and there are countless more, just from this week alone. How can we live with ourselves if continue to allow this activity to take place? Why do we let one group of people terrorize others and inflict pain, violence, and death? There is NO acceptable answer to that question. I urge you to consider drastically defunding our police force and instead divert funds to programs that will actually enhance the safety and vitality of our community. Policing should be funded less and less every year as we build other programs that will actually fix most of the ailments our friends and neighbors experience. It's the right thing to do. Sincerely, Perry Radford

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel Williams

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 01:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Given the current outstanding situation across the United States and elsewhere pertaining to the death of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and countless other black American citizens, and questions surrounding the efficacy and enforcement of the American judicial system - specifically, with regard to the LAPD - I find it objectionable that a larger part of the LAPD budget is not being dedicated to other resources... rather, that the overwhelming majority of the budget is going to be continuously dedicated to the Los Angeles police force. Consider what could be done to contribute to the fight against system racism if this money is to be spent in other ways, from investing in public works such as better education, public transportation, and reconstruction, and additional other aspects of the Los Angeles community. Consider, too, that any budget spent funding a police force could contribute to training an entirely new generation of officers dedicated to upholding the law WITH training against excessive force, enacting this and other policies to help keep our community safe. Please, consider the many years of contributions that have led to this very moment, one that is pivotal in Los Angeles' history, and what good would come of continuing to fund a resource within the county that has been met with criticism time and time again. Please, consider the goodwill you would spread among your community and the good that would inevitably come of allocating funding to those in need, as opposed to persisting in a system that is long past due for reform. Please, stop the systematic racism and alter LA's upcoming fiscal year budget for the betterment and sake of your community and all the people depending on you. We cannot do it without you.

Communication from Public

Name: katheirne Calligori

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 01:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am demanding that we DEFUND the LAPD. \$150M out of \$3.5B is NOT ENOUGH. I propose we reallocate those funds to Universal Aid and Crisis Management, Built Environment, and Reimagined Community Safety. The LAPD is hyper-violent, ineffective, and taking funds from more important areas. DEFUND LAPD NOW Katherine Calligori Burbank, CA

Communication from Public

Name: Adriana

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 02:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I have lived in Los Angeles for the past 20 years and I will not stand for the current budget that's been set forth by the city. This budget allocates an inordinate amount of money to a broken police force that is trained to racially profile people of color and dehumanize its citizens both mentally and physically. Over the past few weeks I've seen peaceful protestors pepper sprayed, tear gassed, and physically beaten by the police. This is because the police are doing what they believe they have been trained to do. That is a serious problem. It's a problem that can be fixed by a complete overhaul of the way the city is policed. Instead of using the city's budget on the broken police system and "crime control", it should be spent on social initiatives that can help with things such as better serving youth in the underfunded public school system and spent on the homelessness crisis. It should also fund unarmed social workers who are better equipped to not harass and intimidate people but rather help them find the needed resources. This keeps prisons from being senselessly overcrowded and helps not escalate situations that could lead to excessive force being used. I demand that you look towards crime prevention and early intervention instead of equipping police officers with the power to assault people in the name of "protecting and serving."

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Name: Kathryn Skelton

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 07:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Kathryn Skelton and I live in Glassell Park. I am urging you to defund the police and pass the People's Budget. Cutting \$100-150 million from LAPD's 3 billion dollar budget is nowhere near enough. Their violence and brutality must end and the only way to do that is to stop investing in it. The People's Budget asks for a law enforcement and policing budget of less than 6% of the total budget, the rest of the funding allocated to universal aid and crisis management, built environment, and reimagined community safety. We need care and services, not cops. Our budget should be spent on mental health services, housing for all, rent suspension and forgiveness, increased funding for public schools, resources for small business, and free public transit. Sincerely, Kathryn Skelton

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel Pegram

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

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Comments for Public Posting: During the June 8th budget hearing, please approve the motion to re-open labor negotiations with the LAPD, as a first step toward dramatically changing the way the city spends money. Two years ago the budget for the LAPD was half a billion dollars lower than the current proposal - the small cuts proposed by Eric Garcetti are not enough. As a supporter of organized labor in general, I would like to register my disgust that studies show that when police unionize, MORE civilians - especially black civilians - die. (There is no corresponding increase in the safety of officers, the ones who take an oath to protect us.) This is a time when we can fundamentally transform the way our city works, to prioritize the people who make Los Angeles the amazing city that it is over a militarized force that makes our streets more dangerous. Please do everything in your considerable power to seize this moment, defund the LAPD, and direct resources towards trained mental health urgent response, housing all Angelenos, and other community priorities which are outlined in the People's Budget.

