
Enact the People's Budget LA

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From: Alexis Sweiss <alexis.s.sweiss@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 8:03 PM

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Erika Kim, resident of District 10

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

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 6:59 PM

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To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 6:57 PM

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Darren
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From: Camille Cruz <camillexcruz@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

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

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 6:37 PM

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To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

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Sincerely,
Adam Feinstein

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To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 5:11 PM

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Need to Reallocate Money Away from the LAPD

1 message

From: Reeyaz Hamirani <reeyaz.hamirani@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 4:44 PM

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Additionally - Police Chief Moore needs to be FIRED. No severance, no pension, no resignation - he does not deserve any taxpayer dollars in his pockets given his track record and what we've seen happen to peaceful protestors under his watch.

Sincerely,

Reeyaz Hamirani

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From: Alanna Ryan <alanna.ryan95@gmail.com>

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Alanna

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From: 'David Reza' via Clerk Budget and Finance Committee <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>
To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 4:09 PM

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You need to do more to fund community NOT cops

1 message

From: Scott Rabideau <scottrabideau@gmail.com>

To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org, edna.degollado@lacity.org, mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 3:56 PM

I am urging you to completely revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 and fund #CareNotCops. Cutting just a little bit less from our communities (100 million instead of 250 million) is not going to cut it.

We are in the midst of a health pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed — and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of this city is renters — and if 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. We are also in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence — embodied by the LAPD — which murders Black folks. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of “reform.” We need to defund the LAPD. We need to #DefundThePolice. We need a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time; and we need a budget that supports communities and supports their wellbeing, not which empowers the force(s) that tear them apart.

Scott Rabideau

SCOTT RABIDEAU | 323•481•4694

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From: Caitlin Fredericks <caitlin.fredericks@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 3:11 PM

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Sincerely, Caitlin

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From: Jarred McAdam <nachojarred@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 2:46 PM

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Jarred McAdam

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From: Erin Whitehead <erinkatewhitehead@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 2:29 PM

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Erin Whitehead
Los Angeles resident

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To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

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To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 2:13 PM

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

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Sincerely,
Jessica Gallo

Sent from my iPhone

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Defund LAPD

1 message

From: 'Amira Patrawala' via Clerk Budget and Finance Committee <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>
To: clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 1:37 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. 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.

From your constituent,

Amira Patrawala

Enact the People's Budget LA

1 message

From: Julia Cherner <truliajulia@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 1:36 PM

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Sincerely,
Julia

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Mayoral Budget Opposition Letter

1 message

From: Daisy Rosas <rosas.daisy92@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org, clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org, councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, councilmember.Lee@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 1:22 PM

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c/o Office of the City Clerk
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200 N. Spring Street, Rm 395
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We understand that the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in significant revenue shortfalls for the City and that cuts in spending must be made. We question the priorities and values that are reflected in the Mayor's Proposed Budget, however, with regard to the cuts he has proposed—and those he has not.

Specifically, we are troubled that in a budget that cuts \$230 million in services, weakening vital programs that many Angelenos rely on and imposing furloughs on nearly 16,000 city workers, LAPD officer pay is simultaneously being increased by \$144 million. In relative terms compared to last year's spending—despite the great need created by the COVID-19 outbreak—the Mayor's Proposed Budget cuts City investments in housing programs by 9.4%, job programs by 8.9%, and homelessness programs by 6%—all while boosting its expenditure on police by 7.1%. This brings LAPD's share of the City's total budget to a whopping 54%—despite the fact that crime is down.

Angelenos are currently facing an economic and health crisis of unprecedented proportions. Even before COVID-19, roughly one in three renters in Los Angeles spent more than half their income on housing, and there were over 36,000 unhoused people in our City. The pandemic will only make matters worse. Over half of Angelenos are now unemployed following the massive job losses stemming from COVID-19. And economists predict that many of the recent layoffs will be permanent. Without bold action from the City, more Angelenos will become severely rent-burdened or fall into homelessness.

We applaud the City's efforts to respond to the COVID-19 emergency: delivering meals to seniors, opening childcare centers for healthcare workers, purchasing personal protective equipment (PPE) for first responders, implementing a small business loan program, committing to providing rental assistance, and setting up testing sites, additional shelters, and more. These are the kinds of interventions Angelenos need at this critical and unprecedented time.

