
Constituent Response: 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Cameron Crone <cameron.crone@gmail.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 5:55 PM

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Thank you for your time.
Cameron Crone
Constituent of Council District 13

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1 message

From: Michelle Escobar <mich.escobar50@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 11:59 PM

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Budget and Finance Review for 2020-2021

1 message

From: Andrea Bernal <andreabernal513@gmail.com>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>, "councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org" <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, "councilmember.martinez@lacity.org" <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>

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PLEASE ADOPT A PEOPLES' BUDGET

1 message

From: Mike Goetz <mikemgoetzman@gmail.com>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 11:42 PM

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Mike Goetz

URGENT MAYORS BUDGET PROPOSAL

1 message

From: Bennet Perez <bennetperez@gmail.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 11:40 PM

Hello Andrew,

My name is Bennet Perez, I am a long time Angeleno living in Larchmont Village, City Council District 4. As one of your constituents, I am writing to urge that you adopt a People's Budget and defund the police.

I fully reject the mayor's budget and instead support a redistribution of wealth back into the community -- to health, housing, transportation, education, and arts services. I support the People's Budget LA, whose message is #carenotcops, and I will not vote for officials in future elections who did not call for a vote [tomorrow \(June 1\)](#) and vote against the budget as proposed.

Through his abhorrent handling of this week's protests, the mayor has betrayed Angelenos: instead of following through in his responsibility to serve and listen to the voices of the people, he called for the further militarization of our streets. I am urging you, David Ryu and councilmembers, to publicly honor your obligation to those you represent by considering an alternative budget that prioritizes the true needs of this city -- needs that are ever more urgent in the midst of a health pandemic.

Thank you for your time,
Bennet Perez

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LA Budget Reviewing

1 message

From: 'Yesenia De Casas' via Clerk Budget and Finance Committee <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org
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Constituent Response to 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Gracie Hadland <gracelliotartz@gmail.com>

To: councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 11:38 PM

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Grace Hadland
Los Angeles Resident

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From: Brittany Johnson <bmjohnson.5191@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 11:36 PM

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Brittany Johnson

LA City Budget

1 message

From: Irazu Hernandez <irazuherandez2021@u.northwestern.edu>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 11:21 PM

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Sincerely,
Irazú Hernández

Irazú Hernández (she/her/hers)

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Constituent Response 2020-2021 Budget

2 messages

From: marisa wedemeyer <mewedemeyer@gmail.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 10:27 PM

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Marisa Wedemeyer
A constituent of Council District 13

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From: marisa wedemeyer <mewedemeyer@gmail.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 11:19 PM

On Sun, May 31, 2020 at 10:27 PM marisa wedemeyer <mewedemeyer@gmail.com> wrote:

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Marisa E. Wedemeyer

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Defund LAPD and go with the PEOPLES BUDGET

1 message

From: Brenda Juan <brenda.juan.888@gmail.com>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>, "councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org" <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, "councilmember.martinez@lacity.org" <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>

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Please, if you TRULY care about us Angelinos, listen to what we are saying and asking.

Thank you for your time,
Brenda Juan

Review LAPD Budget - ACTION NEEDED

1 message

From: Amanda Cornish <arcornish3@gmail.com>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>, "councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org" <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, "councilmember.martinez@lacity.org" <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 11:10 PM

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Best,
Amanda Cornish
Resident of The San Fernando Valley

Review LAPD Budget - ACTION NEEDED

1 message

From: Amanda Cornish 'student' <amanda.cornish@pepperdine.edu>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 11:07 PM

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Pepperdine University '21
Liberal Arts Major

LAPD Budget

1 message

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To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 10:56 PM

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Budget

1 message

From: 'Alison Linder' via Clerk Budget and Finance Committee <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 10:51 PM

Hi, I wanted to write to express my opinion that the mayors new budget should attempt to cut evenly. I was made aware that cuts will be made in all areas other than LAPD. While safety is important, I also highly value city services and programs for the needy as well as protection of the environment and maintaining our infrastructure. I would also like the city to retain employees rather than give raises to a select few.

Thank you for, your consideration of my opinions on the budget. Again, even cuts seem more logical than what is currently proposed.

Sincerely,

Alison

Sent from my iPhone

Citizen Response: 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: 'Nancy Garcia' via Clerk Budget and Finance Committee <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>
To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 10:48 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely and with hope for change,
Nancy

<no subject>

1 message

From: Michelle M. <michellemontenegro123@gmail.com>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>, "councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org" <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, "councilmember.martinez@lacity.org" <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>

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LA CITY BUDGET

1 message

From: Zaydell Arreola <arreolazaydell@gmail.com>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>

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City of LA 20-21 Budget Concerns

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To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
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With the funds cut from LAPD, I encourage you to urgently redistribute funds to public education. Schools across LA city and county are working against extreme state budget cuts and are responding by laying off employees and cutting back on the services offered to students. If we really want to vision for Los Angeles, it must be through the youth of this great city. We need funds now.

Giving the police 54% of the mayors budget is a violent and unacceptable decision and the people of LA do not agree with this decision.

Thank you for your time.

Ashleigh Miller

Police Department Funding

1 message

From: Shierra Earley-Alvarez <searleya@bu.edu>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 10:31 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

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Thank you for your time.

Shierra Earley-Alvarez
Los Angeles Resident

Police Department Budget

1 message

From: Emily Miner <esminer@gmail.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 10:30 PM

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Thank you for your time.

Emily Miner
Los Angeles Resident

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Constituent Response 2020-2021 Budget

2 messages

From: marisa wedemeyer <mewedemeyer@gmail.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 10:27 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

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Thank you in advance for your time.