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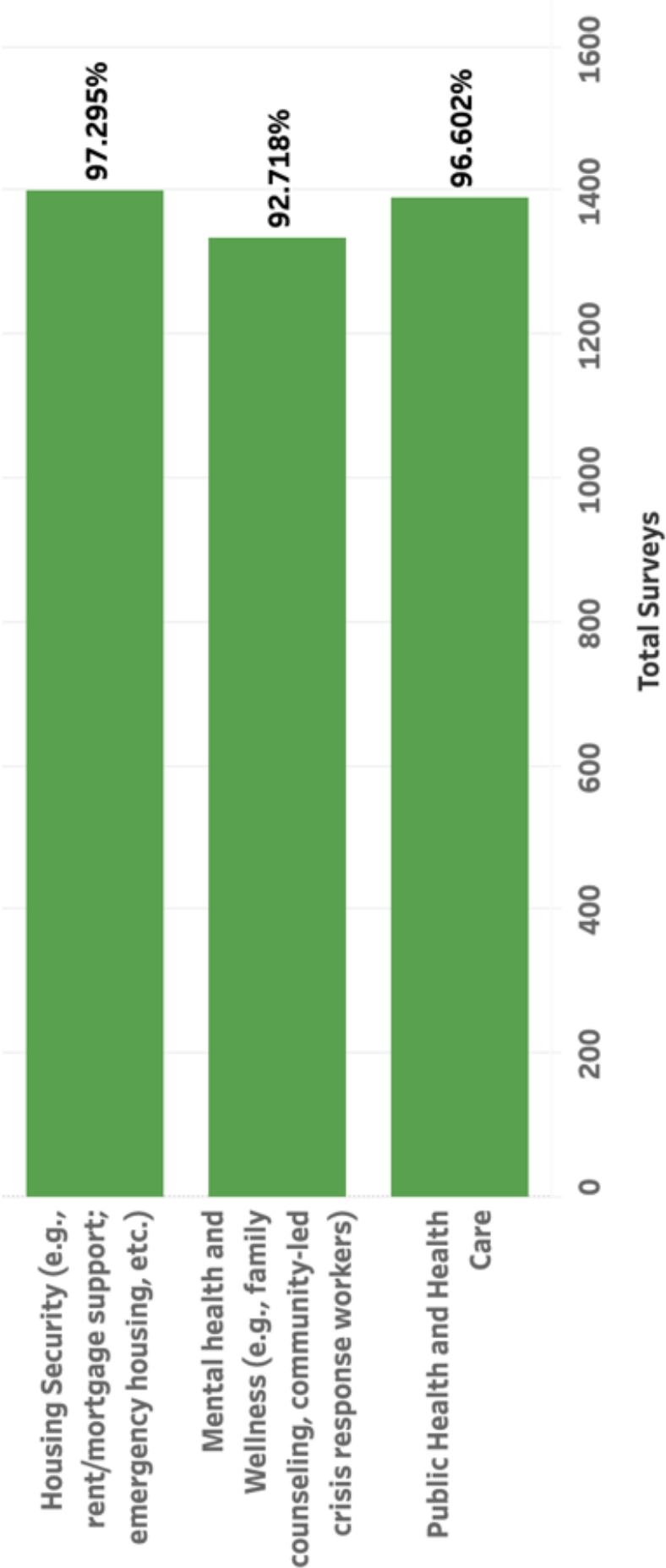
Name: Alexander Jinyoung Byun

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 10:57 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The mayor's proposed cuts to the LAPD is not enough. Please restructure the LA budget to put more money into transport, community programs, healthcare, housing security, etc. Please work on behalf of this city to fund programs that lift communities. Stop prioritizing the militarization of our police force and the systemic killing of minorities in this country.