Sadly, the Mayor's Proposed Budget puts some of these very initiatives on the chopping block. The Department of Aging has reported that furloughs and office closures will directly affect seniors trying to enroll in meal services, many of whom do not have internet access and rely on staff to help them enroll in city programs via telephone. (CAO's May 19, 2020 Report on the Impact on City Services of the Furlough Program Included in the 2020-21 Proposed Budget, p. 7.) The Department of Economic Development anticipates that its cuts will cause delays in economic relief and related assistance to the thousands of workers and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 emergency. (*Id.* at 15.) The Department of Housing and Community Investment predicts that furloughs will reduce its ability to provide services to tenants, prevent poverty and homelessness, and create affordable housing. (*Id.* at 20.)

In her opening remarks during last Thursday's Council Meeting, Council President Nury Martinez said, "As we start the new fiscal year, it is important to keep in mind the people who need us the most right now—working families, those living in poverty, communities of color that have long been forgotten, seniors and children." This budget balances itself on the backs of those very people—the most vulnerable among us—largely to provide a raise for LAPD officers. *If officers simply received the same pay they did last year, the City could prevent two-thirds of these devastating cuts to critical services.*

The cruel calculus of the budget is made all the more unjustifiable by the fact that crime in our city is down 23% percent since the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak. Even before COVID-19, homicides in Los Angeles had reached historic lows. In January, Police Chief Moore observed that this is "one of the safest times in Los Angeles" and the Mayor noted that our crime statistics were "better . . . than we've seen in decades." *Increasing spending on policing when crime is down and when other urgent needs are so high simply doesn't make sense.*

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As Councilmember Ryu observed in his recent comments on the budget, "If we make cuts to departments and services that serve low-income and working families, we will be paying for those cuts for decades to come." The Mayor's Proposed Budget puts political expediency over the urgent needs of the Angelenos who are suffering most acutely in this time of crisis, and it will cost our City dearly if enacted without significant revision.

Budgets are moral documents that reflect our values. What kind of city cuts services and increases spending on law enforcement when its people are struggling to eat? What does that say about us? Furthermore, protests in LA 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, and demonstrating the need for an overhaul of the LAPD. This abuse of power brings into question why the City is trying to increase funding for LAPD, while decreasing social services. 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.

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Sincerely,

Daisy Rosas
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1 message

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To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 1:20 PM

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From: Annelise Bui <annelisb@usc.edu>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 1:16 PM

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Sincerely,
Annelise Bui

Sent from my iPhone

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The People's Budget

1 message

From: Marthie Delacruz <marthie.delacruz@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org, clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org, councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.rodriquez@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, councilmember.Lee@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org

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June 6, 2020

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Sincerely,
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Los Angeles 2020-2021

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INTRODUCTION

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

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

Here's a summary of our methodology and results:

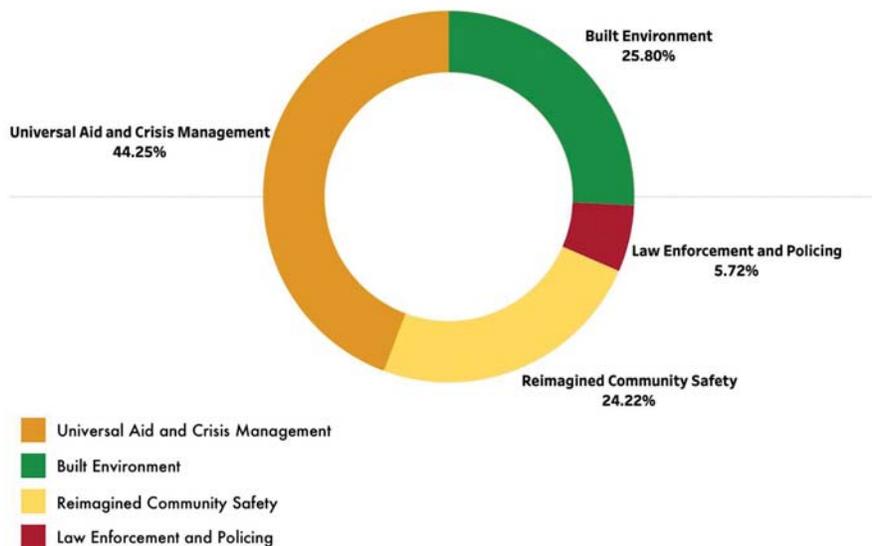
- More than 10,000 people were engaged in the drafting of the People's Budget. This includes 1,470 Angelenos who took our survey, 3,300 participants who engaged in our participatory budgeting process in real time on May 24, 2020 (via Zoom and Facebook Live), and 10,000 viewers who have watched the session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

