

Communication from Public

Name: Kristin Larson

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 11:06 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I do not agree with the defunding of police. I think the budget should be reviewed and cut where possible if any excessive spending, but I don't think an extreme amount should be taken away from the police.

Communication from Public

Name: A Citizen

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 11:28 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not defund the police. We need the police. The LAPD reflects the diversity of our city. Though we definitely need better hiring/vetting practices to avoid racist/prejudiced officers (which, by the way, come in all colors and genders), and more accountability in certain areas, we also very much need the police to uphold the laws, and fill in the gaps left open by failures in our society, i.e., homelessness, gangs, drug abuse, murders, rape, assaults, DWI, burglaries and other crimes. Throwing more money at these problems has not solved them so far, so why is it going to help going forward? If not for the police, who know show many more businesses would have been destroyed during the riots, and how many of the perpetrators would have been caught? There are more good officers than bead by a long shot. We just need to find better ways to get rid of the bad ones. Also, I was very disappointed by the prejudice displayed by our Mayor when he called for these reallocated funds to go to helping people of color. What about people of ALL races who live in poverty, who feel ignored and invalidated because they are poor? He should be concerned about helping ALL citizens in these circumstances, not just people of color. When we continually divide Americans into categories by race, religion, gender, age, etc., all we do is build walls between us. That is not equality! Please do not defund the police. Instead, look at ways to support LAPD in becoming better. With only 28% of the force being white, it's time to stop blaming the white citizens of this city for the problems plaguing it. We are diverse AND we are all equal, period.

Communication from Public

Name: Ruby Spiegel
Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 11:38 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to call into action the City Council to
#defundthepolice

Communication from Public

Name: GEORGE SUGARMAN

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 11:50 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I do not support re-directing funds budgeted for the L.A.P.D to other agencies.

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Spencer

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 12:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not defund the LAPD police budget. If anything, the city of Los Angeles needs more money for our police. What happened to George Floyd in Minneapolis was horrific and should never happen to anyone. However, the LAPD was not responsible for these actions. LAPD and all the citizens of Los Angeles, should not be penalized with a budget cut. Do not bow to political pressure from the masses who seem to be reacting based mostly on emotion and not on facts. Please focus on protecting all of us and not putting us at greater risk. Thank you.

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Name: Ashlea Patterson

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 09:52 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We need to put the wellbeing of the people first and put more money into education, community programs, and other efforts that will increase individual success and reduce crime. Defund the police! They do not need HALF of this cities budget! THEY DO NOT TO LOOK LIKE THE MILITARY!

Communication from Public

Name: K. A. McCullough

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 10:07 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I support re-allocating money in the city's budget from the overfunded police department to underfunded services for underserved communities, including physical and mental health care, housing assistance, education -- among the many other services essential for our citizens to thrive in our city.

Communication from Public

Name: Rick Solomon

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 08:05 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of the San Fernando Valley, and greater Los Angeles, I am very concerned about the “defund the police” movement. In these highly volatile and emotional times it seems more and more difficult to resist the temptation to place blame on a particular group without considering actual, working policies and past results. Reverse discrimination is NOT a logical or helpful reaction. Before I state my case and give the following statistics, I am in no way shape or form minimizing the death of ANY individual from a police encounter. That said, of the MILLIONS of police interactions with the public in the greater Los Angeles area, the resulting, very unfortunate deaths that have occurred is infinitesimal as an actual statistic. I only state this to make a point: if systemic racism existed in the Los Angeles Police Department the death rate for minorities would be out the roof! This is NOT the case! Can there be improvement, of course! We are all working towards a more peaceful coexistence for ALL Angelenos. However, “defunding the police” will NOT achieve this goal. In fact, it may only exacerbate the problem. I feel it is a misguided attempt to handle other social issues in the city of Los Angeles. And, in fact, it will probably only embolden criminals and the like knowing that the police department will be receiving a critical blow to their ability to do their jobs. Los Angeles leads the nation in the most inclusive, progressive police reform and policy of any municipality. I think it would be wiser to keep this fact in mind and utilize what’s already been established rather than cripple it with a lack of funds.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 08:07 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not refund our courageous police officers. They are heroes. Do not penalize all of them because of some bad actors. We need them for our safety.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth McCullough

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 01:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Listen, Minneapolis made an unprecedented move by announcing their intent to defund the police and invest in communities. LA can do it too. This the change we need to see! Adopt the Peoples Budget and #DEFUNDTHEPOLICE And while we're at it, fire that racist excuse for a police officer, Chief Moore.

Communication from Public

Name: Tyler Holtman

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 01:52 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Garcetti's proposal for reducing police funding is a step in the right direction, but it's Too Little, Too Late. We need more sweeping reforms. Videos have been proving disgraceful LAPD violence in the last few weeks, and that's just the tip of the iceberg. We need major change and major reform in training and reducing systemic racism. Defund the Police. End Qualified Immunity. PROSECUTE KILLER COPS.

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Communication from Public

Name: Beatriz Rodriguez

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 01:56 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD is racist and corrupt, targeting POC unjustly and systematically. You must #defundthepolice and redistribute funds to community services. The time is NOW. Follow Minneapolis's lead and defund the police now.

Communication from Public

Name: Lily Khadempour

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 01:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: It has become clear to me and to the wider general public that racism is embedded in the fabric of the United States, perhaps nowhere more acutely than in the criminal justice system and the police. The police as they are now must be abolished as they are a tool to uphold the racist status quo. Extra training and mild reforms are not enough, otherwise they would have changed things by now. Defund the police. Put that money into training and hiring social workers, into increasing equity in our schools, into ensuring safe housing for everyone, into treating mental health by mental health professionals, and into treating drug addiction. The police had their chance but all they have done is to demonstrate their incompetence that hinders, rather than promotes, societal well-being.

Communication from Public

Name: Leah Schwartz

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 02:00 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We need immediate actions taken to evaluate the current LA county police budget and work towards redistributing funds to preventative programs in the community. #defundthepolice

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Richards

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 02:11 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: 1. DEFUND THE POLICE!! Take a minimum of half of the proposed budget for policing and redistribute those funds into the community for EDUCATION, HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS! 2. Push hard for the passage of The Justice in Policing Act of 2020! We can no longer afford for these types of simple comprehensive reforms to get stuck in the system! Fight for the your constituents! WE ARE WATCHING, WE ARE PAYING ATTENTION! We will vote you out if real change is not implemented come next election!

Communication from Public

Name: #defundthepolice
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 02:48 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: We need to reconsider the LA City budget! Reallocate funds!
#DefundthePolice!

Communication from Public

Name: Alexander Veitch
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 02:59 PM
Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I appreciate this forum to comment publicly. I am submitting this statement in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter Los Angeles Chapter. I support #DefundThePolice because I am increasingly appalled by the militarization of police in this country and want to see my representatives engage meaningfully in the lived legacies of centuries of oppression. In Los Angeles, this means substantially revising the allocation of funds to the LAPD in favor of community-based initiatives that deal directly with issues of mental health, domestic violence, and poverty more generally. Mayor Eric Garcetti and his administration must do more than the proposed reallocation. A \$150M cut on a \$3.1B budget is simply not up to the task at hand. Such a meager response pales in comparison to the untold suffering visited upon Black, Indigenous, and Immigrant communities by racist policing over generations. Marginalized communities deserve action from the mayor and city council that is commensurate to their demands. I strongly encourage the city government of Los Angeles to adopt the People's Budget proposed by People's Budget LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Nelly Alonso

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 03:08 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and use the People's Budget to allocate funds in ways that will actually help the community.

Communication from Public

Name: Casey Stern

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 03:09 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the LAPD. In the midst of a homelessness, housing and affordability crises, funds should be diverted to HCIDLA. Contracts with LAPD should be terminated. LAHSA shouldn't involve LAPD in their outreach and rehousing processes.