Marisa Wedemeyer
A constituent of Council District 13

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From: marisa wedemeyer <mewedemeyer@gmail.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 11:19 PM

On Sun, May 31, 2020 at 10:27 PM marisa wedemeyer <mewedemeyer@gmail.com> wrote:

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Marisa Wedemeyer
A constituent of Council District 13

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Marisa E. Wedemeyer

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Budget

1 message

From: 'Cynthia Juarez' via Clerk Budget and Finance Committee <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 9:58 PM

>> Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

>> I understand the city of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. Obviously there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, but this is not a time for dire cuts to some of its most important departments including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Parks and Recreation, Transportation and Housing, and Community Investments. Each of these departments provide extremely critical resources to the residents of Los Angeles.

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>> Thank you for your time.

>> Cynthia Juarez

>> Los Angeles Resident

Constituent Response 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Eliot Fernau <eliot.fernau@gmail.com>
To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 9:58 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I am a UCLA student set to graduate in two weeks. I am very concerned about the city's proposed budget, and share the opinions with many fellow Angeleans regarding the URGENT need for fiscal reform.

I understand the City of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. While I understand that there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is not a time for dire cuts from some of the most valuable departments including Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Rec+Parks, Transportation, and Housing and Community Investments. Each of these Departments provide critical resources to the residents of Los Angeles.

In light of recent events including the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd, and Breonna Taylor, and their impact nationally, this is an important time to critically review the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department as well as strengthening its oversight. The costs of this department overshadows the rest of the city's budget exponentially, more than half of the general fund, which could provide much needed financial support to other programs.

While I (and the many others sending similar messages) understand the cost of running a department of this size is extensive, it is critical that the LAPD is fiscally reviewed and its budget faces the same critical attention as other departments. This is an important time for the city to reflect on its fiscal management of the LAPD, and the well-being of Los Angeles citizens at large. The time is now to invest in long term community solutions, not immediate, punitive measures.

With respect, seriousness and urgency,
Eliot Fernau
UCLA Los Angeles

Constituent Response to 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: 'Susan Liu' via Clerk Budget and Finance Committee <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 9:27 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

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In light of recent events including the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and many more and their impact nationally, this is an extremely crucial time to critically review the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department as well as strengthening its oversight.

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Thank you for your time,
Susan Liu

Budget Review -- LAPD Budget

2 messages

From: Sarah Williams <sarah@wccw.us>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 6:37 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I understand the City of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. While I understand there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is not the time for dire cuts from some of the most important departments, including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Rec+Parks, Transportation and Housing and Community Investments. Each of these departments provide critical resources to the citizens of Los Angeles

In light of recent events, including the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, and the LAPD's actions towards peaceful protesters in our own city this weekend, it is an important time to critically review the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department as well as strengthening its oversight. At more than half the general fund, the costs of this department overshadows the rest of the City's budget exponentially. It is irresponsible in the face of the multitude of issues we face as a city right now, and in no service to the citizens of Los Angeles to support the LAPD in this way. We can solve more of the challenges we face through beneficial services and resources rather than criminalizing citizens in racist and classist ways. I hope that the council can stand up to the political pressure of the LAPD and make the right decision to support the citizens of LA. I highly urge you to check out [The People's Budget](#), if you have not already. This human-centered budget is more reflective of the values that I and many in my community hold, and those I hope our city can uphold.

Sincerely,
Sarah Williams

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Sarah Williams
Executive Director

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From: Hannah Grossman <hannaegrossman@gmail.com>
To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 9:24 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I understand the City of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. While I understand there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is not the time for dire cuts from some of the most important departments, including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Rec+Parks, Transportation and Housing and Community Investments. Each of these departments provide critical resources to the citizens of Los Angeles

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reflective of the values that I and many in my community hold, and those I hope our city can uphold.

Sincerely,
Hannah Grossman

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Hannah E. Grossman hannaegrossman@gmail.com 404.840.3720

Constituent Response to 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Siobhan Furnary <siobhanfurnary@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 9:24 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I understand the city of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. Obviously there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, but this is not a time for dire cuts to some of its most important departments including: Emergency Management, LAUSD, Parks and Recreation, Transportation and Housing, and Community Investments. Each of these departments provide extremely critical resources to the residents of Los Angeles.

In light of recent events including the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and many more and their impact nationally, this is an extremely crucial time to critically review the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department as well as strengthening its oversight.

The costs of this department overshadows the rest of the city's budget exponentially, more than half of the general fund, which could provide much needed and necessary support to other programs, programs that serve the public's needs so much more.

It is an imperative time that the LAPD's budget is fiscally reviewed, and ultimately reduced. It is an imperative time that the city reflect upon its management of the LAPD, its overall oversight, and its relationship to its citizens and the harm they inflict upon them.

Please consider allocating more money to addressing homelessness, increasing access to health care, and improving LA's schools.

Thank you for your time.

Siobhan Furnary
Los Angeles Resident, 90031

LA 2020-21 Budget

1 message

From: Catherine Azimi <catazimi@gmail.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 9:16 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I understand the City of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-21 budget for the fiscal year. While I understand that there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is not a time for dire cuts from some of its most important departments including; Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Rec and Parks, Transportation and Housing and Community Investments. Each of these Departments provide critical resources to the citizens of Los Angeles.

This is a time to fund community, not police.

Sincerely,

Catherine Azimi
San Pedro

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Constituent Response to 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Livia Reiner <superfabred@gmail.com>

To: councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org, clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 9:10 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

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Thank you,

Livia Reiner
Los Angeles Resident

can the public attend city council meetings virtually?

1 message

From: Beth Corzo-Duchardt <beth.duchardt@gmail.com>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 9:04 PM

Hi there,

I see that all city council meetings that are usually open to the public have been cancelled due to Coronavirus. This makes sense, but is there a way to attend these meetings virtually, via zoom or some other technology?

