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## Shame on you all

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**From:** 'MARLISE ERVIN' via Clerk Budget and Finance Committee <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>  
**To:** Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org  
**At:** Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 8:53 PM

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As a retired officer from LAPD with over 29 years of service and City of Los Angeles Resident of more than 47 years & African American female, I'm am extremely disappointed with your emotional ignorance and you all caved to the pleas of a few at the expense of not only law enforcement and the City's residents. Shame on you all! Even my 26 year old daughter and 17 year old son could see through the nonsense of the protestors who had been sheltered in place for so long and just needed the a reason to come outside. Surely changes in the LAPD need to be made but it should not have cost them for the ignorance of a few in another state. I would like to see someone with a backbone stand up to these "paid activist" and not cower. You don't do the work but act as if you know the impact and what's needed. You have weakened the morale of many who have children and spouse and family which are also affected in your actions. I live in Southeast Division - Athens on a Hill Community and all I've been hearing is explosions, seeing speeders and only two Patrol cars in my area just patrolling. Your actions affect our security. I'm going to start speaking to my neighbors about the negligence of our Mayor & City Council. I hope your against our services shows up in lack of support for you all come next election!

Best Regards,

Marlise Ervin

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# Adopt BLM's Proposal for a People's Budget

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**From:** Megan Salinas <megan.m.salinas@gmail.com>

**To:** Bob Blumenfeld <bob.blumenfeld@lacity.org>, Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.Lee@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfeld@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.rodriquez@lacity.org, councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, curren.price@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org, mike.bonin@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, paul.krekorian@lacity.org

**At:** Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 11:55 AM

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Hi all,

We are all living through a crisis that is unprecedented in our time. As such, I am aware that budgeting is difficult under the best of circumstances, let alone during a global health crisis. That being said, I am writing to you today to request that you all, the mayor and the city council, adopt the People's Budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Not only is this a necessary step our city needs to take in order to flourish, but it is the only way for you all to rebuild trust with the community after the horrific actions of the LAPD towards peaceful protestors.

Dismantling administrations built upon systematic racism isn't an easy task, but it is a necessary one we all must reckon with in order to move forward as a society. When our system fails to hold bad cops accountable, we have no choice but to defund the police. Adopting the People's Budget put forth by BLM LA is vital to a bright future for Los Angeles. Unlike the Mayor's budget, which — even with cuts and proposed reapportionments — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. Tax payer dollars 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 several 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. An independent investigation needs to be launched to hold the perpetrators of police brutality accountable for their actions. Anything less than defunding the LAPD and punishing the officers responsible for inciting violence is shameful.

However, I know that peaceful protestors aren't the only ones who have a reason to fear the LAPD. It has been brought to my attention that the LAPD and the Police Unions are doing everything in their power to intimidate you all as well into giving into their demands. These aren't the actions of those who promised to protect and serve. These are the actions of a bully. The behavior of the LAPD is unacceptable, and the only way to stop them is to defund them immediately. Please, I urge you all not to give into their intimidation tactics. Please support the People's Budget LA to help the people of this city.

Thank you all again for making masks mandatory and for closing the beaches this weekend. Stay safe and stay healthy!

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**All the best,**  
**Megan Salinas**

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## Voting Results Page on Your Website Isn't Working?

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**From:** Allison Michael <allisonmargaretmichael@gmail.com>

**To:** Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org

**At:** Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 2:24 AM

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Hello,

I am a constituent and a lifelong resident of Los Angeles and it shouldn't be so hard for me to find information about how you all have voted on the items you discuss in your budget finance meetings. We can all tell you guys make your website purposefully impossible to navigate and useless so that we can't hold you accountable. It's 2020, there's no reason that the public shouldn't be able to look up any budget item you have voted on and access it easily and quickly. If you really believe in democracy, then you believe in allowing the public to make their voices heard. Make that process more accessible.

I am going to continue to pay close attention to this committee and continue to ask that you do the right thing and defund LAPD. \$133 mil is NOT ENOUGH. We need community programs, protection for the unhoused, and rent needs to be cancelled to slow the spread of COVID. Billions need to be taken from LAPD to accomplish that. Take care of your constituents and protect us from the continuously devastating impact of COVID.

Regards,

Allison Michael

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## Enact the People's Budget LA

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**From:** Constantine Rousouli <constantinerousouli@gmail.com>

**To:** mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

**At:** Wed, Jul 1, 2020 at 12:54 AM

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Dear Mayor Garcetti and Councilmembers Krekorian, Price, Koretz, Blumenfield, and Bonin,

I write to express my deep concern regarding the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-21.

I urge the City Council to amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to reflect the values of our community: we want more social services, employment programs, public health resources, rent relief, and restorative justice programs, not more policing. We request the City Council adopt the People's Budget LA.

While the Mayor recently announced he would decrease LAPD funding by up to \$150M, this symbolic gesture is simply not enough. There needs to be a drastic reduction of LAPD funding and an un-armed, community-based, alternative policing system—on top of more funding for social programs. People are marching through the entire city demanding systemic change and justice for the 600+ black people killed by police in LA County since 2012. We implore you to listen to the demands of your constituents.

Public safety should no doubt be one of the City's highest priorities. But investments in housing and job security, mental health care, and after-school programs are investments in public safety. By cutting these services, this budget will not make Angelenos safer.

Furthermore, protests in Los Angeles following the murder of George Floyd have exemplified the issue of police brutality, including the indiscriminate use of tear-gas and rubber bullets against protesters, demonstrating the need for an overhaul of the LAPD. We are presented with an opportunity to improve upon the past instead of repeating its mistakes. It is in that spirit that I ask you for a compassionate budget—and through it, for a more just, equitable, and humane Los Angeles.

I urge the City Council to adopt the People's Budget LA and amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to shift resources from the LAPD to social services, housing, employment programs, restorative justice programs, rent relief, and public health efforts.

Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone

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