

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 08:23 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD does not have enough active police officers to cover the entire city of LA as it is. Defunding police will increase brazen gang activity and hurt people in the most crime-ridden areas the most. Doesn't anyone remember the horrible shootout in North Hollywood when bank robbers had more weapons than the police?

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 05:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please, Do not continue to cut LAPD's budget but rather increase it. Over all improvements have been great the past 4 years and good the past 15. Let's keep it great for employees and the city! In addition, Prop 47 and 57 need to be repealed and the LAPD needs to be prepared for this.

Communication from Public

Name: Megan Jensen

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 06:20 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to ask that the Mayor's Office and the Los Angeles City Council consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Unlike the Mayor's budget, which gives more than half of the city's general funds to the LAPD, the Peoples Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. I am asking the Mayor's Office to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions — that LA must not use over 50% of its general funds to support the LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation toward peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. This is unacceptable, and it has motivated me to think about - and to now ask my elected officials for - a reimagining of how we want the job of a police officer to look. The People's Budget will allow us to move away from ultimately futile conversations about how a police officer should act and toward productive, community-focused conversations about what the job should actually be. Thank you for your time, and for your service to our city. Sincerely, Megan Jensen

Communication from Public

Name: Cindy Polak-Seligson

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 06:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please reconsider any plans that you have to defund LAPD. This appears to be a knee jerk reaction based on uncorroborated claims instead of a reasoned and logical plan. Many of the claims being made regarding police departments/officers in general do not apply to LAPD. LAPD has made significant and meaningful steps to improve themselves over the years that could be wiped away without enough money for hiring, training, and law enforcement.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Blazey

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 11:33 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I have been a resident of the City of Los Angeles for my entire life - 68 years and while I can't believe this issue has arisen I am completely and utterly opposed to the concept of defunding the finest police force in the world, the Los Angeles Police Department.

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Name: Jessica
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 12:31 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police

Communication from Public

Name: Nicholas Bottomley

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 12:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I suspect many comments on this file in support of LAPD funding increases will talk about the progress made in the culture of LAPD over the last year. The problem is this is not and will never be enough. We need to rethink the role of policing entirely in our culture to truly create a fair and just society. It's not that policing sometimes hurts people, it's that policing is ALWAYS hurting people. We must move away from models of punitive justice and into restorative models that maintain the dignity and rights of those accused of crimes. Policing has no role in this system. Defund the LAPD. Fund and invest in services for our most vulnerable.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 12:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: If you need to rethink what makes people safer, Do it. Root out bad cops. Cutting police budes and removing officers is a knee gerk reaction that is short sited, self destructive and irresponsible. Imagine the destruction of the riots of today with a crippled police force. I am a resident and business owner in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Dani DiPillo

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 04:57 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello Council Members, I am here to add my voice to the opinion of many that the LAPD needs to be defunded. Policing divests from community interests, specifically Black and under-resourced communities. Adding harm and taking away opportunities for growth by creating community fear and stifling government investment. With most of the 2020-21 budget allocated to police, oppression of disadvantaged communities will be perpetuated. A 150 million dollar cut towards police is not enough. And is a mere token of the important defunding and reallocating this budget needs. Police are not equip to take on all the situations they are called to. And calling the police often is just masking a symptom of systemic unrest, than aiding in treatment and care. For all communities in LA to truly prosper, funds needs to be allocated to mental health care and rehabilitation, housing and homelessness aid, universal aid and crisis management, built environments, and reimagined community safety. Power needs to be taken away from police. Funding being spread out can create more community support. For example, if someone needs mental health support and are in danger, the police should not be called to the scene, but a mental health professional who can care and analyze the situation. There are ways for public safety to be reimagined without policing's defensive mentalities that often lead to violence and abuse.