I'm specifically interested in the budget and finance meeting that was scheduled for June 1st at 2pm.

Thanks!

All Best,

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Beth Corzo-Duchardt, PhD

Independent Scholar

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Adopt a People's Budget

4 messages

From: Sonya Tamaddon <sonyatamaddon@gmail.com>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.Lee@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 4:09 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Community,

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Over 50% of this city is renters — and if folks are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, there were around 60k unhoused folks; after evictions and economic insecurity due to COVID-19 and its fall out, we can expect thousands more. In this context, the Mayor is proposing an increase to LAPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. LAPD has seen a rise in overtime which, more often than not, is paid out to officers harassing unhoused folks, and Black, Indigenous, people of color.

After declining to vote on this draconian proposal last week, City Council referred it back to the Budget and Finance Committee. Now, the Committee has decided not to meet, thereby shirking its duty and upholding the racist and white-supremacist structures that underlie both the proposal and City Council as a governing body.

I am urging you to publicly support the People's Budget. The Mayor's disastrous proposal **MUST** be updated with the priorities of Angelenos. **You need to Adopt a People's Budget which defunds the police.** We need disinvestment from the police, and investment in community- and health-centered services. Public opinion is with me

Thank you for your time,

Your constituent,

Sonya Tamaddon

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From: Amanda Hunt <asimmshunt@gmail.com>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.Lee@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 4:57 PM

Dear Madame President & Council Members,

I understand the City of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. While I know that there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is not a time for dire cuts to some of its most important departments including Education, Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Recs + Parks, Transportation, to name a few.

Over 50% of this city is comprised of renters — and if folks are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Councilmember Martinez, I know you support families first, and so many families across LA will be adversely impacted. Prior to the pandemic, there were around 60k unhoused people; after evictions and economic insecurity due to COVID-19 and its fall out, we can expect thousands more. In this context, the Mayor has proposed a significant increase to funding for the LAPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. LAPD has seen a rise in overtime which, more often than not, is paid out to officers harassing unhoused folks, and Black, Indigenous, people of color.

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I am urging you to publicly support the People's Budget. The Mayor's disastrous proposal **MUST** be updated with the priorities of Angelenos. At this critical juncture in US history in the year 2020, **you need to Adopt a People's Budget which defunds the police and supports people**. We need disinvestment from the police, and investment in community and health-centered services. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time.

Your constituent,
Amanda Hunt

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Amanda Simms Hunt
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From: Meghan McWilliams <meggs0807@gmail.com>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.Lee@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 8:55 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Community,

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I am urging you to publicly support the People's Budget. The Mayor's proposal must be updated with the priorities of Angelenos. **The city would benefit from adopting the People's Budget**. We need investment in community- and health-centered services right now in order to take care of our people and have a sense of solidarity in these crazy times.

Thank you for your time,

Your constituent,

Meghan McWilliams

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Sonya Tamaddon

Mobile: +310-963-8233

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From: Rebecca Rodriguez <rebeccahrodriguez@gmail.com>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.Lee@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org

At: Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 11:54 AM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Community,

I understand the City of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. While I understand that there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is not a time for dire cuts from some of its most important departments including Education, Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Recs + Parks, Transportation, to name a few.

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Thank you for your time,

Your constituent,

Rebecca Rodriguez

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More equitable budget please

1 message

From: John Birtle <jburtle@gmail.com>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 8:18 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I understand the City of Los Angeles in the process reviewing it's 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. While I understand that there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is not a time for dire cuts from some of its most important departments including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Rec+Parks, Transportation and Housing & Community Investments. Each of these Department's provide critical resources to the citizen's of Los Angeles.

In light of recent events including the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery and Geroge Floyd, and their impact globally, this is an important time to critically review the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department as well as strengthening it's oversight. The costs of this Department overshadows the rest of the City's budget exponentially, more than half of the general fund, and can provide much needed financial support to other programs.

While the cost of running a Department of this size I understand is extensive, it is critical LAPD is fiscally reviewed and its budget faces the same level of critical attention as other Departments. This is an important time for the City to reflect upon the fiscal management of the LAPD, its overall oversight and it's relationship to its citizens.

Thank you for your time.

Fwd: Constituent Response to 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Tyler Finnie <tylerhf@gmail.com>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>, "councilmember.huizar@lacity.org" <councilmember.huizar@lacity.org>

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 8:16 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee, I want to first thank you for your work and the public service you do. I am writing you as a Los Angeles resident– I've lived here for 10 years since attending UCLA in 2010. I now live in Highland Park and feel very invested in the community here.

I understand the city of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. Obviously there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, but this is not a time for dire cuts to some of its most important departments including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Parks and Recreation, Transportation and Housing, and Community Investments.

Each of these departments provide extremely critical resources to the residents of Los Angeles. In light of recent events including the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and many more and their impact nationally, this is an extremely crucial time to critically review the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department as well as strengthening its oversight.

The costs of this department overshadows the rest of the city's budget exponentially, more than half of the general fund, which could provide much needed and necessary support to other programs, programs that serve the public's needs so much more. It is an imperative time that the LAPD's budget is fiscally reviewed. It is an imperative time that the city reflect upon its management of the LAPD, its overall oversight, and its relationship to its citizens and the harm they inflict upon them.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and again for your public service!

Tyler Finnie
Los Angeles Resident

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Tyler Finnie

Constituent Response 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Samantha Eddo <samanthaeddo@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 7:34 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I understand the City of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. While I understand that there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is not a time for dire cuts from some of its most important departments including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Rec&Parks, Transportation and Housing & Community Investments. Each of these departments provide critical resources to the residents of Los Angeles.

In light of recent events including the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery & George Floyd, and their impact nationally, this is an important time to critically review the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department as well as strengthening its oversight. The costs of this Department overshadows the rest of the City's budget exponentially, more than half of the general fund, which could provide much needed financial support to other programs.