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

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The People's Budget Priorities



SPENDING AREAS

UNIVERSAL AID AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT

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

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

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

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

REIMAGINED COMMUNITY SAFETY

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

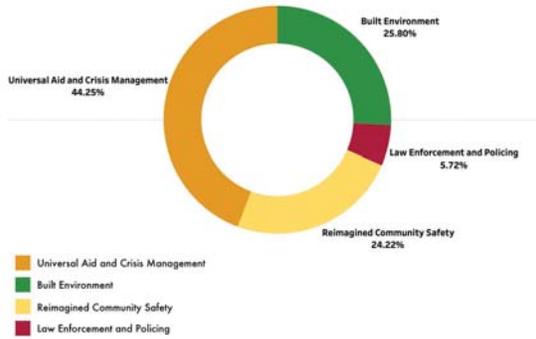
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LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

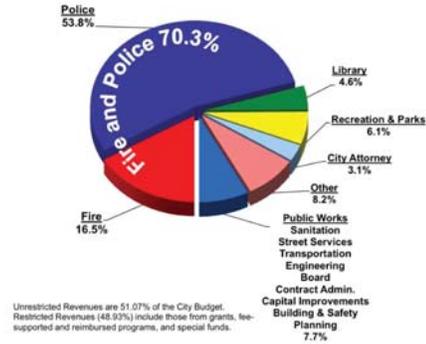
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The People's Budget



The Mayor's Budget

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



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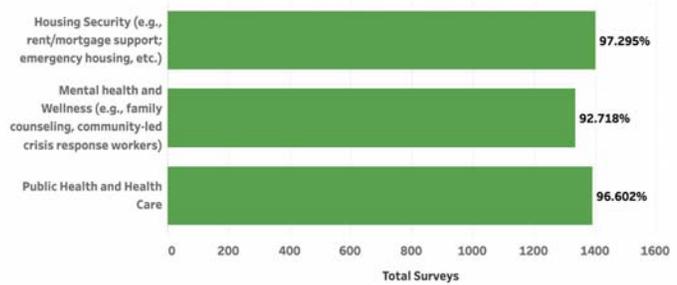
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Fire	16.5%
Other	8.2%
Public Works	7.7%
Recreation & Parks	6.1%
Library	4.6%
City Attorney	3.1%

TOP PRIORITIES FOR INVESTMENT

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

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

Top Priorities for Investment

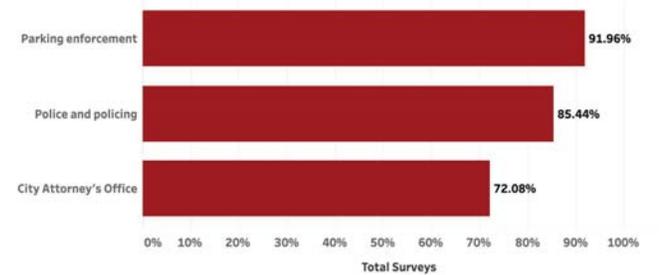


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Top Priorities for Divestment



PROCESS AND METHODOLOGY

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

**1470 Angelenos responded to the survey and we are continuing to collect results
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Survey responses included constituents from all 15 council districts. The survey data is available for exploration in a Tableau dashboard (linked at PeoplesBudgetLA.com)

ADOPT A PEOPLE'S BUDGET

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

ABOUT THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET LA COALITION

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

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

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

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

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

Enact the People's Budget LA

1 message

From: Sarah <sarah.ponder@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 1:03 PM

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From: Kristin Anderson <thekristinanderson@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

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Matt Mahler

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Defund the LAPD

1 message

From: B. Sanchez <llxllp@gmail.com>

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 11:57 AM

Dear Los Angeles City Council Members,

My name is Brenna Sanchez, and I am a resident of Eagle Rock. We are in the midst of a health pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed — INCLUDING MYSELF — and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of this city is renters — and if folx are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, there were around 60k unhoused folx; after evictions and economic insecurity due to COVID-19 and its fall out, we can expect thousands more. 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 folx, and Black, Indigenous, people of color.