Communication from Public

Name: Juan Cuello Villanueva
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 03:23 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2020 06:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am a Council District 4 voter urging City Council to amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to reflect the values of our community: we want more social services, employment programs, public health resources, rent relief, and restorative justice programs, not more policing. While I applaud Councilmember Martinez's motion to cut up to \$150 million from the LAPD budget, it is not enough. In fact, it feels like too little, too late. It is a very small percentage of LAPD's overall budget. Furthermore, Mayor Garcetti's budget furloughs city workers and cuts budgets in almost all departments, except the LAPD (civilian workers at LAPD will be furloughed, but not police or detention officers). Instead, Mayor Garcetti's budget proposes increases to the LAPD budget, including pay raises, bonuses, and in overtime pay. Police officers are not social workers! Police are not mental health experts, or crisis counselors! To force them to fill these roles rather than fund restorative justice, mental health, and public health programs does a disservice to both the police and our community. I urge the City Council to amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to shift significant resources from the LAPD to social services, housing, employment programs, restorative justice programs, rent relief, and public health efforts. A \$150 million cut to LAPD's budget is not enough. Defund the police! Your constituents are calling for it, and history has its eyes on you.

Communication from Public

Name: Khari Wyatt

Date Submitted: 06/11/2020 08:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police. The police aren't the best option for dealing with mental health issues. The police are not the best option for dealing with every domestic issue. We need mental health officers. We need domestic counselors. What we do not need is a militarized police force with a union that demands a lack of accountability for incompetent, racist or corrupt officers.

Communication from Public

Name: Lacey Wozny

Date Submitted: 06/11/2020 09:02 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police, rebuild a community safety network coalition! Here's how it could look: Los Angeles makes a Truth and Reconciliation commitment, offering a model for how to do this for other states and the federal government. This can provide common ground, as painful as it will be. THIS is painful and dysfunctional, and we can't afford to continue as we have. Let's ask ourselves, as a community, as a city: How can we responsibly and with care confront the wounds of slavery and white supremacy, while also demanding that we defund the police in order to rebuild a transformative community safety support system. What future of civic engagement and public safety and well-being do we want to see in Los Angeles and beyond? Municipally, a Truth and Reconciliation commitment could lay a foundation to end the policing policies as we know them and build a anti-racist restorative justice network of civic officials and citizens. This alliance would responsibly engage all aspects of civic life including: public health (especially mental health), housing justice, rehabilitation for the formerly incarcerated, lifelong education, and a massive job training program for that would have tracks designed specifically for both the formerly incarcerated and former civil servants such as police officers. This training program could have multiple tracks from social work, to legal aid, to public school teachers and staff and build a diverse cadre of true civic stewards that would be held accountable by an alliance of elected officials and a citizen oversight committee. An accountability coalition would provide input and oversight, comprised of municipal leaders and civilian leaders represented equally. Acknowledgement of wrong-doing and systemic oppression could go a long way in promoting the health and longevity of this community and others. We would be wise to act responsibly upon the lessons we are learning amidst the triple crises of Covid19, Systemic Racism and Global Warming. It is time. Sincerely, Lacey Wozny 90042

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 01:16 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice - Invest in underprivileged communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Karissa Rubenstein

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 07:32 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please #defundthepolice what's been done so far is not enough.

Communication from Public

Name: Veronica

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 07:39 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I live in LA county and support our Police. I do NOT support defunding of the police force.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 11:35 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Katherine Sweetman
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 11:41 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: It's time to defund the LAPD and figure out what's next.
#defundthepolice

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Hentz
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 12:01 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund The Police!

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

Communication from Public

Name: Jeff Murdoch

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 12:13 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: You need to defund the police. They don't respect you or anybody. Take away their money NOW! They are killing people and you don't want to rock the boat for whatever ridiculous reason. Absolutely disgusting! #defundthepolice

Communication from Public

Name: Adrian Auld

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 12:17 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice "Defunding" does not mean disband, it means the reallocation of a large slice of the police dept's ridiculous budget toward social services; for mental health, domestic violence, homelessness, schools & education, hospitals, housing and food in marginalized communities, all of the things we know increase safety and lower crime. The current model only maintains the systemic racism that marginalized people across the country still experience everyday, an experience that often has no greater clarity then when at the hands of the police, an experience we have all witnessed time and time again. We need to support our police officers; after just 6 months of training we cannot expect them to handle every situation that occurs in public space. We need to look to new models of prevention, new systems, the LA police dept has a historically proven, systemically racist culture that is supported by policy, and it has never been properly addressed. It is time too bring these things to light, to address, dismantle and rebuild from the top down. We can not continue in the same manner. We will not.

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Name: Penelope V Tingley
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 03:27 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: defund the police

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Harwood

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 03:39 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hello and thank you for your service. We ask you #DefundThePolice and move money away from policing and invest in community health, education, and affordable housing. In addition, we are asking you to enact the following 5 realistic, specific actions to defund the police: *1. suspend the use of paid administrative leave for cops under investigation *2. withhold pensions and DO NOT rehire cops involved in excessive force *3. require cops to be liable for misconduct settlements *4. cap overtime accrual and overtime pay for any military exercises *5. withdraw participation in police militarization programs Thank you again for your service!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 03:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE.

Communication from Public

Name: Danielle Erwin
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 03:43 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police!

Communication from Public

Name: Anna Murillo

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 04:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND the LAPD! Invest in community support programs.

Communication from Public

Name: Chloe Borenstein-Lawee

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 04:26 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles, I am calling on LA City Council to vote to defund LAPD. Let's take the money from the inflated 3 billion dollar LAPD budget and put it towards social programs such as housing, education, and mental health services. Thank you for your time. Chloe Borenstein-Lawee

Communication from Public

Name: Molly Segal

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 05:54 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As a LA resident, I am becoming convinced that the LAPD is doing more harm than good in it's current state. I am calling on City Council to defund the police and help LA envision a more equitable, and less violent and racist way to deal with it's residents. Let's see that money go to real mental health services, housing, and other services that address the root of so many problems that we are currently asking law enforcement to solve. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 08:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: "GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT" for LA City Council,
URGENT! #Defundthepolice

Communication from Public

Name: Chandni

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 08:28 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am outraged over the action of the LAPD. They should not have special privileges and often escalate situations of violence. The money that goes to the LAPD that is meant to serve and protect all of the people in Los Angeles equally would be better spent elsewhere. #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Allison Chow

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: While LAPD's budget accounts for approximately 50% of the budget--over 3x the amount dedicated to any other department--violent crime remains the LEAST relevant crisis hitting Los Angeles. There has been national attention on our city's housing crisis and our failing school district (despite it being the second largest in the country) for years, and there are nationwide crises regarding mental health, drug addiction, and the current pandemic. Despite the severity and unique complexity of each these crises, they are all currently being man-handled by one entity--the LAPD. This is a complete and utter failure by the leaders in Los Angeles, where there are endless organizations and professionals--some of who are paid for by the city of Los Angeles--who have worked for decades combatting these issues. By giving all of the power to control these situations to the police, you are in effect, wasting tax payer dollars on underfunded + under-utilized programs, as well as wasting the efforts of thousands of professionals in the city you run. Delegation is the crux of leadership, and your lack of ability to delegate the appropriate powers to TRAINED professionals is potent.

Communication from Public

Name: Tyler Wolfe

Date Submitted: 06/11/2020 09:40 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, 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 allocation 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. Best, Tyler Wolfe Studio City, CA

Communication from Public

Name: Moriah M-K

Date Submitted: 06/11/2020 09:48 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: While the city of Los Angeles has indeed taken steps to minimize the proposed budget for the LAPD, shaving off only a small percentage of the LAPD's \$1.8 billion dollar budget is not enough. In solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement, I demand that the city consider removing even more funding from the LAPD and allocate it towards other public services. It is not right that the LAPD receives over 50% of the city's budget while they continue to target and brutalize the approximately 71.5% of the city's black and brown population. #DefundThePolice

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Name:

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

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Comments for Public Posting: Now is the time to shift funds from the over-bloated and failed experiment in punitive policing which has resulted in violence and distrust in poor communities, especially those of color, to the badly needed funding of public education in Los Angeles. This moment is an incredible opportunity to create one of the strongest public school systems in any major city in the country. As a parent of two young children, such a shift would mean we, and many other families who cannot afford private school tuition, could remain living in the city we love and raise our families here.

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Deming

Date Submitted: 06/11/2020 11:32 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am an LA County resident and I support efforts to #DefundPolice and re-allocate HUGE PORTIONS of the Police Budget to other public health and public service departments. It is time for a RADICAL RE-IMAGINING of the County's resource allocation.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/11/2020 12:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cut the LAPD budget. Scarce resources already mean slow response times in our city. The mayor is asking for these cuts in response to the murder in Minneapolis. It is irrational to hurt the citizens of Los Angeles for a murder that took place within another police department, on the other side of the country. The mayor is using the murder of George Floyd for his selfish political gain, to the detriment of **all** the citizens of this city.