While I understand the cost of running a department of this size is extensive, it is critical that the LAPD is fiscally reviewed and its budget faces the same level of critical attention as other departments. This is an important time for the city to reflect upon the fiscal management of the LAPD, its overall oversight, and its relationship to its citizens.

Thank you in advance for your time.

Samantha Eddo
Constituent of Council District 13

URGENT

1 message

From: Villapudua Molina, Ana L <avillap5@calstatela.edu>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>, "councilmember.martinez@lacity.org" <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, "councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org" <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 7:20 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I understand the city of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. Obviously there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, but this is not a time for dire cuts to some of its most important departments including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Parks and Recreation, Transportation and Housing, and Community Investments. Each of these departments provide extremely critical resources to the residents of Los Angeles. Funding should instead be cut from the LAPD, and their budget reallocated to the people and programs that need it most.

In light of recent events including the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and many more and their impact nationally, this is an extremely crucial time to critically review the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department as well as strengthening its oversight.

The costs of this department overshadows the rest of the city's budget exponentially, more than half of the general fund, which could provide much needed and necessary support to other programs, programs that serve the public's needs so much more.

It is an imperative time that the LAPD's budget is fiscally reviewed. It is an imperative time that the city reflect upon its management of the LAPD, its overall oversight, and its relationship to its citizens and the harm they inflict upon them. The people of Los Angeles are imploring you to cut the funding for the LAPD.

Thank you for your time.

Constituent Response to 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: CAMILLE CLAIR <camilleclair@ucla.edu>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 7:18 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I understand the city of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. Obviously there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, but this is not a time for dire cuts to some of its most important departments including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Parks and Recreation, Transportation and Housing, and Community Investments. Each of these departments provide extremely critical resources to the residents of Los Angeles.

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Thank you for your time.

Camille Clair
Los Angeles Resident

2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Jae Hauser <jameshauser@gmail.com>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 7:08 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

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Thank you for your time.
James Hauser

Los Angeles Budget

1 message

From: Zane Kaufmann <zanekaufmann@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, matt.tecle@lacity.org, chuy.orozco@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 6:58 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I am a Los Angeles Resident in the 11th district. I understand the city of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. Obviously there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, but this is not a time for dire cuts to some of its most important departments including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Parks and Recreation, Transportation and Housing, and Community Investments. Each of these departments provide extremely critical resources to the residents of Los Angeles.

In light of recent events including the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and many more and their impact nationally, this is an extremely crucial time to critically review the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department as well as strengthening its oversight.

The costs of this department overshadows the rest of the city's budget exponentially, more than half of the general fund, which could provide much needed and necessary support to other programs, programs that serve the public's needs so much more.

It is an imperative time that the LAPD's budget is fiscally reviewed. It is an imperative time that the city reflect upon its management of the LAPD, its overall oversight, and its relationship to its citizens and the harm they inflict upon them. The budget reserved for police must not be larger than every other department combined. These are my tax dollars and I feel a sense of extreme personal responsibility in this matter. However this issue is handled will be noted and remembered when my local leaders are up for reelection.

Thank you.

Zane Kaufmann

Los Angeles Resident

Constituent Response 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Reyna Lopez <reyna3lopez@gmail.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 6:56 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I understand the City of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing it's 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. While I understand that there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of COVID-19 pandemic, this is not a time for dire cuts from some of its most important departments including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Rec+Parks, Transportation and Housing & Community Investments. Each of these Departments provide critical resources to the residents of Los Angeles.

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Thank you for your time.
Reyna Lopez

Constituent Response: 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Marcy Manker <marcymanker@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 6:45 PM

Dear City Council Members, Finance Committee Members, and Finance Committee Clerk:

I am an LA City resident in the 13th district. You must seriously reevaluate the proposed 2020-2021 city budget. A city budget that raises funding on LAPD and spends over 54% of the general fund on policing protects and upholds white supremacy.

I want to vote for and support city council members who work to restore justice in every in very vein that has been so consistently and cruelly oppressed for BIPOC in our city. These include among many others: disproportionate maternal mortality, the preschool to prison pipeline, housing discrimination, and police brutality.

The budget shows our values. You must call an emergency meeting to address this. You must chose CARE not COPS.

I have reviewed the People's Budget LA proposal and support this vision for our city.

Thank you,
Marcy

Budget Review -- LAPD Budget

2 messages

From: Sarah Williams <sarah@wccw.us>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 6:37 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I understand the City of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. While I understand there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is not the time for dire cuts from some of the most important departments, including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Rec+Parks, Transportation and Housing and Community Investments. Each of these departments provide critical resources to the citizens of Los Angeles

In light of recent events, including the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, and the LAPD's actions towards peaceful protesters in our own city this weekend, it is an important time to critically review the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department as well as strengthening its oversight. At more than half the general fund, the costs of this department overshadows the rest of the City's budget exponentially. It is irresponsible in the face of the multitude of issues we face as a city right now, and in no service to the citizens of Los Angeles to support the LAPD in this way. We can solve more of the challenges we face through beneficial services and resources rather than criminalizing citizens in racist and classist ways. I hope that the council can stand up to the political pressure of the LAPD and make the right decision to support the citizens of LA. I highly urge you to check out [The People's Budget](#), if you have not already. This human-centered budget is more reflective of the values that I and many in my community hold, and those I hope our city can uphold.

Sincerely,
Sarah Williams

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Sarah Williams
Executive Director

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From: Hannah Grossman <hannaegrossman@gmail.com>
To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 9:24 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I understand the City of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. While I understand there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is not the time for dire cuts from some of the most important departments, including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Rec+Parks, Transportation and Housing and Community Investments. Each of these departments provide critical resources to the citizens of Los Angeles

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reflective of the values that I and many in my community hold, and those I hope our city can uphold.