We are also in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence — embodied by the LAPD — which murders Black folx. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of “reform.”

We need to defund the LAPD. We need to #DefundThePolice. We need a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time; and we need a budget that supports communities and supports their wellbeing, not which empowers the force(s) that tear them apart.

After City Council cowardly avoided voting or revising your draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. I am urging you, as representatives of your constituents, to completely revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 and fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People’s Budget.

Thank you for your time,

Brenna Sanchez

Enact the People's Budget LA

1 message

From: Mallory Strong <mallorystrongdesign@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 11:54 AM

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Mayoral Policing Budget Opposition

1 message

From: Daniel Miller <danbodraws@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org, clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org, councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, councilmember.Lee@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 11:51 AM

6-6-20

The Honorable Members of the Budget and Finance Committee
c/o Office of the City Clerk
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Rm 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012
clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

Re: The Mayor's Proposed Budget

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We understand that the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in significant revenue shortfalls for the City and that cuts in spending must be made. We question the priorities and values that are reflected in the Mayor's Proposed Budget, however, with regard to the cuts he has proposed—and those he has not.

Specifically, we are troubled that in a budget that cuts \$230 million in services, weakening vital programs that many Angelenos rely on and imposing furloughs on nearly 16,000 city workers, LAPD officer pay is simultaneously being increased by \$144 million. In relative terms compared to last year's spending—despite the great need created by the COVID-19 outbreak—the Mayor's Proposed Budget cuts City investments in housing programs by 9.4%, job programs by 8.9%, and homelessness programs by 6%—all while boosting its expenditure on police by 7.1%. This brings LAPD's share of the City's total budget to a whopping 54%—despite the fact that crime is down.

Angelenos are currently facing an economic and health crisis of unprecedented proportions. Even before COVID-19, roughly one in three renters in Los Angeles spent more than half their income on housing, and there were over 36,000 unhoused people in our City. The pandemic will only make matters worse. Over half of Angelenos are now unemployed following the massive job losses stemming from COVID-19. And economists predict that many of the recent layoffs will be permanent. Without bold action from the City, more Angelenos will become severely rent-burdened or fall into homelessness.

We applaud the City's efforts to respond to the COVID-19 emergency: delivering meals to seniors, opening childcare centers for healthcare workers, purchasing personal protective equipment (PPE) for first responders, implementing a small business loan program, committing to providing rental assistance, and setting up testing sites, additional shelters, and more. These are the kinds of interventions Angelenos need at this critical and unprecedented time.

Sadly, the Mayor's Proposed Budget puts some of these very initiatives on the chopping block. The Department of Aging has reported that furloughs and office closures will directly affect seniors trying to enroll in meal services, many of whom do not have internet access and rely on staff to help them enroll in city programs via telephone. (CAO's May 19, 2020 Report on the Impact on City Services of the Furlough Program Included in the 2020-21 Proposed Budget, p. 7.) The Department of Economic Development anticipates that its cuts will cause delays in economic relief and related assistance to the thousands of workers and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 emergency. (*Id.* at 15.) The Department of Housing and Community Investment predicts that furloughs will reduce its ability to provide services to tenants, prevent poverty and homelessness, and create affordable housing. (*Id.* at 20.)