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Name: Peter Kearns

Date Submitted: 06/11/2020 01:53 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I believe there is an imbalance in our budget. When 17% of our city budget goes to the police it shows that we are not investing in preventing problems or helping people. It shows we are only interested in punishing those who have no options. I almost 1.7 billion dollars go to the police department, a department that has little to no oversight on its officers. We need change- and that needs to start with you putting our money where your mouths are. You say you care about education, mental health, recreation and parks. SHOW US, take money from a department riddled with corruption and put it towards programs that treat the problems not the symptoms.

Communication from Public

Name: Fran Calderone

Date Submitted: 06/11/2020 05:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Do not defund the police. I am horrified by the actions of the council and the mayor...disgusted

Communication from Public

Name: Maya M.

Date Submitted: 06/11/2020 05:12 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE. Allocate dire funds to communities of color. If you care about your citizens, the demilitarization of LAPD is VITAL.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund The Police PLEASE !!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 09:48 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Dear Sir/Madam, It's time to start re-allocating funds from the police into other aspects of our communities. Use that money to fund under-privileged POC communities so that they have an equal fighting chance in our world as we white people do. It's time to look in the mirror and start realizing that we've been complicit to the systemic racism that's engrained in our society, and people have been suffering at our own expense. By defunding the police and making sure our poor communities are getting the care they need, in the long run you'll be saving yourselves a lot of heart-ache (and money, which is probably what most people in government are concerned about). Educate our society with love and care. Have a wonderful day and stay safe, J

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Name: Connor Fogarty
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 09:52 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please Defund the Police. The budget cuts to them are not nearly enough.

Communication from Public

Name: Abby Gelsomino

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 09:54 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police further. Give to the communities and schools around you. Find some better solutions !!

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 09:55 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE LAPD

Communication from Public

Name: Will Simmons
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 09:56 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #defundthepolice listen to your community

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 10:12 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: It is time to defund the police and invest our communities. Police are being asked to do the work that communities are better - will be better - equipped time do themselves. Police are creating violence, not security. Divest radically from police and invest in housing, mental health, childcare, education, healthcare, social work, addiction care. Show community members that their lives are more valuable than their deaths.

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Name: Annginette Chandler
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 10:16 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: We demand to defund LAPD

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Nelson

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 10:16 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE LAPD. More than the mayor's proposed plan. We are begging you. Please.

Communication from Public

Name: Jordan Massa

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 10:18 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: It is despicable that we have to CONTINUE to protest and yell at the top of our lungs for WEEKS to demand the defunding of the LAPD. It is clear that the citizens of LA want a different kind of city! One where our leaders invest in the community and provide resources for housing, mental health, schools, access to food, instead of propping up the LAPD! DEFUND THE POLICE!!!!

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Name: K Luck

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 10:19 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice - prosecute killer cops and give community control over police accountability

Communication from Public

Name:

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

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Comments for Public Posting: I, in solidarity with Black Lives Matter of Los Angeles, demand an immediate defunding and reorganization of the LAPD. For too long, this organization has had free reign over our city's streets and people--overpolicing, overarresting, and killing in our poorest, most vulnerable neighborhoods. Indeed, I've frequently noticed that in my affluent area I VERY rarely see any police officers. I didn't understand how this was possible in such a large city, but now it makes more sense. These officers are spending all of their time in poor neighborhoods, intervening unnecessarily, looking for crime among the poorest and most vulnerable. What our city needs is help and housing, not policing and intimidation. SPEND OUR TAX DOLLARS WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED. Thank you.

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Name: a concerned citizen

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 10:35 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of this great city I would like to request defending the police and dismantling it, while focusing on how to redirect the money directly into the community and create a new law enforcement agency that is not able to hide behind unions when their actions should be held accountable.

Communication from Public

Name: Travis Reinders
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 10:37 AM
Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Stop wasting my money of ineffective police who actively make my community more dangerous by harassing and assaulting my neighbors. We have tried reforms, the do not work. If the past two weeks have proven anything, it is how deep and insidious the culture of the police force is, so rotten it must be entirely removed and replaced with public safety measure we can believe in. Meanwhile, they syphon public funds -- the money Angelinos earn -- into harassment, violence, and murder. Eliminate the police, and give our money back to us -- invest in us, through schools and other public goods. Do not allow the police to continue to hold our community hostage. Do the bare minimum of your job.

Communication from Public

Name: Layla JKornota
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 10:43 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE

Communication from Public

Name: Jon Lafferty

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 10:47 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Fire Police Chief Michel Moore.

Communication from Public

Name: Lucas Higbee

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 10:48 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: LA must further defund the LAPD. They have done incredible harm to our most vulnerable communities and failed as an institution. The mayor's current budget cut is not enough.

Communication from Public

Name: Doug Saribay

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to comment that the funds being allocated to the police could be better redistributed to other community programs, including education and housing. While I'm not calling for a complete abolishment of the police or the complete withdrawal of all of its funding, I think that they are receiving too much of taxpayer money. I believe the move to reallocate the surplus funds will help future crime from occurring.

Communication from Public

Name: Kate Moran
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 11:16 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:29 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Too little, too late. DEFUND the police now! Divert more significant funding to community programs. The budget cut is a drop in the bucket. We demand meaningful actions!

Communication from Public

Name: charlotte hall
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:30 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE

Communication from Public

Name: Colton

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:32 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please allocate more public funds to community services such as public health, public housing, better infrastructure, public transportation, community development, and more specialized services to address 21st century community needs. I recommend taking this money from the Los Angeles Police Department to make that happen. And more than the \$150 million pledged.
#DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Shannon Purser

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:36 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am resident of Los Angeles County and I am appalled that over 50% of LA's unrestricted funds are set to go to the police. The justice system in our country has been set against black people from the beginning and the cops, the people who are supposed to protect and serve, are KILLING black people and getting away with it because of qualified immunity. You serve US. We elected you to serve US. So listen to us. Listen to what the people want. 3 billion dollars to the police is obscene. Enact the People's Budget or we will vote you out. Please, access your humanity. Access your empathy. If you're not here to make a better life for LA residents, then why are you here?

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: It is crucial that LA City Council listen to it's citizens as we demand that they defund the LAPD. LAPD causes harm to our city and stifles valuable social services with its horrifyingly large budget. The time to do this was years ago, so the least you can do is start now. Reducing the police budget was a good start, but \$150 million out of BILLIONS of dollars is ultimately insignificant. We're not children, we can't be distracted by crumbs of ingenuine change. Defund LAPD now.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund LAPD!

Communication from Public

Name: April Miala
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:37 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:39 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund LAPD

Communication from Public

Name: Marissa Lee

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the LAPD. Police brutality settlements need to come out of police pensions. It's unconscionable that even with cuts, the city still plans on spending OVER TWO BILLIONS DOLLARS ON POLICING DURING AN UNPRECEDENTED GLOBAL HEALTH PANDEMIC.

Communication from Public

Name: Alyxis Schwab-Tidwell

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Respectfully, There is no reality that justifies the obscene amount of money spent on LAPD as opposed to essential, community services that do tangible good. It has been proven time and again that police reform does nothing - as we see in Minneapolis, which instituted every imaginable reform for their police departments, reform simply does not work. Defund the police. Institute the people's budget, and pay for the care of the community.

Communication from Public

Name: Sandy Rodriguez
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:46 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police

Communication from Public

Name: Kiara Adame
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:46 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:47 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and invest in restorative justice efforts (social services, mental health, public health).

Communication from Public

Name: Dylan Mira

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:50 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and invest in a People's Budget!