Sincerely,
Hannah Grossman

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Hannah E. Grossman hannaegrossman@gmail.com 404.840.3720

URGENT CALL FOR CHANGE

1 message

From: Emma Sargeant <emma.rae.sargeant@gmail.com>

To: councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

This is an urgent call to listen to your Los Angeles residents. I was born and raised in Mar Vista and graduated from public middle and high school in the LAUSD school district. I love this city deeply, but it's hurting right now. As a democratic member of society I am urging you to make a difference and stand up for what is morally right. Do not be swayed by re-election. Do not be swayed by Major Garcetti's total lack of empathy for Los Angeles residents by deploying the national guard and state-sanctioned curfews as a means of oppressing us further and not using our voices to stand up for justice and inequality. If you listen to us, we will stand up for you. There are few moments in your life when you can stand up for something in a tangible way; that you stood your moral ground. Let this be your moment. PLEASE. We do not need to expand the police budget. We need to expand public and mental health resources, housing resources, and resources surrounding community-centric needs.

I understand the city of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. Obviously there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, but this is not a time for dire cuts to some of its most important departments including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Parks and Recreation, Transportation and Housing, and Community Investments. Each of these departments provide extremely critical resources to the residents of Los Angeles.

In light of recent events including the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and many more and their impact nationally, this is an extremely crucial time to critically review the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department as well as strengthening its oversight.

The costs of this department overshadows the rest of the city's budget exponentially, more than half of the general fund, which could provide much needed and necessary support to other programs, programs that serve the public's needs so much more.

It is an imperative time that the LAPD's budget is fiscally reviewed. It is an imperative time that the city reflect upon its management of the LAPD, its overall oversight, and its relationship to its citizens and the harm they inflict upon them.

Thank you for your time.

Emma Rae Sargeant
Los Angeles Resident

Constituent Response to 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Brem Finnie <brmfina@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.wesson@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 6:29 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I am a Los Angeles Resident. I understand the city of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. Obviously there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, but this is not a time for dire cuts to some of its most important departments including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Parks and Recreation, Transportation and Housing, and Community Investments. Each of these departments provide extremely critical resources to the residents of Los Angeles.

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Thank you.
David Finnie
Los Angeles Resident

Constituent Response: 2020-2021 budget

1 message

From: Christina Braa <cbraa97@gmail.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 6:25 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I understand that the City of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing it's 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. While I understand that there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is not a time for cuts to Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Rec + Parks, Transportation and Housing+Community Investments. Each of these departments provide critical resources to the residents of Los Angeles.

In light of recent events including the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery and George Floyd, and their impact nationally, this is an important time to critically review the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department as well as strengthen oversight over the department. The costs of this department exponentially overshadow the rest of the city's budget--more than half of the general fund--which could provide much needed financial support to other, more important programs.

While I understand that the cost of running a department of this size is extensive, it is critical the LAPD is fiscally reviewed and its budget faces the same level of critical attention as other departments. This is an important time for the city to reflect upon the fiscal management of the LAPD, its overall oversight and it's relationship to its citizens.

Thank you for your time,

Christina Braa
Constituent of Council District 1

Citizen response: 2020-2021 budget

1 message

From: Kevin Scholl <kevinhscholl@gmail.com>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 5:57 PM

> Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

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> I understand the City of Los Angeles in the process reviewing it's 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. While I understand that there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is not a time for dire cuts from some of its most important departments including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Rec+Parks, Transportation and Housing & Community Investments. Each of these Department's provide critical resources to the citizen's of Los Angeles.

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> While the cost of running a Department of this size I understand is extensive, it is critical LAPD is fiscally reviewed and its budget faces the same level of critical attention as other Departments. This is an important time for the City to reflect upon the fiscal management of the LAPD, its overall oversight and it's relationship to its citizens.

> Thank you for your time.

Kevin Scholl

Sent from my iPhone

Constituent Response 2020 - 2021 Budget

1 message

From: Rachel Perry <rv.perry@comcast.net>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 5:45 PM

Dear Council members of the Budget and Finance Committee,
I Understand the City of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing it's 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. While I understand that there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COIVd-19 pandemic, this is the most inopportune time for substantial cuts from some of its most important departments including Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Parks and Rec, Transportation and Housing, and Community Investments.

Each of these departments provide vital services to the city and contribute to the heart and soul of the city, and cutting back on them means abandoning the people and the heart of Los Angeles. This is a historic moment when there is pain and suffering being felt by all and that means that now is the time to invest in your people. This is the time to invest in the rich and beautiful communities and cultures we have in this wondrous city and nourish them, to help them not only survive this pandemic and these trying times but to thrive once we reach the light at the end of the tunnel.

This is an important moment when you can choose to try and combat problems by only seeing their downstream consequences or you can address the woes of the community by attacking the problem at the source. This means supporting the human beings who live in and love this city, not punishing them for voicing their hurt and frustration at the circumstances of a world they are trying to desperately to change and improve.

Now is the time to de-militarize and decrease the exorbitant amount of funding received by the LAPD and use what funds they do require to improve the training of officers to equip them not with more firepower but with the skills and wisdom to deescalate dangerous situations to **protect and serve the people of Los Angeles**. Now is the time to critically review the LAPD's budget and ensure that the financial resources they receive are directly impacting and improving their ability to help the citizens they are tasked to serve, and serve them all equally.

Thank you.
Rachel Perry

Re: 2020-2021 City of LA Funding

1 message

From: Surana Singh <sbbamra@gmail.com>
To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 5:27 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I understand the City of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. While I see that there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is not a time for dire cuts from some of the most important departments including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Recreation and Parks, Transportation, and Housing & Community Investments. Each of these Departments provide critical resources to the citizens of Los Angeles.