Communication from Public

Name: Jonathan Zimmerman

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 04:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of the City of Los Angeles and I reside and vote in Paul Krekorian's North Hollywood District. I am currently a member of the LAPD North Hollywood Community Police Advisory Board and a civilian volunteer at the North Hollywood Police station. I became a CPAB member 8 years ago because I wanted to see for myself what was really happening in the LAPD. I remembered the harsh treatment some of my friends received from the LAPD in the 70s and early 80s, I had heard things had changed, and I wanted to see for myself. I had no idea how far the LAPD had come since then. I have found the LAPD completely open and receptive to community suggestions. I have seen the LAPD actively solicit suggestions from the community and watched them act those suggestions. As a CPAB member, I have received multiple complaints from my neighbors regarding long hold times while trying to contact 911 and long wait times for non-emergency service from the LAPD. My neighbors and I know the long wait times are a direct result of the lack of funding for more 911 operators and the lack of officers available to respond to calls for service in North Hollywood. We know that funding is a political issue, not a policing issue. I support additional spending on education, health care, and homeless services for the citizens of Los Angeles who need them but I fail to see the connection for increasing the funding for social and educational services at the expense of public safety. I know from personal observation that the North Hollywood Division of the LAPD does not have the resources to service any but the most urgent calls in any sort of timely manner. It's incredibly frustrating for the callers and it's frustrating for the police as well. This is unacceptable -- the cops know it and my neighbors and I know it. We also know that funding is a political issue, not a policing issue. I believe that any cuts in the budget of the LAPD will be disastrous for public safety. Those of us who live in North Hollywood know how little protection we actually have in public safety emergencies. We should be increasing the LAPD budget, not cutting it. Here are several suggestions: Have LA County spend the resources necessary to ameliorate the public health problems caused by homelessness instead of forcing the LAPD to deal with them as the agency of last resort. Have LA County spend the resources necessary to ameliorate the public health

problems caused by untreated mental health issues instead of forcing the LAPD to deal with them as the agency of last resort. Have LA County spend the resources necessary to ameliorate the public health problems caused by alcoholism and drug addiction instead of forcing the LAPD to deal with them as the agency of last resort. Have the LAUSD spend the resources necessary to see that every child has a well maintained, well-staffed, and well-supplied school to attend in their neighborhood and after-school programs to keep them engaged and help them with their homework. North Hollywood LAPD already has a successful Jeopardy program to help troubled and disadvantaged kids after school -- shall we cut that as part of a budget reduction? If you insist on reducing the LAPD budget I suggest you also reduce the budgets of all City departments by an equivalent amount, including the administrative budget of City Hall and the budgets of the City Councilmembers. If you truly believe budgets need to be cut to increase services to those who deserve them, and they do deserve them, then show us you are serious and fair by making the cuts across the board and from your own offices, not just from the LAPD. If you believe, as I do, that segments of our society are underserved, we should all pay for the increased costs of serving them. Sincerely, Jonathan Zimmerman

Communication from Public

Name: Tauno Kartiala

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 04:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I don't know anyone who wants this bill passed. Most of our officers are good people. They go out every day and risk their lives to protect our safety. The terrible thing that happened to Floyd is not representative of the men and women of our law enforcement. Please do not pass this ridiculous knee-jerk bill. T. Kartiala Voting resident in Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name: Dylan Blaty

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 04:48 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the city council to defund the police, adopt the people's budget, and put an end to racial injustice at the hands of law enforcement. We live in a modern society, governed by the laws and institutions that are no longer relevant. We are simply asking our police department to do too many things for public safety that they are incapable of doing. We should instead be placing the right people in the right place to appropriately support our communities. We need to reimagine public safety. We need to move funding away from overpowered, militarized police forces. That funding would be far more useful serving the community in other areas like low-income housing and more services for unhoused Angelenos; more mental health services; rent suspension and cancellation during this pandemic; more funding for public schools and resources to ensure all students can continue learning during these uncertain times; and investments directly benefiting Black communities. We want human-centered services. We do not want more police.

Communication from Public

Name: LPhi

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 10:39 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please reconsider "defunding" of our LAPD! We need these hard-working officers to maintain the safety and peace we have known in recent years. I don't think there are any rational people who would defend or agree with what happened to George Floyd, but taking away funding is NOT the answer.

Communication from Public

Name: Simon Kienitz Kincade

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 10:52 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The Los Angeles city government needs to take a good look at its priorities during this time of national upheaval. As one of the largest, most left-wing, and most economically unequal metropolitan areas in the country, our city should be leading the charge in civic reform, not lagging behind. A system that kills and incarcerates its black and brown citizens with impunity, that leaves upwards of 60,000 people homeless on the streets, is not acceptable. We the people demand change. Adopt the People's Budget. Defund the Police.