Communication from Public

Name: Sara T

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:56 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Unlike the current budget, which — even with cuts and proposed reapportionments — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Bennett Kogon
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:58 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Please - Defund the Los Angeles Police Department.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:59 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the LAPD immediately and redistribute money toward social services that help our community. Serve the interests of the people you represent. Stop funding a violent institution.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexandra Marechal

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 04:02 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: City Council — I am writing regarding budget cuts to the LAPD. I want to emphasize that while Mayor Garcetti's proposed \$100-\$150 million in cuts is a start, it is hardly enough when we consider the overall scope of the city's budget, and how much of that funding goes toward a militarized police force, one that routinely traumatizes residents across the city, particularly black and brown residents. I am a third generation Angeleno, with roots that stretch back to the 1940s on both sides of my family. I have deep hometown pride. That said, I grew up seeing cops in my LAUSD schools, and never thought to imagine another reality as a child. The brutal force used against residents throughout my life, and especially in recent protests, has utterly horrified me. While I appreciate the skillful intentions of some members of the force, I've yet to have a truly productive and positive experience with the LAPD. When I have called for them, they have either failed to establish safety in a situation, or aggravated an already fraught encounter. Now, as an adult, I am determined to see a different future for our children in this city and across the nation. The LAPD is simply not reliable when it comes to public safety, and I no longer believe mere reformative measures will suffice when it comes to stoking real transformation. This city must do the hard work to reimagine what public safety looks like, and how it manifests on a structural and practical level. The times that I have called the LAPD include domestic violence incidents involving a female neighbor being beaten, and break-in attempts by a mentally unwell homeless person. I would have loved to have another option in both of those cases; unfortunately, my city gives me one emergency number ("911") and one type of city response (LAPD). Each time the LAPD arrived, I could immediately tell they were not truly improving the situation, and I felt almost helpless. I now have little to no faith in my own police force doing good when called. I now resort to calling a friend, one who can get there faster, provide security and help de-escalate a situation. I don't bother with the LAPD, and, frankly, I don't trust them. The videos of LAPD violence that circulated during the recent protests were absolutely shameful. And to think: that's only when iPhones were out and recording. This is no longer about body cameras and a few extra hours of implicit bias training; this is about a dismantling what city officials believe constitutes

safety, because this police force is clearly not keeping us "safe." \$150 million in cuts is not enough. Reform measures are not enough. The City of Los Angeles must do soul-searching now, and reckon with just how wrong it got it when it comes to providing resources and security for its community. This soul-searching cannot be limited to the city council meetings; our council members, Mayor Garcetti and others must — as human beings — challenge themselves in their homes and in their own minds to think beyond the current understanding of "police force" in Los Angeles. Council members, Mayor Garcetti and others must look within and recognize how they have completely failed black residents in this city, particularly in already under-resourced neighborhoods. And if they do not provide proposals that reflect a true reimagining of public safety, one that advocates for residents in meaningful ways, one that follows the cries of community leaders demanding deep, lasting change, we will simply vote these council members and the Mayor out. I cannot emphasize this enough: our systems no longer work. There is no reforming them. There is no repairing them. There is no Band-Aid. We need an overhaul. We need a new reality. -Alexandra

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Dwyer

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 04:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please, please, please don't get caught in the past. Los Angeles has always been a place the world looked toward to dream and look forward. DEFUND THE POLICE. PEOPLE's BUDGET LA. CARE NOT COPS. Let's start tomorrow, today. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Ailyn Garcia

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 04:12 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to demand that actions are taken to #DefundThePolice. #BlackLivesMatter We will continue to fight and protest until there is justice, and an end to police brutality. Reform does NOT work. Abolish and defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Erica

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 04:16 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Police brutality has already taken too many lives. Something needs to be done. Defund the police!

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Petrie

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 05:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of "reform." This includes Mayor Garcetti's paltry 5% proposed cut with no clarity as to where these funds will be redirected, if at all. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. We are in the midst of a pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed, and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of those in this city are renters. When people are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, 60k people were unhoused; the evictions and economic insecurity caused by COVID-19 will bring that number even higher. We demand that the City Council meaningfully defund the LAPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Garcetti's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Nicole Petrie

Communication from Public

Name: Zoe

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 05:39 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge the City Council to #DefundThePolice and reallocate the \$3 million towards LAPD to other agencies within the city such as comprehensive mental health services, education systems, and homelessness. The city needs more resources, not more police. Police officers are burdened with too many responsibilities, are expected to be judge, jury, executioner, social worker, emergency aid, and more, and this is unsustainable. These resources, an excess of funds, need to be distributed to communities in need. My experiences with police officers are so different than those of black and brown citizens, which is unacceptable. Reform is not enough. We need change now. Defund the police, allocate resources towards social services and education, give peace a chance, and eliminate qualified immunity.

Communication from Public

Name: Katie Barsotti

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: General Public Comment- Unfortunately, LAPD's violence is a symptom of underfunding in housing, education (which I know city council doesn't control!), job creation, infrastructure, and mental health services. To heal the ill, we can't sink more money into a system that doesn't work. We know that police complain about being mental health workers, social workers, and more - why don't we take their inflated salaries and actually pay trained people to do the jobs they don't want to do. To start, we also need to audit police overtime. It's running rampant and we're essentially paying them extra to harass and kill Angelenos. I know this council is not extremely progressive, but this isn't a matter of right or left, Democrat or Republican - this is a matter of life and death for Angelenos of every color. This change is possible.

Communication from Public

Name: heather johnston

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: In light of the abuse of power the police have displayed by using excessive force, I ask you to defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Christine Tran

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:31 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We demand that the Mayor and City Council prioritize care NOT cops. We demand drastic changes to LA's budget, by investing in other community priorities and needs, such as more low-income housing and services for unhoused Angelenos, healthcare, more funding for public schools during these uncertain times, mental health services, investments directly benefiting Black communities, and rent suspension during the pandemic. Adopt a People's Budget, which was created after engaging in a participatory process, that better reflects what Angelenos truly want but mostly NEED (list above). We want human centered services. We DO NOT want more police. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Sara Morris

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am a mother of 4 young children living in the West Hollywood area. I have always had such positive interaction with the LAPD. Recently, as an Orthodox Jew, I have been feeling the real threat of anti Semitism. Our schools and synagogues need to be protected and under security surveillance 24/7. That saddens me greatly but I realize that it is very necessary for our safety and well being. The LAPD has been an incredible ally and friend to the Jewish community and has helped keep us safe. I go to sleep at night knowing that we are safe and protected. Please do not defund the police force. I fear greatly that such an action, a punishment for a horrendous murder done by a sick cop in a different state, will negatively effect our police morale and make them fearful to come to work. We want the people who are protecting us and our children to feel appreciated and respected. Please do not do this. They are great men and women who put their lives on the line for others. Day and night. Defunding then will harm them, and will thus harm us. Wouldn't a better solution be to have a sit down meeting with the African American community and our police force to discuss creative solutions on how to stop any racial tension between them? Wouldn't a better solution be to create educational programs for our police force about racism and better conduct towards African American community? More communication, more conversation, more discourse seems to be the correct solution. Not immediate punishment and defunding. I fear greatly for my family and my community. I fear greatly for our police force and I also fear great for the African American community itself. Our synagogue, Shaarei Tefilla on Beverly Blvd. had been spray painted with FUCK THE JEWS during the first nights of the protests. Along with four other synagogues in the area. This is unacceptable and very scary. It can not be ignored. Hatred can not lay it's claim among us. It's time to sit down and talk. It's time to say NO to any bigotry, racism, anyti Semitism and any other form of hate. Defunding the cops will not stop these sentiments. It will help them get louder and clearer, and scarier. I beg of you, please do not punish our cops. Thank you, Sara Morris

Communication from Public

Name: Justin Honard

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:45 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: It is imperative that we defund the police now.

Communication from Public

Name: K.G.

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 06:54 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We demand transparency on why LAPD needs a \$3 billion budget. On separate occasions, you've already managed to find \$250,000,000 that you can pull from their budget. They have been overfunded for years and you continue to allow corruption to sit comfortably in their department while they murder the people they're supposed to protect while YOU protect THEM. #DefundThePolice and give the money to the historically underfunded community efforts that are qualified to do jobs that the police clearly are not. Let the community HELP THEM so that they can stop murdering us.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:08 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: While I appreciate the motion put forward to cut funding from the LAPD, and acknowledge that is a step in the right direction, the proposed cut is far too low. \$100-\$150 million of the \$3 billion is not significant enough to make the change and invest in the black community and public at large that the people of the city of Los Angeles are demanding. We are in the middle of the worst storm we've ever faced as a city - a triple threat of a public health crisis, a housing crisis that has been boiling for years, and a mental-health and wellbeing crisis. Angelenos are trying to process staying safe and healthy in the middle of a global pandemic, coping with being isolated and on lockdown, and so many are unemployed and trying to keep the lights on and food on their tables - and that doesn't even touch what our black Angelenos are going through. They are disproportionately affected by the coronavirus outbreak due to systemic racism and have to continue to see their people murdered at the hands of police due to implicit racism that mayors across the country, including our own, refuse to solve. On top of that, they have to watch all of this play out on the news, on social media, everywhere, on repeat. Our black Angelenos are fighting for their lives and fighting for their rights to equality and racial justice. Do you really think this is the time to be spending \$3 billion on our police force? Action speaks louder than words. This budget signals to Angelenos exactly where the city's priorities are - and it is not prioritizing its own - especially its own black community who are suffering and in need of our collective help. The biggest difference we can make is putting our money where our mouth is. Please reconsider where your and the city's priorities lie. You have the chance to make a difference, be a force of a change, and be a leader in showing this nation what a revolution looks like. We are watching.