In light of recent events including the deaths of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd, and their impact globally, this is an important time to critically review the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department as well as strengthening its oversight. The costs of this department overshadow the rest of the city's budget exponentially, more than half of the general fund, and can provide much needed financial support to other, more effective programs.

While the cost of running a department of this size is extensive, it is critical that the LAPD be fiscally reviewed and its budget faces the same level of critical attention as other departments.

This is an important time for our city to reflect upon the fiscal management of the LAPD, its oversight and its relationship to its citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely and with hope for change,
Dr. Surana K. Singh

Proposed Budget 2021

1 message

From:

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 5:25 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

Who is the committee responsible for hearing the people who represent the community of Los Angeles in determining the budget? What are some ways the public can help contribute to the proposed budget?

Sincerely,

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LA Budget--reduce spending for LAPD!

1 message

From: Sophia Lianna Kandell <kandell.sophia@gmail.com>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 4:57 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I understand the City of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year.

In light of the of 601 unprosecuted deaths at the hands of LAPD, I urge you to critically review the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department as well as strengthening its oversight. The costs of this department overshadow the rest of the city's budget exponentially, more than half of the general fund, and can provide much needed financial support to other, more effective programs.

While the cost of running a department of this size is extensive, it is critical that the LAPD be fiscally reviewed and its budget faces the same level of critical attention as other departments. This is an important time for our city to reflect upon the fiscal management of the LAPD, its oversight and its relationship to its citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely and with hope for change,

Sophia Kandell

Adopt a People's Budget

4 messages

From: Sonya Tamaddon <sonyatamaddon@gmail.com>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.Lee@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 4:09 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Community,

I understand the City of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. While I understand that there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is not a time for dire cuts from some of its most important departments including Education, Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Recs + Parks, Transportation, to name a few.

Over 50% of this city is renters — and if folks are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, there were around 60k unhoused folks; after evictions and economic insecurity due to COVID-19 and its fall out, we can expect thousands more. In this context, the Mayor is proposing an increase to LAPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. LAPD has seen a rise in overtime which, more often than not, is paid out to officers harassing unhoused folks, and Black, Indigenous, people of color.

After declining to vote on this draconian proposal last week, City Council referred it back to the Budget and Finance Committee. Now, the Committee has decided not to meet, thereby shirking its duty and upholding the racist and white-supremacist structures that underlie both the proposal and City Council as a governing body.

I am urging you to publicly support the People's Budget. The Mayor's disastrous proposal **MUST** be updated with the priorities of Angelenos. **You need to Adopt a People's Budget which defunds the police.** We need disinvestment from the police, and investment in community- and health-centered services. Public opinion is with me

Thank you for your time,

Your constituent,

Sonya Tamaddon

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From: Amanda Hunt <asimmshunt@gmail.com>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.Lee@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 4:57 PM

Dear Madame President & Council Members,

I understand the City of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. While I know that there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is not a time for dire cuts to some of its most important departments including Education, Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Recs + Parks, Transportation, to name a few.

Over 50% of this city is comprised of renters — and if folks are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Councilmember Martinez, I know you support families first, and so many families across LA will be adversely impacted. Prior to the pandemic, there were around 60k unhoused people; after evictions and economic insecurity due to COVID-19 and its fall out, we can expect thousands more. In this context, the Mayor has proposed a significant increase to funding for the LAPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. LAPD has seen a rise in overtime which, more often than not, is paid out to officers harassing unhoused folks, and Black, Indigenous, people of color.

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I am urging you to publicly support the People's Budget. The Mayor's disastrous proposal **MUST** be updated with the priorities of Angelenos. At this critical juncture in US history in the year 2020, **you need to Adopt a People's Budget which defunds the police and supports people**. We need disinvestment from the police, and investment in community and health-centered services. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time.

Your constituent,
Amanda Hunt

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Amanda Simms Hunt
215 815 2413

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From: Meghan McWilliams <meggs0807@gmail.com>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.rodriquez@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.Lee@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org

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City of LA budget — allocation to police

1 message

From: Stephanie Hallett <hallett.stephanie@gmail.com>
To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 4:37 PM

Mr. Krekorian and the budget committee,

I am Stephanie Hallett, and I am writing to express my concern in regards to the current allocation of the City of Los Angeles' budget — in [2019-2020](#), more than 52% of the City's general fund was allocated to police. That amount is set to go up in 2020-2021.

In light of the many deaths of African Americans at the hands of police across the United States, I am concerned and disheartened that my tax dollars are being used to fund a service that continues to victimize members of this community.

Accurate data on officer-involved shootings is difficult to come by, but according to an [investigative report from KPCC](#), on-duty LAPD officers shot at least 375 people between 2010 and 2014 — 24% of them were Black, though African Americans make up only 8% of the L.A. population. Of 279 people who were shot for “ignoring officer commands,” 120 “showed signs of mental illness or impairment from drugs or alcohol.” Most officers receive just six to 10 hours of training on how to deal with individuals with mental illnesses.

I would like to see a re-evaluation of the budget currently allocated to the Los Angeles Police Department. I would like to see this large portion of my tax dollars reallocated into social services, mental health programs, healthcare, education, jobs, and city infrastructure.

I would like to see any budget that is allocated to the Los Angeles Police Department made transparent and with a focus on harm reduction.

A coalition of advocacy groups in Los Angeles has put together a comprehensive People's Budget with input from thousands of Angelenos. The budget outlines spending priorities as identified by members of the community who are served by — and fund — the City's budget. I would like to see the People's Budget used as a resource in re-drafting the 2020-2021 City of Los Angeles budget.

I thank the chair, council, and committee for their time, and I will be observing your voting on this issue.