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Name: David Nelson

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 11:15 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is David Nelson and I am a resident of Los Angeles. We've all heard the phrase, "The squeaky wheel gets the oil." The squeaky wheel of late is coming from a mob who do not represent the majority viewpoint of the residents. You cannot kowtow to a mob. If anything we need MORE police, MORE training. Please do NOT consider reducing the budget for law enforcement.
#Blind2ColorNotBlind2Crime

Communication from Public

Name: Adel
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 09:04 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: 40 year resident of The San Fernando Valley. I say No to defunding the LAPD !!

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Name: S. A.

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 10:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: A lot of things need to be looked at in the City of Los Angeles for improvement in management of taxpayer dollars... but defunding the police in a city where homelessness and theft are rampant and only getting worse is not the solution. Sure police need to be held accountable and have a cultural change in their practices, but defunding the police is only going to exacerbate the problem. We do not live in a city, or a world for the matter, overflowing with the right morals. We NEED the police. In fact, we NEED more police funding so they can deal with the garbage out there on the streets and uphold the law.. Without police holding people accountable for their actions of breaking the law, you are entering anarchy territory. You people advocating for defunding the police are absolutely out of your minds. You have no idea what chaos you are wishing for. \$1.8b is not the concern. WE NEED THE POLICE TO PROTECT OUR VERY FREEDOMS OUTLINED BY THE CONSTITUTION.

Communication from Public

Name: Jonathon

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 09:45 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund police? Ok. I look forward to nonpayment if property taxes as a consequence. Obviously we'll be hiring private security contractors in the place of the police, and those funds will come from somewhere. Use your brains and say no to defunding the police.

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Name: Molly Hemphill
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 05:09 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Tara Shuai Ellison

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 05:13 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and make our communities safer for Black residents now!

Communication from Public

Name: William Baxter

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 10:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We need to defund the police. It's time to look at the root of the problem. Violent crime is the symptom of poverty and a lack of access to resources. We have the money to help, and it's in the LAPD's budget. We need to rethink our peacekeeping system by implementing services instead of criminalizing citizens further contributing to a cycle ruins lives and keeps communities from thriving. Read. Do your homework. Be a part of building this city into what it could be.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 10:58 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: #Defundthepolice

Communication from Public

Name: Darrin Johnson

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:03 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please defund the Police Department and use rose funds to help our communities

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Name: Amy Kwong
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:03 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: We need to defund the police.

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Name: Felicia
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:16 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #DEFUNDTHEPOLICE. Reinvest in community safety.

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Name: Gillian Cecilia Espinoza

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: #defundthepolice Please defund the police! They should NOT be allowed to use military weapons on civilians, or to have them AT ALL. They also need AWARENESS TRAINING on how to de-escalate situations, REAL and ACCURATE information of how black and brown communities are treated, on low-income issues, on mental health, on the deaf community, on lgbtq+ needs, on immigrants situations.

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Name: David Simmons
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:19 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE

Communication from Public

Name: Wendy Christina Vazquez

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Redistribute the funds to social programs that will help our communities rather than intimidate and abuse. Do not be intimidated by the police unions and if you've been accepting funds from police unions, resign.

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Name: TJ Linnard

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police. Not a flippant statement made to pacify and make me feel good about “doing my part”. I’m working on doing my part little by little, day by day. I’m educating myself and from what I have learned defunding the police makes perfect sense since the system it revolves around as well as the institution it is and represents is reprehensible. Allocate the unbelievable amount of money used for police funding in a wide array of different programs to help build our communities and mental health programs. #blacklivesmatter motherfuckers. Thank you for reading

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Name: SM
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 10:09 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police!

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Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 10:09 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

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Name: Toby Solorzano
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 10:16 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Demilitarize the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Salina

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 10:25 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: LA City Council, you MUST defund the police. You and I know this means moving money away from a brutal, unjust, and racist system (working as it was designed) and towards community services and organizations that will ultimately benefit all of us, including the most vulnerable. DEFUND THE POLICE NOW.

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Name: Cameron Andrew Mitchell
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 10:32 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the goddamn police

Communication from Public

Name: Leda
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 08:02 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: No to defunding the LAPD!!