In her opening remarks during last Thursday's Council Meeting, Council President Nury Martinez said, "As we start the new fiscal year, it is important to keep in mind the people who need us the most right now—working families, those living in poverty, communities of color that have long been forgotten, seniors and children." This budget balances itself on the backs of those very people—the most vulnerable among us—largely to provide a raise for LAPD officers. *If officers simply received the same pay they did last year, the City could prevent two-thirds of these devastating cuts to critical services.*

The cruel calculus of the budget is made all the more unjustifiable by the fact that crime in our city is down 23% percent since the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak. Even before COVID-19, homicides in Los Angeles had reached historic lows. In January, Police Chief Moore observed that this is "one of the safest times in Los Angeles" and the Mayor noted that our crime statistics were "better . . . than we've seen in decades." *Increasing spending on policing when crime is down and when other urgent needs are so high simply doesn't make sense.*

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As Councilmember Ryu observed in his recent comments on the budget, "If we make cuts to departments and services that serve low-income and working families, we will be paying for those cuts for decades to come." The Mayor's Proposed Budget puts political expediency over the urgent needs of the Angelenos who are suffering most acutely in this time of crisis, and it will cost our City dearly if enacted without significant revision.

Budgets are moral documents that reflect our values. What kind of city cuts services and increases spending on law enforcement when its people are struggling to eat? What does that say about us? Furthermore, protests in LA 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, and demonstrating the need for an overhaul of the LAPD. This abuse of power brings into question why the City is trying to increase funding for LAPD, while decreasing social services. 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.

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Sincerely,

Daniel Miller
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Enact the People's Budget LA

1 message

From: Alejandra Penalzoza <alejandrapenalzoza1003@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 11:50 AM

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Sincerely, Alejandra

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Carly Anne Molstad <carlymolstad@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 11:50 AM

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To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 11:40 AM

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Tess Cobrinik
Resident of Los Angeles, 90029

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1 message

From: Sophia Hubbell <shubbell@students.pitzer.edu>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 11:21 AM

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1 message

From: Avra Juliani <avrajuliani@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 9:58 AM

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From: Ngan Phan <snailpepper03@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

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Sincerely, Ngan

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1 message

From: Skylar Perez-Grogan <skylarwinslow@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 9:22 AM

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Sincerely,

Skylar Perez Grogan, MSW
818. 731. 9914

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To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

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From: Aemon Viens <aemonv@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 8:56 AM

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From: 'Sarah Prinz' via Clerk Budget and Finance Committee <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>
To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 8:46 AM

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At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 8:41 AM

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The Honorable Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

c/o Office of the City Clerk

Los Angeles City Hall

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Los Angeles, CA 90012

clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org

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We understand that the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in significant revenue shortfalls for the City and that cuts in spending must be made. We question the priorities and values that are reflected in the Mayor's Proposed Budget, however, with regard to the cuts he has proposed—and those he has not.

Specifically, we are troubled that in a budget that cuts \$230 million in services, weakening vital programs that many Angelenos rely on and imposing furloughs on nearly 16,000 city workers, LAPD officer pay is simultaneously being increased by \$144 million. In relative terms compared to last year's spending—despite the great need created by the COVID-19 outbreak—the Mayor's Proposed Budget cuts City investments in housing programs by 9.4%, job programs by 8.9%, and

homelessness programs by 6%—all while boosting its expenditure on police by 7.1%. This brings LAPD’s share of the City’s total budget to a whopping 54%—despite the fact that crime is down.

Angelenos are currently facing an economic and health crisis of unprecedented proportions. Even before COVID-19, roughly one in three renters in Los Angeles spent more than half their income on housing, and there were over 36,000 unhoused people in our City. The pandemic will only make matters worse. Over half of Angelenos are now unemployed following the massive job losses stemming from COVID-19. And economists predict that many of the recent layoffs will be permanent. Without bold action from the City, more Angelenos will become severely rent-burdened or fall into homelessness.

We applaud the City’s efforts to respond to the COVID-19 emergency: delivering meals to seniors, opening childcare centers for healthcare workers, purchasing personal protective equipment (PPE) for first responders, implementing a small business loan program, committing to providing rental assistance, and setting up testing sites, additional shelters, and more. These are the kinds of interventions Angelenos need at this critical and unprecedented time.