Sincerely,
Stephanie

Constituent Response to 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Christine Cheng <christinecheng14@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 4:36 PM

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Constituent Response to 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Genai Nakama <genainakama@gmail.com>

To: councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

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Upcoming Budget

1 message

From: Wiesenfeld, Alexandra <WIESENA@lacitycollege.edu>

To: "Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org" <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 4:29 PM

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely and with hope for change,

Alexandra Wiesenfeld

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Professor

Visual & Media Arts

Los Angeles City College

Constituent Response to 2020-2021 Budget

3 messages

From: Lucia Dunlap <mluciadunlap@gmail.com>

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Los Angeles Resident

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From: Meggy Ralston <ralstonmeggy@gmail.com>

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From: Haile Lidow <hailelidow@gmail.com>

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Haile Lidow
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1 message

From: 'Jeserine Joisz' via Clerk Budget and Finance Committee <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>
To: councilmember.martinez@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 4:11 PM

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It is imperative that L.A. City Council DIVEST all money from all funding of police and military police. The budget should reflect the needs of the constituents; INVEST in schools, community centers, after school programs, affordable housing, healthcare, and so on. It is imperative that you hold an EMERGENCY meeting to POSTPONE the Mayor's budget in lieu of a PEOPLES budget.

Thank you for your time,
Jeserine Joisz Garcia
Los Angeles Resident / District 13

Sent from my iPhone

Adopt a People's Budget

4 messages

From: Sonya Tamaddon <sonyatamaddon@gmail.com>

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From: Amanda Hunt <asimmshunt@gmail.com>

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Your constituent,
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Rebecca Rodriguez

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No to the budget change!

1 message

From: Cherisse Gray <cherissegray@gmail.com>

To: councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org, clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 4:06 PM

Hello,

I am resident of Hancock Park and one of the majority Los Angeles residents that get to move safely through the world by nature of my whiteness. The proposed Budgeting allocation increase for the LAPD is one that I strongly stand against. Based on the violent actions of the LAPD against black & Latino people, they are better left unfunded. Please reconsider allocating those funds to where they are most needed: housing, health services, retraining for racism across all government institutions, critical infrastructure (NOT gentrification under the guise of neighborhood reconstruction). Enough is enough.

Cherisse

Constituent Response to 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: KAVI DALAL <kdalal@ucla.edu>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

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Los Angeles Resident
Kavi Dalal

Constituent Response to 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: 'Xcaret Diaz' via Clerk Budget and Finance Committee <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>

To: councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 4:04 PM

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Xcaret Diaz

Los Angeles Resident / District 13

People's Budget

1 message

From: Andrew Cameron <acameron626@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 4:01 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

Please reconsider the Mayor's priorities in his current budget proposal and consider instead the priorities put forward by many organizations representing the people of Los Angeles and the greater Southland which include Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Education, Transportation, and Housing & Community Investment. The people's priorities do not include military equipment for a police force or any expansion of the police budget that does not come with rigorous oversight and control of police operations. Thank you for your time and for your full reflection on this matter.

In solidarity,
Andrew Cameron

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LAPD FUNDING NEEDS TO STOP NOW

1 message

From: Cynthia Mcintosh <mscmcintosh@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 3:58 PM

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Thank you for your time.

Sent from my iPad

Realignment of budget

1 message

From: jess camacho <jessacamacho@gmail.com>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 3:49 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee:

I am a resident of Los Angeles and feel very strongly that proposed increases to the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department need to be rejected, and those funds reallocated to social programs and alternatives to policing, such as an increase in social workers. There is a pilot program in Dallas that is showing remarkable signs of success.

Measure R passed because the citizens of Los Angeles are ready for alternatives to mass-incarceration and mass-policing. Annual increase to the police department — at the direct expense of funding social programs — is not the answer.

Reject the proposal.

Thank you for your time.

— Jess Camacho, Silverlake

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Jess Camacho

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LA City 2020-2021 Budget Review

1 message

From: Juliana Paciulli <jpaciulli@gmail.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 3:33 PM

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Sincerely,
Juliana Paciulli

Constituent Response to 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: 'Zelda Wengrod' via Clerk Budget and Finance Committee <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 3:21 PM

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> zelda wengrod

> Los Angeles Resident

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LAPD FUNDING NEEDS TO STOP

1 message

From: Lily Nickelson <lilyboonickelson@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 3:14 PM

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Constituent Response to 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Steven Blevins <stevenscad18@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 3:05 PM

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Constituent Response to 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Angie Stong <angiestong@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 3:03 PM

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Angie Stong
Los Angeles County Resident

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Re: Mayor's Proposed 2020-2021 budget

1 message

From: Paul Soto <paul@parkviewparkview.com>
To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 3:03 PM

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Thank you for your time.

Best,
Paul Soto

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Constituent Response to 2020-2021 Budget

2 messages

From: 'Adam Green' via Clerk Budget and Finance Committee <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>
To: "councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org" <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, "councilmember.martinez@lacity.org" <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>, "councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org" <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 2:39 PM

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Adam Green
Los Angeles Resident / District 13

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Kyle Rose
Los Angeles Resident

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Kyle Rose

Constituent Response 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Rara Gumbel <gumbel1@kenyon.edu>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 2:54 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I have heard that the City of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget in the fiscal year. While there is a clear need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, I do not support huge cuts to some of its most important departments, including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Parks and Recreation, and Transportation and Housing Community Investments. Each of these departments provide critical resources to the residents of Los Angeles.

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Constituent of Council District 11

Constituent Response to 2020-2021 Budget

2 messages

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Los Angeles Resident

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Kyle Rose

City Budget

1 message

From: Gabrielle Ferrer <gabrielle.ferrer@gmail.com>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 2:40 PM

Hello,

The city budget should prioritize housing the unhoused, provide health and social services, rent suspension for the 55% of Angelenos who are currently unemployed and provide funding towards public schools and resources for students.