Communication from Public

Name: Adam Alvarez

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 08:11 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Defunding the LAPD is an idea that nobody fought for before the recent incidents. Therefore it is safe to conclude that this is a trend recently established by a select few individuals. While the LAPD may not be perfect, it has made significant efforts and improvements since the days of Darryl Gates and credit should be given where credit is due. I do not agree with the defunding of the LAPD just because some protesters and rioters say it is the best thing. We have an Police Inspector General's Department that oversees cases and misconduct and it is pretty obvious that the people who wish to defund our law enforcement have not utilized this agency to address these alleged complaints of police brutality. In late May, we had rioters and protesters who have caused severe damage to our City. If we did not have the LAPD, I imagine the destruction would have been to a higher degree. The LAPD consists of men and women who are human beings with families just like everybody else and need to be seen as such instead of an entity of abuse. I recommend that the LAPD increases it's efforts to further establish the trust of the public through community events, open houses and other forms of getting involved. "Defund the Police" is a nonsense rhetoric that is trending from individuals who do not comprehend the consequences of their actions.

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Name: Randall Fried

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 08:33 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident and homeowner of Los Angeles, an active member of the Studio City Neighborhood Council, and speaking for myself, I do not support a cut to LAPD funding. We are a city that spans 479 square miles, we have a population of over 4 million people and yet we have only 10k police officers. Part of what historically created a culture of them versus us was the fact the LAPD was understaffed. Perhaps we should look at other bloated systems in the city for reductions in spending.

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police.

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Name: Rachel
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 08:16 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Duggan

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 08:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please examine the Los Angeles city budget and divert funding from policing to other intervention methods and forms of community development.

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Name: Raven Maxile
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 08:19 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 08:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice even more than you've already committed to. We need more funds put into housing and education for underrepresented communities. They need opportunities, not chances.

Communication from Public

Name: Nathasha Alvarez

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

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to urge the city to redirect police budgets to increase funding for social services throughout the city of Los Angeles. This includes but is not limited to education, services for the unhoused, addiction and mental health support, anti-recidivism programs, and increased health and employment services for communities of color.

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Name: Jenny Gyls
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 08:21 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

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Name: Tahirra Jackson

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

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Name: Jay Aquino

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 08:36 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police. The current budget gives too much to the LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Zoe Lumiere
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 08:43 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I agree we should defund the police.

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Name: Tom Kearney

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

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police. We spend way too much money on the police force and what does it get us? hassled. peaceful protests turned to mayhem by the cops, this is not public safety

Communication from Public

Name: Kelsey

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 08:55 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund LAPD! Divert their massively bloated budget to social services, public schools, and mental and public health services. Enough is enough! Remove the extremely expensive helicopters from the skies now.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 08:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We should “defund the police” by taking some of the funding and putting it back into the community.

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Name:

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

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Fund public education and housing services.

Communication from Public

Name: Griffin Casey
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 09:03 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the LAPD!

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Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 09:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Michael

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 09:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: #Defund the police. And de-militarize it as you go.

Communication from Public

Name: Julia Gabbayn

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 09:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND LAPD! Allocate that money towards LAUSD underfunded schools, mental health services, healthcare, housing, literally ANYTHING else. Our police departments don't need any more money.

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Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 09:17 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

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Name: Brennan
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 09:32 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 09:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I encourage the LA City government to adopt a People's Budget that defunds the LAPD and allocates city money to community programs that assess societal problems in non violent ways, and address crime at its source rather than over-emphasis on punishment. The actions of Mayor Garcetti and LAPD Chief Moore are not doing a good job of handling the current situation. Listen to the people, don't use chemical weapons on them. I may frame this professionally but don't get me wrong - this leadership is garbage. Defunding the police is the answer. Thank you.

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Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 09:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge that greater action be taken to move funds away from the police and towards social service programs in areas of need, especially for vulnerable populations and people of color. The police should should not be a catch all response, as they have clearly proven themselves ill equipped (to put it VERY mildly) time and time again, and there can be better trained specialists (for both prevention and response) to aid the community instead of relying on police and arrests for every problem. Humanity is complex and a brute response coming from a problematic, dangerous, overpowered police department is not the solution. #Defundthepolice

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Name: CH
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 09:54 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: #defundthepolice

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 09:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please defund the police and refund our community.