Communication from Public

Name: Chloe Hamilton

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:16 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I demand that the City Council meaningfully defund the LAPD. I join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. I demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart.

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Haro

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 07:27 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles needs to be a leader in corrective funding, investing in our homeless and overall making LA a safe place for all. Defunding the police and moving towards more peaceful options, that's where I need my tax dollars to go.

Communication from Public

Name: Trinity Catlin

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern, I am writing in regards to the actions of the LAPD in the recent protests, and the past brutalizations of people of color and in particular black indigenous people of color. Aside from the clear violations of the first amendment the LAPD have committed against protestors, LAPD also has a close history with police brutality similar to George Floyd's murder. The purpose of this comment is to call for defunding of the police department, and for those funds to be redistributed into community based organizations. Violence is considered to be a public health issue by organizations like but not limited to the CDC, the World Health Organization, and the AAFP. So why is the Los Angeles government and council not treating it as such? According to the Cardozo law review, Volume 40, violent non-state actors commit violent criminal acts, but this violence began and is sustained by, poverty, trauma (including PTSD), underfunded schools, and mass incarceration which results in family breakdown. All of these factors are non-exhaustive and disproportionately impact people of color. It is the responsibility of the Los Angeles council, Mayor Garcetti, the DA, and many more public officials to empower and protect ALL of their citizens through counseling and equal opportunity. This work begins with defunding the police, a major stressor and proponent of violence in this city/county.

Communication from Public

Name: Diana May

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The amount of homelessness on the street has become obscene. We must do something. Allocating resources for schools, parks, helping the homeless our city needs these things to improve. #DefundThePolice and refund the people

Communication from Public

Name: Koryn Wicks

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 08:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am a citizen of LA living in District 1. I am voicing my support of the Black Lives Matter #DefundThePolice and #PeoplesBudget. Citizens of LA are tired of seeing an ever increasing funding of the LAPD as education and social programs suffer due to lack of funding. The city deserves better. Police cannot solve every problem. Communities education and services, not a militarized police force.

Communication from Public

Name: Maya Mackrandilal

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: It is time for the City Council to take a stand for the people - defund the police and invest in communities of color.

Communication from Public

Name: Sean Ingram

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 08:17 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am leaving this comment to ask that the police be defunded.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeff Nichols

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 08:43 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The currently proposed budget cuts to the LAPD are not enough. The LAPD needs to be demilitarized and significant budget cuts must be made and reallocated to social workers, low income housing, addiction treatment, education, and other programs that uplift the people of Los Angeles. Additionally, in the aftermath of these significant changes individuals who wish to be employed as peace keeping officers should be subject to more extensive qualifications and certifications in order to do so, starting with either an Associates or Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice and considerable training in deescalation tactics and community relations; officers should also be required to live within a certain distance of the area in which they police. Furthermore, a public registrar of officers who have a history of abuse claims should be made so that the public may keep track of which of their peacekeeping officers do not have the public interest at heart. This is just a start. Do the right thing. You know the system isn't working.

Communication from Public

Name: Martin Chapman

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Martin, and I am a resident of Los Angeles. I demand the city council members to defund the police department. Now is not the time to increase policing on the people and our communities. Now is the time to provide the support to those who need it during the COVID-19 pandemic. Time to invest in our communities. Please consider moving the budget to the emergency rental assistance program. Renters are vulnerable to the homelessness, being one paycheck away from not being able to afford rent. Let's have a budget with better priorities for this city.

Communication from Public

Name: Emma Fassino

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 08:57 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The city budget should *not* be prioritizing LAPD so much that over 50% of it is being spent on them. Let's bring that down to a healthy 30% for starters, yeah? Maybe fund some resources for the mentally ill and the homeless instead, yeah?

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Lee

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor and Council members, please review the annual budget and consider reallocating the LAPD budget to other city department or setting explicit spending requirements for community training and other safe measure programs for officers. This measure is proposed by many not only to reduce the number of police officers as the crime rate in LA has been stabilized, but to place pressure to create reforms within the LAPD. As a nation, we are spiraling more into a repressed police state with looming threat over public democracy. Changes are needed and one way to do so is placing financial pressure. The police union is strong, but the voting power of the LA residents are stronger. Through the power provided by your constituents, the mayor and council members can impose new budget to guide the path for a better LAPD. I fear and respect the LAPD officers. Many are honorable men and women who put their lives at risk to protect the public and its interests. However, serious changes are required to reflect the policing of modern era with equivocal justice to all people of color, gender, and religion. People like me shouldn't fear when they see officers, but secure. The perception of brutality need to be transformed into that of security and admiration. Again, changes are needed to do so and to begin is by listening to the pleas of the LA residents to defund the police or establish explicit budget regulation for better training.

Communication from Public

Name: Jordan Heimburger

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: To Mayor Garcetti and Whom It May Concern, Our city's policing budget needs to be significantly reduced, and those funds invested in community services for the unhoused and underserved communities, especially communities of color. Many functions that currently fall on police would be better handled by unarmed specialists, including addiction and mental health services among many. Our city needs to invest in caring for its people, not apprehending, fining and punishing them. Now is the time to significantly restructure our priorities toward a more peaceful, equitable city. Defund the police. Invest in people. Thank You

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 10:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in Hollywood. I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of "reform." This includes Mayor Garcetti's paltry 5% proposed cut with no clarity as to where these funds will be redirected, if at all. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Unlike the Mayor's budget, which — even with cuts and proposed reapportionments — gives 48% of the budget 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. While part of the budget has been defunded it is not nearly enough. Take from Minneapolis's example and completely disband the police. Invest in social services. Invest in climate protection and sustainable public transportation programs. Imagine what kind of amazing city we could build with the money that is currently allocated to a police force that murders innocent citizens. 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.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 10:20 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The police department's use of force against peaceful protesters this past week, along with its continued militarization, has shown that the organization has too much power and is not performing its essential duties to serve and protect. Unfortunately, abuse of power and corruption are longstanding issues within the LAPD and other police department's across the country. The system is beyond the point of simple reform and needs to be completely dismantled and rebuilt. The first step to doing that is through defunding. The incremental progress made by the mayor and city council on reallocating funds to community based programs is not enough to make meaningful change, so I'm advocating for a far more aggressive defunding of the police and a real commitment by the city to rebuild the LAPD as an organization whose ideals go deeper than motto decals on squad cars.

Communication from Public

Name: Anna

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We need to see more drastic action on the budget. LAPD needs to be defunded. That budget can be reallocated to critical social services that are currently UNDER-funded.

Communication from Public

Name: Travis Grossi

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:20 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Invest in our communities. (And no, \$100 million is nowhere near enough.) We're watching, we're engaged, and we won't stop until you make this right.

Communication from Public

Name: Sam Cahall

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I appreciate the commitment to transfer \$150M out of the city budget allocated to police to other community investments. However, I challenge the council to do more and defund the LAPD, now. \$150 is very small compared to the overall amount given to police and is effectively lip service. What Angelenos need is real investment in public health, housing, childcare, and other universal needs. I ask that the Council adopt the People's Budget. During these 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 Angelenos. This cannot stand. Defund the police. Your positions allow you to make real change, and supporting Mayor Garcetti's budget will make you complicit in the violence against those you serve. I urge you to support the People's Budget instead. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Astrachan

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please consider defunding the police in order to allocate more funds towards education, healthcare, and the environment.

Communication from Public

Name: Ingrid Leventhal
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:44 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Redistribute funds for public education, medical and mental healthcare.