Top Priorities for Investment



Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:16 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I call on the council to take two actionable steps towards defunding the LAPD: 1) ELIMINATE THE LAPD'S BUDGET FOR LIABILITIES AND LAWSUITS: Eliminate the amount spent in 2019 on lawsuits and other liabilities from the 2020 budget. Create a financial incentive for the LAPD to have no lawsuits or police brutality cases and force the department to bear the cost of any they do have by necessitating they make cuts to their other budget lines. 2) DISMANTLE LASPD: LASPD is a bloated program with a long history of misconduct and corruption. It is a major part of the school-to-prison pipeline and comes at the cost of social and support programs that students actually need. Follow the example of Minneapolis Public Schools and eliminate police presence in schools and dismantle the LASPD. Redirect those funds to education, social, and support services for LAUSD students (NOT Through our Eyes, actual services for students, not services for the police).

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:20 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund LAPD now! Rebuild them from the ground up. It is unnecessary to give them half of our city's budget when we could instead fight homelessness and build better city infrastructure.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Morris

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:20 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles, I request that the City Council enact The People's Budget and defund the LAPD. Far too many of our tax dollars are going into the police budget, while too few are providing necessary services to those most in need in our community. The police are not a one-size-fits-all solution to every problem, and should not be treated as such. We need to dismantle the LAPD as it currently exists, and rebuild and rebudget according to the actual priorities of the city.

Communication from Public

Name: Kelsey

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:20 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE LA POLICE DEPARTMENT. The police department does not need billions of dollars, let alone three. That money needs to be redistributed to more communal benefits such as education, transportation, parks and recs, healthcare, etc. Stop giving the people's money to fund violence. Stop killing black people. Make it make sense. Black Lives Matter.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Cucarola

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:22 AM

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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. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA.

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Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:29 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and use that money towards education and towards the community

Communication from Public

Name: Tanya Kane-Parry

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:30 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Aimee Munton

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:31 AM

Council File No: 20-0600

Comments for Public Posting: Council Budget and Finance Committee: I make this public comment 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. While the Mayor recently announced he would decrease LAPD funding by up to \$150M, this symbolic gesture is simply not enough. 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 and follow Minneapolis's example and not just make small changes and reforms to our police department, but to start from the ground up to figure out what our city really needs and how we can best address those needs. I am saying this as a person who both has police officers in her family and whose property was burglarized in Los Angeles last year. Policing as it stands today is not working and must be reconsidered. 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 real look at our city's needs for public safety—and through it, for a more just, equitable, and humane Los Angeles. I urge the City Council to adopt a budget to shift resources from the LAPD to social services, housing, employment programs, restorative justice programs, rent relief, and public health efforts. Sincerely, Aimee M

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Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:35 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno. 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

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Name: Christina Belcher

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

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Comments for Public Posting: No raises for LAPD! Adopt the Peoples budget! Defund LAPD!

Communication from Public

Name: Alejandra Lara

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

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Comments for Public Posting: For the safety of the citizens and the common good for the people, I implore you to adopt the Peoples Budget that would disperse the taxpayers' money towards communities and services that help the public the most instead of funding a racist system that fills private prisons for profit.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:48 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please defund the police and allocate the money to initiatives like education, health, and community development.

Communication from Public

Name: Melinh Rozen

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:49 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Budget and Finance Committee, The Mayor's Budget, even with the proposed amendments below, does not do nearly enough to ensure LA is safe, healthy, and equitable for ALL Angelenos, and in particular Black Angelenos. This committee must re-consider the Mayor's budget entirely and develop a budget that is in alignment with The People's Budget and the demands of BLM-LA. This means there must be serious defunding and divestment from LAPD and re-investment into marginalized communities, especially Black communities. Simply limiting the funding increases is not enough. A 3% adjustment is not enough. We want #CareNotCops, #ServicesNotSweeps, and a budget that affirms #BlackLivesMatter.

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Name: Ashley Perez

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:51 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: To Mayor Garcetti and those this comment may concern: Having marched on the streets for the past week, I would like to say on behalf of my feet and those of the hundreds of thousands of protestors, that it is an absolute shame that our city is dedicating 54% of our budget to the Police when all of our streets are in shambles. Perhaps you would know this if you joined us sometime.