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Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 10:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: #DEFUNDTHEPOLICE

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Name: Anna Feigen
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Name: Nina Woo

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please defund and reform the police and fund other institutions that better serve our community.

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Name: erni walker
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:07 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: defund the police!

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Name: Aaren McLucas
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:07 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD budget for Police should not be around 3 billion dollars. Defund the police. Allocate that money to social services, health care, affordable housing, living wages, affordable healthy foods, employment opportunities, education, small businesses, entrepreneurial programs. No police departments needs 3 billion dollars.

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Name: Erik Varho
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:08 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police.

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Name: Peter Vittas

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

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Spend the money on education, infrastructure, public services, reducing traffic. We need LESS police not more. We need more police accountability and transparency only.

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Name: Kim
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:19 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE!!

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Name: Grace

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police. There are many more programs where funding has been cut for years, mental health services, homelessness, education, etc. It is time to defund an institution which does not uphold and serve the purpose that it stands to.

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Name: Kristin Marino
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:28 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: #defundthepolice Put that money into better social services, so we can actually be served and protected.

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Name: Stephanie
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:28 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: #Defund the police.

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Name: Jennifer Pupa

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE. REDIRECT FUNDS TO INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITY. Don't treat the symptom; solve the problem at the root!

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Name: Kate Samano

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE AND FIRE CHIEF MOORE

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Name: Joshua Heller
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:41 PM
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Name: Adriana Feuer
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:09 PM
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Name: kiré horton
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:11 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Adopt the peoples budget. Invest in communitys. Stop the militarization of police.

Communication from Public

Name: Patrick Blanchard

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE. We want that money spent on services that will actually help the members of our community instead of KILLING THEM.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 04:01 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund The Police!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 04:08 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: #DefundthePolice - Defund the Police! Divest in the police, invest in healthcare, mental health, and education to end systemic racism.

Communication from Public

Name: Viviana Navarro
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 04:12 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police! Moore needs to be FIRED and the Garcetti needs to resign.

Communication from Public

Name: Megan Berardi
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 04:14 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE

Communication from Public

Name: Travis

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE, INVEST IN EDUCATION, teachers shouldn't have to buy they're own supplies!!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 05:08 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please defund the police, and re-allocate some of those funds to public services, such as helping reduce homelessness in our city.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 05:08 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Attempts to reform this racist system are too little too late. Defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Ralph Aloia
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 05:21 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police

Communication from Public

Name: camila
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 05:25 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE NOW

Communication from Public

Name: Elaine Loh

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 05:46 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to voice my support for defunding the police. I know that the Mayor recently announced cuts to the police budget -- but, as the budget had already proposed an increased budget for the police in the upcoming fiscal year, this cut is really only symbolic and does not go far enough. I urge the Council to take up the People's Budget and defund the police in order to allocate money to community building programs, mental health, housing, and other areas that truly do not require police involvement. If there were ever a time for real, substantial change, this is it.

Communication from Public

Name: John
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 05:48 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police, fire jackie lacey, indight Huizar

Communication from Public

Name: Abigail M Mosman

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 05:51 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I demand that LAPD be defunded and that resources are instead shifted towards services that will benefit the community. Every member of LAPD has blood on their hands, Mayor Garcetti has blood on his hands, DA Jackie Lacey has blood on her hands. LAPD must be defunded immediately. As long as the members of our government do not comply with what the people demand, they will be voted out of office and we will continue to fight on the streets until justice is served and our communities receive what they need.

Communication from Public

Name: Caitlin
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 05:57 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police!!

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Lukasik
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:02 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #DefundthePolice and reallocate police department budgets to social services & support people and services in marginalized communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Julia Doyle

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please relocate funds from the police to education

Communication from Public

Name: Deb
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:12 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: please defund the police. thanks.

Communication from Public

Name: Sunny Franklin
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:19 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Nora Harris
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:19 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police.

Communication from Public

Name: Azadeh Shladovsky
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:23 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police

Communication from Public

Name: Tess Arroyo

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:24 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE!!! Invest in our schools, housing, and mental health for homeless!

Communication from Public

Name: Jordan
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:26 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police!

Communication from Public

Name: Matt
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:32 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #defundthepolice NOW! 3% is not enough! Do right by your constituents!