Sadly, the Mayor’s Proposed Budget puts some of these very initiatives on the chopping block. The Department of Aging has reported that furloughs and office closures will directly affect seniors trying to enroll in meal services, many of whom do not have internet access and rely on staff to help them enroll in city programs via telephone. (CAO’s May 19, 2020 Report on the Impact on City Services of the Furlough Program Included in the 2020-21 Proposed Budget, p. 7.) The Department of Economic Development anticipates that its cuts will cause delays in economic relief and related assistance to the thousands of workers and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 emergency. (*Id.* at 15.) The Department of Housing and Community Investment predicts that furloughs will reduce its ability to provide services to tenants, prevent poverty and homelessness, and create affordable housing. (*Id.* at 20.)

In her opening remarks during last Thursday’s Council Meeting, Council President Nury Martinez said, “As we start the new fiscal year, it is important to keep in mind the people who need us the most right now—working families, those living in poverty, communities of color that have long been forgotten, seniors and children.” This budget balances itself on the backs of those very people—the most vulnerable among us—largely to provide a raise for LAPD officers. *If officers simply received the same pay they did last year, the City could prevent two-thirds of these devastating cuts to critical services.*

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To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

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From: Layne Karafantis <layne.karafantis@gmail.com>

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To: "mayor.garcetti@lacity.org" <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>
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From: Kirk Larsen <kirkhlarsen@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 6:40 AM

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1 message

Seth Gottesdiener <seth@indigo.la>

Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 9:50 AM

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Hello,

I hope you are all well, I am writing because the people want real change. I am in support of the people's budget. Please see attached.

Seth Gottesdiener
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2 attachments

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The People's Budget

Los Angeles 2020-2021

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INTRODUCTION

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

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

Here's a summary of our methodology and results:

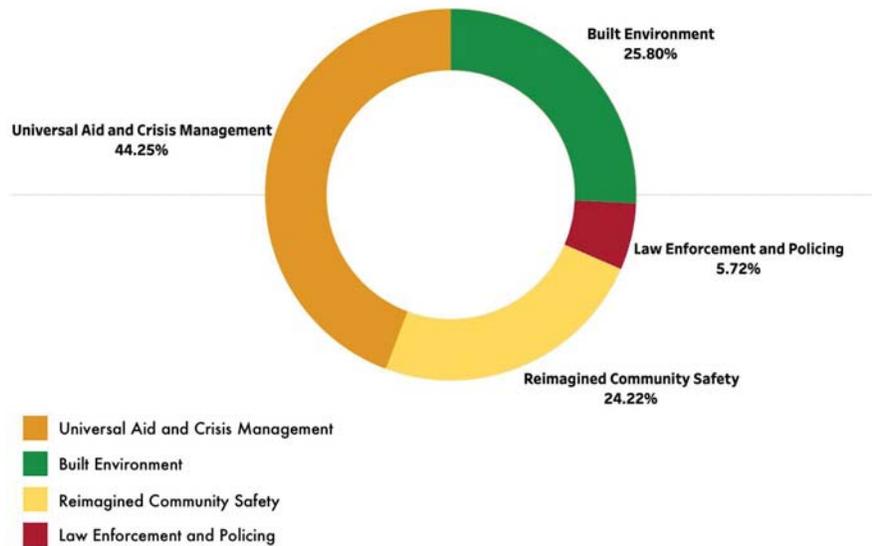
- More than 10,000 people were engaged in the drafting of the People's Budget. This includes 1,470 Angelenos who took our survey, 3,300 participants who engaged in our participatory budgeting process in real time on May 24, 2020 (via Zoom and Facebook Live), and 10,000 viewers who have watched the session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

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

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The People's Budget Priorities



SPENDING AREAS

UNIVERSAL AID AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT

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

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

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

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

REIMAGINED COMMUNITY SAFETY

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

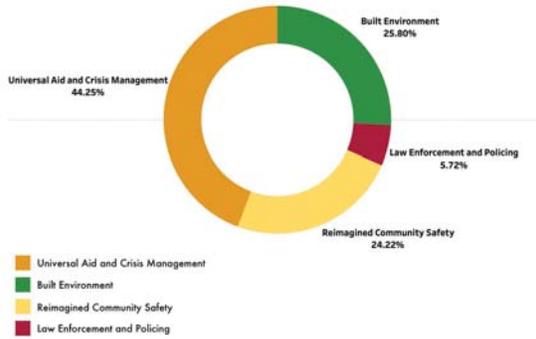
Specific initiatives that could be included in this category are family counseling, restorative justice programs, reparations to victims and their families, community-led crisis response programs, gang prevention/intervention/recovery without police involvement, and domestic violence prevention/intervention/recovery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

LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

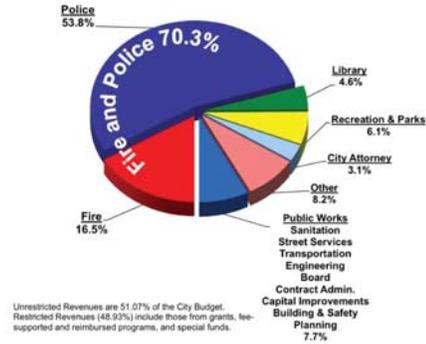
COMPARISON WITH THE MAYOR'S BUDGET

The People's Budget



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



The People's Budget Allocations

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Built Environment	25.80%
Reimagined Community Safety	24.22%
Law Enforcement and Policing	5.72%

The Mayor's Budget Allocations

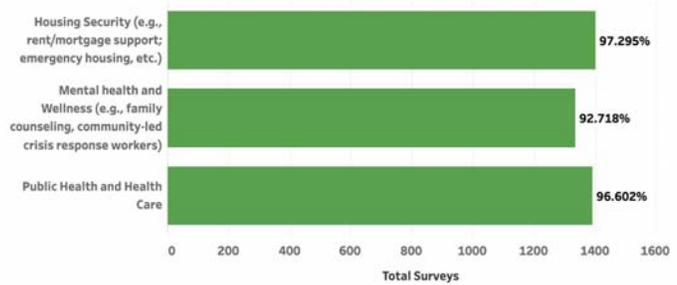
Police	53.8%
Fire	16.5%
Other	8.2%
Public Works	7.7%
Recreation & Parks	6.1%
Library	4.6%
City Attorney	3.1%

TOP PRIORITIES FOR INVESTMENT

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

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

Top Priorities for Investment

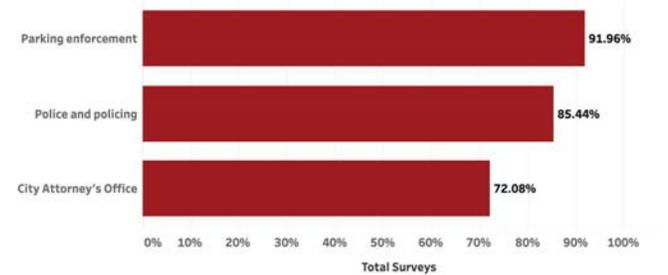


TOP PRIORITIES FOR DIVESTMENT

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

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

Top Priorities for Divestment



PROCESS AND METHODOLOGY

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

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

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

ADOPT A PEOPLE'S BUDGET

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

ABOUT THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET LA COALITION

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

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

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

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

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

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1 message

From: Aine Kennedy <aine@ainekennedy.com>
To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 6:14 AM

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Sincerely,
Aine Kennedy

Sent from my iPhone

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1 message

From: Gmail <twanmeijerink@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 6:10 AM

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Sincerely,
Twan Meijerink

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1 message

From: 'Gaby Sarmiento' via Clerk Budget and Finance Committee <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>
To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 4:04 AM

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

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Sincerely,
Gaby Sarmiento

Sent from my iPhone

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1 message

From: Brandon Beck <wbrandonbeck@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 3:03 AM

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Brandon Beck

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1 message

From: Alex Scarlett <ascarlett70@outlook.com>
To: "mayor.garcetti@lacity.org" <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>
At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 2:29 AM

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

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Sincerely,

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1 message

From: August Busch <august.j.busch@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 1:13 AM

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Regards,

Augustus Busch
Koreatown Resident

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1 message

From: Lucia Rinaldi <luciarinaldi.dp@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 12:51 AM

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

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To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

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Charlie Vera

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From: asucena mendoza <asucenamendoza9701@gmail.com>
To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 12:27 AM

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Sincerely, Asucena Mendoza

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1 message

From: 'Gabriela Salazar' via Clerk Budget and Finance Committee <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>
To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
At: Sat, Jun 6, 2020 at 12:09 AM

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