Communication from Public

Name: Laarni Paras

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:49 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police further than the announced \$150 million dollar cut to the proposed budget. FURTHER (more than the announced \$250 million) invest the community. That means invest in the resources and services that actually make communities safe, like permanent housing, healthcare (including mental health), good jobs, free public transportation, after school programs, community care teams, environmental protection, parks, libraries, and arts programs.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police NOW

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 12:33 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: #defundthepolice

Communication from Public

Name: Erika

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 12:35 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police! With everything that's been happening, we obviously can tell they are not doing their jobs. It's time to step up and change this system.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 12:46 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I implore the LA City Council to adopt the People's Budget LA and defund the police. The police should be employed for the role of policing, not for mental health intervention, drug intervention, civil disputes, or the various incongruous roles that are allocated to the police department through their collection of more than 50% of our current city budget. Please invest in care for citizens, not cops.

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 12:47 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE

Communication from Public

Name: Brian Exum
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 01:01 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Roxanne Shaw

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 01:47 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Fund services that serve marginalized people instead.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeri Ryan

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 02:11 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please reject the current budget that allocates funds disproportionately to the police department. We do not need a militarized police force. We need a much greater allocation of money to mental health services, housing, and community support. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Nick Howe
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 03:03 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Joseph Minty
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 05:30 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #defundthepolice

Communication from Public

Name: Addie Ferguson
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 05:32 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE

Communication from Public

Name: JC Zepeda
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 06:10 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE / DEFUND THE LAPD /
REDISTRIBUTE FUNDS TO NEW PUBLIC SAFETY
INITIATIVES THE PRIORITIZE REHABILITATION,
EDUCATION, AND HUMANITY

Communication from Public

Name: Bordeaux Martin

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 06:22 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Good day, I am a resident of Los Angeles, Council District 1. I urge the city to seriously review the LAPD budget and defund their very large budget. We need community resources like housing for the homeless, social services for homeless people, greening neighborhoods that seriously lack green spaces, more resources for schools in low-income neighborhoods, and improved public transport. These are just a couple of things that we can start focusing on if we spend less on militarizing the police force and more on our community. The incidents of police violence at peaceful protests over the last weeks and LAPD's shocking number of officer-involved shootings are evidence that the money we spend on them does not make our communities safer. It makes them deadlier.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 06:31 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund LAPD

Communication from Public

Name: Nolan Purvbid

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 06:32 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Garcetti's proposed funding cut for the LAPD is meager and does little to address the problems of police violence and over-policing. Los Angeles needs large-scale structural change to the entire system of policing. It is long overdue for Los Angeles to defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Jason Koester
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 06:41 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: RB

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 07:03 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Rachel Borenstein and I am calling upon the LA City Budget Committee and LA City Council to follow through in their commitment to reinvest in Black Communities and Communities of Color by adopting the People's Budget and defunding the police. The proposed \$150 Budget cut does not go nearly far enough towards reallocating resources towards these communities. Although this cut is a step in the right direction, this still leaves the LAPD with 51% of the city's unrestricted funds. This initial action is clearly a meager concession and Los Angeles must do better. Los Angeles' history of racist policies, land use planning and disinvestment from LA's Black Communities continues to impact these communities today. Black residents are overrepresented in the city's homeless population and also continue to experience higher rates of unemployment. This shameful history of racism, has created a city in which black and Latino communities experience the deepest inequities. This must be rectified. LA City Council must reject the mayor's proposed budget completely and invest in the resources outlined by Black Lives Matter Los Angeles: permanent housing, healthcare (including mental health), good jobs, free public transportation, after school programs, community care teams, environmental protection, parks, libraries, and arts programs. These are services that actually make communities safe. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. The LAPD are a menacing and dangerous presence within schools and communities and must be removed from those spaces. Los Angeles now has an opportunity to make significant, lasting changes in order to create equitable and safe communities in which Black People and People of Color may thrive. This can only be accomplished by defunding police and redirecting funds into communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Frances Isles
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 07:10 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #DefundthePolice!

Communication from Public

Name: Lucy L
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 07:11 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #DEFUND THE POLICE

Communication from Public

Name: Mollie W

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 07:38 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD does not protect all people equally. We demand police accountability for violence against protestors. We demand police accountability in the 600+ murders committed by LAPD officers since 2012. DEFUND THE POLICE.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniella
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 08:05 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Kristin
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 08:10 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Aida Underwood

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 08:13 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: #Defundthepolice Enough is enough! We are done with continued police brutality. Defund the police, now!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Kate K

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 08:14 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: General comment: Defund the LAPD COMPLETELY. Reject the Mayor's budget and his proposed cuts and fully adopt a People's Budget. Defund the murderous white supremacist organization that is the LAPD IMMEDIATELY!

Communication from Public

Name: Bridget ore
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 08:15 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police!!

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Gebhardt

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 08:16 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I commend L.A. City Council for the recent proposal to divert up to \$150 million of LAPD's budget to much-needed health and social services. Given LAPD's tremendously oversized budget, I urge the Council to go even further in defunding law enforcement and investing in real community solutions. We need care, not cops!

Communication from Public

Name: Justin Maurer

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 08:19 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please Defund LAPD and instead invest in mental health first responders (like they currently dispatch for one out of five 911 calls in Eugene, Oregon). We also need addiction counseling and first responders adept to interacting with people with invisible disabilities like autism, deafness, and schitzophrenia. We also need affordable housing. Please consider cancelling rent and mortgages for at least one month. Instead of investing almost \$3 Billion in LAPD our communities need after school programs, child care, and job programs. We need to reevaluate our priorities not only as a city, but as a society. LAPD Airborne unit also needs an audit. Did you know one copter costs \$800-900 per hour? What other city service has this insane pricetag? What other city service pollutes as much as these helicopters and what other city service keeps essential workers and people of color sleepless with endless hovering? Please Defund LAPD now!

Communication from Public

Name: Ari Aycock-Williams

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 08:22 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police and put my tax dollars towards money that educates Angelenos, provides health care, and counseling.

Communication from Public

Name: Harlan Pace

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We need to defund and abolish the police. The Mayor's action of striking \$150 million from the LAPD budget is not enough. We need to be funding services to prevent crime rather than a police force that attacks and kills our citizens and throws more and more of us in prison.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 08:42 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles needs to defund the police. The police budget is astronomical compared to other services that are essential to the city.

Communication from Public

Name: Rebecca Glasberg

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 08:43 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles and I support the movement to demilitarize and defund the LAPD. We need to invest our tax dollars into community resources that are proven to work, and stop criminalizing innocent Black people and other people of color.

Communication from Public

Name: KP
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 08:45 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #Defund the police

Communication from Public

Name: Katie Davis

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 09:22 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police - allocate these funds to community healthcare, mental health training/education/assistance, education, housing, and other vital resources needed!

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Arauz

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 09:28 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please answer the citywide call to shrink the role of the police and place public safety in the hands of professionals better equipped to be preventive and effective. Acknowledge the origins of policing as an agency of white supremacy and their complicity in reducing rather than increasing the safety of many Angelenos. Defund the police and invest in a broader public safety network. Make LA a leader in innovation in this crucial area of city governance.

Communication from Public

Name: Jane
Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 09:29 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the LAPD. #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 09:35 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Adopt the peoples budget DEFUND THE POLICE

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 09:39 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We are asking you to please defund the police. The \$150M cut was a good start, but that's nowhere near where it needs to be. These excessive funds being allocated to the police force could so easily be redistributed to make LA a better place to live for all. Instead, it is being wasted on an antiquated racist organization. Please do right by your community and continue to defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Yunus Church

Date Submitted: 06/10/2020 09:42 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD's budget as a portion of the city's total budget is, quite frankly, disturbing and disgusting. One city does not need to have a police force the size of a small country's military. As you all damn well know, the LAPD disproportionately engages with black and latinx communities - the very same communities that desperately need improvements to education, healthcare, and community services. That is why we say #DefundThePolice. Because reallocation of the LAPD's immense budget into means of better serving these communities is drastically necessary, and has been for the entire history of the police (especially the past 40 years). End this war on black and brown bodies!! LISTEN to the people of this city, we're trying to tell you something!!