Communication from Public

Name: Alisha Erao

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police! We need to invest money in COMMUNITY-run support systems for public good and safety. LAPD is not a priority - invest in addressing unemployment after COVID, homelessness and our schools.

Communication from Public

Name: Kathryn Greenbaum
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:46 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police now!

Communication from Public

Name: Danny
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:47 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police

Communication from Public

Name: Courtney Koletar

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:48 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We need to defund the LAPD. The community of Los Angeles deserves well-funded social services that address the root causes of crime (e.g., poverty). This is the best way to keep our community safe. I am in support of the People's Budget LA and think we should prioritize care not cops.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:48 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: You need to adopt a People's Budget and defund the police. 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 people are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. 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 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 people, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. Your duty is to your constituents NOT upholding the racist and white-supremacist structures that underlie both the budget proposal and City Council as a governing body. This was made even more clear in the violent handling and intimidation of peaceful protests. The public is watching, and we will hold you accountable. We vote you in and OUR taxes pay your salaries. 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. \$150 Million is not enough (that's a pathetic 2% reduction). In response to the countless black lives that continue to be slain in streets across America, I am voicing my vehement disagreement with the Mayor's proposed budget. In this present date and time, the absolute last thing we need is more police empowerment that leads to abuse of power, terrorizing our communities and killing our people. 600+ deaths at the hands of LAPD and 1 conviction. That is disgusting and you should be ashamed of yourselves. Veto the Mayor's proposed budget and submit it back to committee for review and reallocation. Please utilize the People's budget as a blueprint. I urge the appropriation of funds be directed to impact the people of Los Angeles in the areas of health, education, arts, housing, food security and to provide immediate resources for small businesses and the arts— especially given the pandemic.

Communication from Public

Name: Hugo

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:50 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Dismantle, Disband and defund the police. #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:56 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. We need community services and investment in schools not a military-like police force with no oversight.

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel Huang

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:58 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: General Public Comment Dear the council, I am a concerned constituent of Los Angeles County and deeply implore you to defund LAPD and move that funding to social welfare for communities of color especially our Black and Indigenous folks. This city has long overdue this support for communities of color. This is your responsibility to take care of every single individual that reside and take base in LA as a home, undocumented or not, LGBTQ or not, Black or not, Indigenous or not, POC or not, you need to take responsibility in making this your utmost priority. Thank you, Rachel

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:58 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Brad Kaiserman
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:20 AM
Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. The current budget for the LAPD is excessive. We do not need LAPD to be the ones responsible for safety in our schools. We do not need LAPD to be checking whether someone bought a ticket to ride the metro. We do not need the LAPD to be responding to mental health crises. We do not need the LAPD to be responsible for handling homeless encampments. At the protest in Hollywood this past week, the LAPD flew a helicopter over the entirely peaceful protest for the duration of the protest, at what was certainly an exorbitant cost to taxpayers. The LAPD has become increasingly militarized. Moreover, the LAPD's actions over the past two weeks of protests illustrated a tendency to aggravate situations rather than de-escalate situations. LAPD has broken its trust with the community. As past reforms have not sufficiently addressed these issues, the only remaining solution is to defund the LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: General Public Comment
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:20 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #Defundthepolice

Communication from Public

Name: Cara
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:20 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Invest in social services. Invest in our community.

Communication from Public

Name: Brendan Morris
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:21 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE! We want care not Cops.

Communication from Public

Name: Aidan Woodford

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:21 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I ask that the police be defunded even more so than the \$150 M budget cut by Mayor Garcetti. A move that feels more performative than detail- and action- oriented. Decreasing police funding is truly possible. The increase of funding to other faculties and resources assures the police will have less on their plate. Perhaps also the budget for riot gear and weapons could be slashed too. There would be no protests to "fight" against, if those of you who we have entrusted to be put in charge would use your judicial and vocal powers more definitively. Defund the police now. Before more of the people they are sworn to protect pay the price.

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin Pena
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:22 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Rhett Roback

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:23 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund LAPD. Born and raised in LA, dual degree holder, long time voter. Defund LAPD, 51 or 53% of the city budget going to militarized policing is unethical and doesn't create a stable society. How can you cut social services and invest in something without public support? Since morality and massive protests have not been enough to convince you, let it be known that we will continue to organize and mobilize against individual members of the committee due to their financial commitments with organizations connected to LAPD and their overall lack of commitment towards progress in racial and economic justice.