Communication from Public

Name: Nevine Mahmoud

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:52 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Garcetti's budget reevaluation to remove \$150 million from LAPD is too little. ADOPT A PEOPLES BUDGET. We want a budget that reflects our priorities and needs as Angelenos. We want more services for the unhoused, including housing in the thousands of empty hotel rooms throughout the city; more mental health services; rent suspension and forgiveness for the 55% of Angelenos who are unemployed; more funding for public schools and resources to ensure all students- regardless of their situation - can continue learning during these uncertain times. GARCETTI needs to DEFUND THE POLICE Funds from LAPD need to go toward 1. Universal Aid and Crisis Management 2. Built Environment 3. Reimagined Community Safety

Communication from Public

Name: Brett Andriesen

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is unacceptable to enact a budget which demands furloughs from city workers, slashes programs that help us combat crises, while providing increased funding only to the LAPD. If our city budget represents our priorities, goals and visions, it's unfathomable to me that more than half of our funds will be going toward policing, particularly within the context of a global pandemic and increased visibility into the lack of accountability the LAPD has shown in recent days. The LAPD has shown a repeated lack of restraint, a lack of public trust, and has inflicted brutality after brutality on innocent, unarmed, peaceful protesters across the nation, and all across the city. I am shocked and disgusted by what I see. The LAPD must be curtailed immediately, and giving them 54% of our city budget while reducing funding for nearly everything else across our city is plain wrong. I'm urging you to follow the lead that Minneapolis City Council showed this weekend and commit to complete defunding and divesting of the LAPD. We should instead enact a budget that is more closely aligned with The People's Budget (<https://peoplesbudgetla.com/peoplesbudget/>) - which was developed through an inclusive process, engaging more than 10,000 Angelenos to prioritize critical areas to focus spending - housing, mental health and wellness, public health, and healthcare. Areas proposed for less funding include parking enforcement, police and policing, and the City Attorney's Office. Further, I am asking you to firmly call for Chief Moore to be removed from his position as police chief. I watched the LA Police commission meeting yesterday while hundreds of Angelenos called for his resignation. He has apologized for his words used during the mayor's press conference Monday, saying he mis-spoke, but his words could not be more clear: "His death is on their hands, as much as it those officers. And that is a strong statement, but I must say that this civil unrest that we're in the midst of, we must turn a corner from people who are involved in violence - people who are involved in praying upon others." Chief Moore knew the statement was a strong one - he said so as he spoke. Chief Moore is not just some staffer who misspoke to the press, but a highly paid police chief for the third largest municipal police department in the nation, and was speaking to the city during a time of crisis. In the midst of an ongoing global

pandemic and extremely heightened tensions between LAPD and Angelenos, strong leadership is necessary. Chief Moore showed during his speech today that he is not capable of doing his job effectively on behalf of our city, instead choosing unacceptable words that are inflammatory and hurtful to those already experiencing significant pain. He must resign or be terminated immediately. On top of his despicable words, he has been largely silent and ineffective at reigning in the LAPD force in their use of violence and unnecessary arrests of peaceful protesters. And finally, I'd ask that you all do everything in your power to see Jackie Lacey is removed from her role as District Attorney. While Jackie Lacey has been in office, she has firmly refused to prosecute a single LAPD officer for a shooting, despite 601 people being killed by law enforcement or dying in custody during DA Lacey's tenure. She has also stood in direct opposition to voter-led initiatives seeking to reverse the harms of mass incarceration, such as Proposition 47, Proposition 57, and Proposition 64. Furthermore, she has exacerbated the racial disparities in our capital punishment system by securing death sentences for 22 people, all of whom are people of color. Most recently, amid this global pandemic, a leaked memo from DA Lacey's office revealed her efforts to subvert the statewide zero-dollar bail order that was implemented to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in jails and in our community. Her focus on loopholes at the expense of decarceration puts our public health at risk. We cannot continue to have unfettered spending for and violence by police, and the killing of countless black and brown people on our hands. BLACK LIVES MATTER and our spending and staffing throughout the city need to reflect that.

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Name: Miles

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I do not want lapd to face any reduction in funding. In fact it should be the opposite and they should set up training and tolerance programs along with better psych evals.