Communication from Public

Name: Vernon Corban

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 06:44 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am a long-time resident of LA County and the city of LA. I do not at all agree that the police should be defunded. For the most part, police have a tough job and are a useful and necessary part of government. I would recommend that of the several videos online I have watched of police stops and contacts with the public, the one thing that stands out on the subject of escalation or undue use of force is that it is very common for police to ignore a simple question like "Why have you stopped me?" and used it instead to justify escalation to "This person is being uncooperative." People like to know what is going on, especially when they are being stopped in their normal activities. As an example, during one stop that happened to me, an officer said I was making a U-Turn. I said I couldn't see how what I did was a U-Turn and calmly said so. The officer immediately started to get huffy about it and said, "Well, I was going to give you a warning, but if you want to press the issue, I can make it a ticket!" I said, "No, I am not arguing with you, I simply do not see how the U-Turn rule applies to what I did." To his credit, he dropped the huffiness and sketched out on a notepad what he thought I had done. I was able to point out that he had not observed that I had driven along the parking lot to a ramp on the corner of the property and pulled out onto the end of a side street and then made a proper left onto the regular street. He admitted he did not know the ramp was there and thought I had been driving along the edge of the regular street and not on the parking lot. With that it ended in a friendly goodbye. The point of this example is that as friendly as he turned out to be, his immediate response was to flash back at me for my initial question. My next point is, I see the use of a phrase "Quit resisting!" being used. Yet it is sometimes as a response to being asked "Why am I being stopped?" There seems to be either some need to educate the public on just what this command means, or to correct officers from using it too loosely to justify being unwilling to answer that basic question. Of course, some criminals will do and say anything to distract an officer, but that does not mean it should always be ignored as a necessary part of any interaction. On the same subject of resisting, I do not see how anyone in his right mind can insist on a person "not resisting" when they are being tazed or painfully attacked. I can guarantee you I am a very peaceable and friendly person, but if put under

those conditions, especially if only trying to communicate and find out why I was being stopped, I would not accept such an attack quietly! I do not see how I could as my first response to the pain would be to try and withdraw from it and the person causing it. It is much more predictable that a person WILL resist under those circumstances than to be docile! My next point is that it seems very obvious that there needs to be a pre-evaluation of the actual needs being answered when on a call. In the example of Mr. Floyd, he was suspected of trying to pass a counterfeit bill. In other fatal examples of police contact, the calls involved someone who was briefly or chronically mentally unfit and asked for help either by the subject or the family or there was some sort of minor traffic or other violation. Yet the officer(s) involved chose to escalate to a point of the subject being killed. Can there not be better policy on when and how to simply back off and save that battle for later? Is there no third option between a ticket or a body bag? I am sure there is, and it would seem that coaching and practice on some regular basis might be required. So, while I overwhelmingly support the police, I see that some of the actions they do are a result of either poor training or poorly thought-out policy. And it should also be made as safe as possible for a cop to report infractions of other cops without being ostracized.

Communication from Public

Name: Karen

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 06:53 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident and voter of the City of LA. I am against the defunding of the police. This is not the right thing to do. Our police are an important part of our community and we need them. I strongly object to this it is not the right action to take. I will not support any politician that supports the defunding of the police.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 08:43 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a resident of Los Angeles city. Defunding the LAPD would be a mistake. Please don't do it.

Communication from Public

Name: Jane Demian

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 07:54 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: LAHSA's 2020 Homeless Count was released today showing an increase of almost 13% of homeless individuals in LA County and 14% in LA City. Cutting the LAPD budget and redistributing those funds into necessary services for low income communities, housing and homes for unhoused people is absolutely necessary. \$100-150 million is a small dent in the police budget compared to the need in communities of color that have been the victims of systemic police violence and brutality for decades. I am fully supportive of cutting the LAPD budget in excess of \$150 million in order to provide needed services and housing for low income Angelenos. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Deborah

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 03:53 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I live in Los Angeles and am a voter here. I am in complete disagreement with the whole idea of defunding LAPD. I feel it is a knee jerk reaction to the protests that were accompanied by looting and violence. This motion is just extortion and does not resolve the actual problem which no one is really confronting to find out how it can be resolved. Further more, it is asking for anarchy to reign by giving into the demands to defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 11:00 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I do not support this resolution. The police are already underfunded. Over the past several years, I see continued deterioration in the Valley neighborhoods. I believe that taking a \$100 to \$150 million out of the police budget will have a significant negative effect on the safety of the community, will result in increased crime, and will result in further deterioration of our neighborhoods. I also think the funds at issue could be used for improved police training and putting systems in place for greater monitoring, transparency and accountability. I therefore urge the City Council to vote against this.

Communication from Public

Name: Romney Tripp

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 05:09 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am a concerned husband, father and 59 year resident of Los Angeles. This proposed budget cut “defunding“ of the LAPD general budget is dangerous to the entire community of Los Angeles. I depend on our honorable police officers to keep law and order on our streets, especially in the current environment. As a husband and father of 2 young women I feel it is my responsibility to speak out and to insist that you reconsider reducing any funds that are budgeted for our LAPD. We depend on them to keep us safe and we respect the hard work they do for all of us. I am a proud supporter of the officers of the LAPD. I am also a active registered voter and I will not support any public official that wants to “defund “ our police departments!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 01:24 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The police are here to help us. They come when we call them and in this time of unrest it is extremely important to support them. De fund then only hurts law abiding citizens. So please do the right thing.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Silver

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 02:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of the city of Los Angeles. I support Council File 20-0692. As noted by Councilmembers Bonin and Rodriguez in public comments, too much has been pushed onto the LAPD. The LAPD is not properly trained and equipped to deal with mental illness and homelessness. Studies have shown that social service interventions to these issues are more effective at a substantially reduced cost to tax payers. In this difficult time resources must be allocated where they will be most effective. I also urge the City Council to review and deescalate the militarization of the police. I support full funding of SWAT teams to react to special and unique situations. However, there should be an increased focus on community policing which has been proven to be effective at catching criminals and preventing crime. While I do not support the defunding of police CF 20-0692 represents a reasonable reallocation of resources to more effective interventions.

Communication from Public

Name: Kathy Welch

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 03:06 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I live in Los Angeles and I DO NOT WANT TO DE-FUND THE POLICE!!!!!!!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: travis binen

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 12:46 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We need more LAPD, not less. If we have less law enforcement, we will have even more shootings, looting, theft and way more homeless crime, drug use/dealing, break-ins, fires, filth and encampments will grow. More homeless transients will come to LA for rent free sidewalk camping and lawlessness. If you reduce the LAPD budget, crime will skyrocket. The only silver lining is that you will be voted out and replaced with candidates who will be tough on crime.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 12:47 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please do NOT Defund the police. The REAL police who follow the honorable motto "TO PROTECT AND SERVE" are hard-working, GOOD people. The criminals that somehow managed to sneak into this group are NOT a part of the group and should rightfully be exiled. But do not punish the good folks who work hard to protect our city and neighborhoods. Punish the criminals and treat them as such. Reform is needed on this planet, that's for sure. But do not take away from our police. Without them, this world would be mayhem and chaos in less than 24-hours. They ACTUAL police are valuable members of society who should be supported as well as respected.

Communication from Public

Name: John Massey

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 12:54 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: In this world of too many people being killed, robbed and abused in some fashion the police are obviously necessary. While I do see some evolution of the police system desirable I am wholly against defunding them. It needs to be corrected and not abolished. If we do defund or abolish the police we will shortly see a spike in crime unlike any we have seen in the past. This leaves me fearful as a citizen for the long-term consequences.