Communication from Public

Name: Cara
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:23 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE! Adopt the People's Budget LA!

Communication from Public

Name: Thomas Mason

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:23 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Garcetti's proposed police budget cut is too little too late. We need to Defund The Police, and we need to do it now. This isn't a political issue. It's the health and safety and security of Angelino's on the line.

Communication from Public

Name: Rebecca Addelman
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:25 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE! thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember Mike Bonin, I am an Angeleno and I live in District 11. I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Unlike the Mayor's budget, which — even with cuts and proposed reapportionments — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the Peoples Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions — that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Thank you for your time, Seiji Nakaki

Communication from Public

Name: Justin Myles

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:43 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice. I am calling for defunding LAPD and replacing LAPD with a non-violent demilitarized public safety organization. I'm calling for funds that would be directed to LAPD to instead be invested into schools, youth education, athletics, and arts programs, affordable housing, parks and gardens, and other community needs.

Communication from Public

Name: Raul Anorve
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 07:49 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 07:58 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Katherine Yambao

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 08:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE. That money can be better spent on services that will assist the black community and other marginalized minority groups around the city. We don't need more money spent on the police. We need more money spent on EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, tackling the HOMELESS problem in this city, among many other things. As an LA resident I want to see those dollars go towards helping the community. Don't arm the police, arm the people and communities with a better opportunity to succeed.

Communication from Public

Name: Tiffany
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 08:36 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #DEFUNDTHEPOLICE

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:54 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I demand that the city council defund the LAPD urgently and redistribute funds to CARE NOT COPS with an emphasis on restorative justice and education.

Communication from Public

Name: Danielle Carne

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:54 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We need to go further in reducing police funding, \$150 million is a drop in a bucket of corruption. We need Care, not Cops!

Communication from Public

Name: Cooper K

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:55 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please, defund the police. I want to look forward to a future where we care for each other.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:55 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: we demand that LA defund the police with the ultimate goal of abolition in mind. the city should instead invest in life-giving services (i.e., education, healthcare, housing, etc), especially in Black and brown communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Kelli Crescenti
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:55 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Jack Babnew

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:56 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE. LAPD have an unconscionably bloated budget for piss poor results. This keeps a stranglehold on resources that can be reinvested into our communities.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:57 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice Invest in black communities! Invest in mental health counseling for our communities! Care not cops!

Communication from Public

Name: Rosario Campos
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:59 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Los Angeles police department!

Communication from Public

Name: Melena Taylor
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:59 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE!

Communication from Public

Name: Kymberly Murphy

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:59 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE LAPD No matter how many good cops there are, the system of the police continues to teach maintaining order through force. It continues to teach that Black men and women are criminals. If the foundation of your house is rotten, you need to get a new house. You can put up good walls and install a nice roof, but the foundation is what matters. Same for the police. We need to defund this institution and allocate more money to community programs, mental health services, health care, school funding and so so much more.

Communication from Public

Name: James Jamison

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:59 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Fund social programs. Stop ignoring the will of the people you supposedly represent; it's traitorous.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:59 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Corrales
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:00 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Abbi Jacobson
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:00 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police!!

Communication from Public

Name: Kristen McCown

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:01 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the city to seriously defund the police. It is not a matter of just \$250M that was already an increase from previous budgets. We are looking for significant scale here - at least \$1B must be reallocated to provide resources for the city's most vulnerable. But our ultimate goal is to see LA become progressive and adopt the People's Budget. We are tired of seeing citizens be murdered by the LAPD and people be criminalized for issues that should be treated as mental health. We need more social workers and mental health professionals serving the city, we need universal health care. Not police. Also fire the police chief, Michael Moore. He has proven he cannot be trusted to protect the citizens of this city.

Communication from Public

Name: Amber Rosencrans-Stitzer
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:03 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police!

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Brill
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:03 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE.

Communication from Public

Name: Marie Mawji

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police! Transfer money to public service and community organizations that are actually equipped to help folks who are experiencing homelessness, who suffer from mental illness and who need jobs. Replace police in schools with more counselors, trauma services, anti-violence programs, and safe after school activities. Weapons, violence and incarceration aren't solving anything!!