We do NOT want a majority of funding to go to the LAPD.

Take this seriously and listen to your constituents.

Sincerely,

2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Pejman Shojaei <pejmanshojaei@gmail.com>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 2:25 PM

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Citizen Response: 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Christine Frerichs <christinejfrerichs@gmail.com>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 2:24 PM

Dear Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I understand the City of Los Angeles is in the process of reviewing its 2020-2021 budget for the fiscal year. While I see that there is a need for overall cuts due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is not a time for dire cuts from some of the most important departments including: Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Recreation and Parks, Transportation, and Housing & Community Investments. Each of these Departments provide critical resources to the citizens of Los Angeles.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely and with hope for change,

Christine Frerichs

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Constituent Response to 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Elise B <elisse.bonillamyers@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 2:23 PM

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Elise Bonilla-Myers

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Constituent Response to 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: MAYA BUFFETT-DAVIS <m Buffett@davis@ucla.edu>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

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Maya Buffett-Davis
Los Angeles Resident

Budget Review

1 message

From: Noor Ahmed <noorahmed@alum.calarts.edu>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 2:09 PM

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LA Resident Response to the 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Stella <stellalamar@gmail.com>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 2:07 PM

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constituent response 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

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To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

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Christina Hughes
Los Angeles Resident

constituent response 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Bianca Kingwell <biancakingwell@gmail.com>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>, "councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org" <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, "councilmember.martinez@lacity.org" <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 1:46 PM

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1 message

From: Lizzie Kidd <evkidd@sbcglobal.net>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 1:43 PM

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Elizabeth Kidd,
Los Angeles Resident

Constituent Response to 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Cheyanne Teia Figueiredo <cheyannem25@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 1:44 PM

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Cheyenne Teia Morgan
Los Angeles Resident

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3 messages

From: Lucia Dunlap <mluciadunlap@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 1:33 PM

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Mary Lucia Dunlap
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From: Meggy Ralston <ralstonmeggy@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 4:25 PM

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Meaghan Ralston

Los Angeles Resident

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From: Haile Lidow <hailelidow@gmail.com>

To: "clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org" <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>, "councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org" <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, "councilmember.martinez@lacity.org" <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>

At: Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 8:08 AM

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Haile Lidow
Los Angeles Native

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Take Action: Amend the Mayor's Proposed 2020-2021 Budget

1 message

From: Dana Tinio <danatinio@gmail.com>

To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 1:31 PM

Dear Los Angeles City Council President Nury Martinez, Councilmember and Chairman Paul Krekorian, and Council Members of the Budget and Finance Committee:

As a citizen of Los Angeles and your constituent, I urge you to take action on proposing a 2020-2021 budget for the City of Los Angeles which defunds the police and prioritizes funding for essential services and departments, including Emergency Management, Cultural Affairs, Recreation and Parks, Transportation, and Housing and Community Investments. Each of these departments provides critical resources to and enhances the quality of life of the citizens of Los Angeles.

It is my understanding that unless the Budget and Finance Committee holds a meeting and votes on an amendment to Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget, the Mayor's budget will go into effect by default on June 1st -- tomorrow. I thank and applaud you for rejecting the Mayor's proposed budget on May 21st. However, this alone is not enough. It is your responsibility to realize a budget reflective of the values and priorities of Angelenos.

In light of the recent tragedies of black lives horrifically cut short by unchecked police brutality and excessive force, and of continued police brutality escalating violence at otherwise peaceful protests, this is an important time to critically evaluate the budget of the Los Angeles Police Department. We must strengthen the oversight of the LAPD and ensure that police who commit crimes are held accountable to the fullest extent of the law. Above all, we must defund the LAPD's budget and reallocate these funds to provide much needed financial support to other community programs. In a city where dire a homelessness crisis impacts so many Angelenos, where we now have over 50% Angelenos unemployed due to the current pandemic, we must do better. More police and police power will not fix these issues. This is an important time for the City to reflect upon the fiscal management of the LAPD, its overall oversight and its relationship to its citizens.

We are clearly at a critical moment. Now is the time to do the right thing and uphold a budget centered around humanity. In deciding the yearly budget, I urge you to consider what the people of Los Angeles truly need.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely,
Dana Tinio

Mayor's Budget is Unacceptable

1 message

From: Shahan Sanossian <shahansanossian@gmail.com>

To: councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org

At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 8:14 AM

Dear Mr. Cedillo and members of the budget and finance committee:

I live in Montecito Heights in Northeast Los Angeles, and I am writing to ask that you fight the mayor's proposed budget. Especially during these times, with the pandemic still raging and police departments across the nation killing black people, we need to spend less on law enforcement and more on the critical services that actually improve and save people's lives.

While I understand that running the police department is a costly endeavor, it is not more important to the people of our city than emergency management, transportation, and housing.

I thank you for reading my email, and I hope you will work to establish a budget that more accurately reflects the needs of our denizens and more equitably distributes resources.

My best,

Shahan Sanossian
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Garcetti Proposed Budget - Meeting on 6/1 Canceled

1 message

From: Shannon Moyer <moyersr@gmail.com>
To: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org
At: Sun, May 31, 2020 at 1:32 AM

Hello,

I'm inquiring the status of the city council meeting that was supposed to take place on Monday, June 1st 2020. According to the council's website, the Budget & Finance Committee Meeting that was supposed to determine whether the council approves Mayor Garcetti's new city budget has been canceled.

According to the city charter, if the council doesn't act by Monday, June 1, the city budget will be adopted as is and take effect July 1. Does this mean the council has accepted the mayor's proposed budget without meeting and voting on it?

Regards,
Shannon M.

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