Communication from Public

Name: Brendan O'Donnell

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:10 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you and the rest of the city council to reject the Mayor's proposed budget. The City's proposed budget does not reflect the priorities and values of Los Angeles residents. In this time of global pandemic and the fight to end systemic racism, the city budget should reflect the values and needs of the people you serve. The police don't need more funding - it is your constituents who are suffering under these racist systems that do. I support the HealthyLA Coalition and the People's Budget LA Coalition in efforts to push the city to defund the police and reallocate resources to the following housing programs: - The acquisition and rehabilitation of multi-family buildings & single-family homes. Investing \$310,000 per unit for multi-family units and \$450,000 per single family home, the total program cost would be approximately \$690,000,000 for Year 1 and result in 2,000 units of housing. - Invest \$70,000,000 in a fully-funded Right to Counsel and Eviction Defense Program that includes legal defense, tenant outreach and education and targeted rental assistance. - Fund HCID to enforce existing tenant protections. This is critical during a time of expected and unprecedented waves of evictions looming. - Create a Pilot Social Housing Program. - Provide developers with gap financing to ensure affordable housing construction projects are completed in a timely manner. - Commit CARES and general funds dollars to finance and operate supportive housing units. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Ricardo Marquez

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:11 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. I am a small business owner and LA resident in District 10. I implore you to PLEASE defund the police and allocate those funds over to other avenues where our community could be better served. Whether it be attributed to our homeless issues or funding teachers, I feel that the proposed \$3B budget for the LAPD is incredibly high. I also ask that City Council ask to remove Chief Moore and FIRE him immediately seeing as how he absolutely can not lead a department. Thank you for your time and service.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeffrey Schwarz
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:12 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: I am asking the county to divest from the police department and invest in programs that support communities of color in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Erin Coleman

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to state my support for the People's Budget of LA and to join Black Lives Matter Los Angeles in their call to defund the police. Los Angeles communities need care not cops.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Kwong

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:21 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE LAPD REFUND THE LAUSD

Communication from Public

Name: Ruben Lugo

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:22 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to implore you to defund the police and adopt the budget put forth by the People's Budget LA Coalition. Eliminate the recommendations in Exhibit H and fully fund the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA). DO NOT make changes to the Transient Occupancy Tax that will adversely impact arts and culture funding in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Hannah Nelson

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:23 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The current purposed budget by Mayor Garcetti is unequivocally wrong. The LAPD should not be allocated more than half of the city's budget with its record of deaths caused by the LAPD and violence directed at the communities it is supposed to protect, to be clear Black communities in Los Angeles. As a resident and tax payer in Los Angeles county I want and demand to see the Peoples Budget Los Angeles be the guide in how to allocate funds so that we take care of our communities and not kill our Black and Brown communities. I will be using my influence as a RN in LA and education to vote for those who support the People's Budget LA in the upcoming elections and will be making note of who does not support this budget. I will be using that information to influence my community of voters to vote for those who support Black communities are are committed to defunding the LAPD, putting Care over Cops, and following the People's Budget LA.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:24 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Colin A.

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:25 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: It's time to defund the police and invest in our communities. As has been revealed by police's out-of-control, sadistic response to our nationwide protests, the problem is not "a few bad apples" but a system that is corrupt from top to bottom. Police do not keep us safer but are a threat to public safety. They are also a huge cost on our budgets (which prevents us from funding things that will make our lives better). I call for disbanding the LAPD, fully reimagining public safety, and using the savings to invest in our communities. Defund. Demilitarize. Hold accountable. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Danielle

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:27 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and adopt the people's budget!! If the police don't protect us then we need to invest in other things that will help our communities

Communication from Public

Name: Ryan

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:27 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Garcetti's decision to reevaluate his budget and remove \$150 million from the LAPDs budget is far too little, too late. This cut would still leave the LAPD with over 50% of unrestricted funds. We as a city need to adopt the People Budget LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Vaughan

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:28 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hi my name is Vaughan and I'm a constituent in your district calling Council Member Bonin because I want to urge you and the rest of the city council to reject the Mayor's current budget proposal, because it does not reflect the priorities and values of your constituents. The police don't need more funding; your constituents who are suffering under these racist systems do. I support the People's Budget LA in calling for the defunding of police, and the HealthyLA Coalition in calling for the funding of these housing efforts: Acquiring and rehabilitating 1,500 multi-family and 500 single family homes for affordable housing and fund community land trusts. Fully funding and implementing a Right to Counsel and Eviction Defense Program immediately. A pilot social housing program. Build 1,000 affordable housing units this fiscal year. Providing services for 10,000 units of supportive housing. Fully fund HCID to ensure the enforcement of existing tenant protections.

Communication from Public

Name: Nathan

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:30 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The budget changes made this far are not enough, we must defund the police budget and place that money into community services to protect our communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Mitch Rice

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:33 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Remember when @MayorOfLA ran on a progressive platform but then he decided that his allegiance is with the LAPD and not with the people he has sworn to represent? I do. It's happening now, and as long as he refuses to engage with the @PeoplesBudgetLA and its call to @DefundThePolice.

Communication from Public

Name: Carene Mekertichyan

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:36 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: While I appreciate the funding that was cut from the LAPD budget, it is not enough. \$150 million is only 10%. No only do we need to defund the police and put systems in place towards the abolition of the LAPD, we also need to adopt Breonna's Law in the city of Los Angeles in th meantime, putting an end to "No Knock Warrants".

Communication from Public

Name: Katey Denno

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Cutting \$100-\$150 million is NOT ENOUGH! We want half of the ENTIRE police budget to be invested into the community in the form of social service programs, ie highly trained social workers + mental health care first responders. Police officers who are employed should have background checks +ongoing anti-racist training.

Communication from Public

Name: Rene Franco

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Rene Franco and I strongly urge the LA City Council to endorse and enact the Healthy LA and People's Budget LA coalition budget for 2020-2021. We are at a crossroads with a seires of converging crises from the ongoing pandemic, to the recession it has created, to the climate crisis which will surely lead to more destructive wildfires for LA County, and the systemic racism pervaded by police forces across this entire country. We also have thousands of homeless Angelenos and 57% of renters in the City of LA being rent-burdened and facing possible evictions. In light of ALL of this, the solution cannot be to provide close to 3 Billion dollars to the LAPD to continue to act with impunity. The Mayor's proposed cut of \$250 million is not nearly enough either. It is a wrist slap for the decades of damage and horror the LAPD has brought upon black and brown Angelenos. Their behavior in the past few weeks, from tear-gassing unarmed protestors to shooting rubber bullets at reporters (all caught on video I'd add) cannot continue to be rewarded. I know you will face severe political pressure from the likes of groups like the police union to reject any cuts whatsoever. But please, honor the memory of not just George Floyd and every unarmed black and brown American who has been murdered by police over the past decade alone, and enact the People's Budget. Fund truly essential services in this time of converging crisis. Enact a budge that truly reflects the morals and values of the Los Angeles we ALL want to live in.

Communication from Public

Name: Megan Mantia

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:44 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to urge you to cut funding for the LAPD way more than the current 1.5 million. They are still allocated over half of the city budget at present with still no charges being brought against officers who have murdered LA citizens while on duty and no accountability being held to Jackie Lacey for not pursuing these cases. I will not let my tax dollars fund these heinous acts when police meant 'to protect and serve' have questionable pasts, shockingly minimal training, and have proven time and time again that they choose violence over deescalation tactics. I urge you to reallocate funds from the LAPD to social services like aiding the homeless population, mental services for all, and education.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel Hill

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:47 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defunding the police: Please do not take this irresponsible and unwise action. It will only exacerbate an already bad situation by hamstringing police operations, depressing morale among the rank and file, creating (further) divisions between civilian and professional oversight of the police, and (further) emboldening lawbreakers. Can improvement be made to the status quo, perceived by many to involve lopsided law enforcement and disproportionate focus on some individuals and groups? Undoubtedly. But take the time to study what must be done rather than reacting to the current period of unrest or acquiescing to the demands of those who claim to represent large segments of the population. Rogue law enforcement officers present a problem that must be forcefully addressed, but there is no systemic racism in the LAPD. Sincerely, Daniel Hill

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Stockton

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:48 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The time is long overdue for Los Angeles to defund its police department. As a LA resident and former LAUSD teacher, I am familiar with the embarrassing, dangerous, and devastating effects of prioritizing cruelty and caging over care. Throughout its history, the LAPD has shown that it is incapable of care or restraint; however, this is a feature, not a bug, of the policing system. A \$1-1.5-million-dollar cut is a start, but a 3% decrease in LAPD's budget is not NEARLY enough. Let's be leaders. Make a dramatic slash in funding. Give every LAUSD school potable water, for God's sake. Pay teachers as much as you pay cops. Develop emergency medical services that are not automatically associated with police officers. Build a reliable and affordable transit system. Give jobs to the incredible social workers who are graduating from LA's higher learning institutions every year. Provide extensive counseling to the displaced police officers, all of whom will need community support to determine skills that contribute to society, and to hold themselves accountable for the harm they've caused by virtue of their chosen occupation. A better world is possible. Black lives matter; defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Maria Beale

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:48 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I support the #peoplesbudgetLA and Black Lives Matter LA and ask that the city revise the budget NOW to support #carenotcops!

Communication from Public

Name: Destiny

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:53 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As an LA native it's my right to take action and use my voice to ensure my city's funds are properly distributed. After seeing mayor Garcetti's proposal I'm very concerned... please deny the mayors budget in favors of services over policing and support the people's budget. YOU NEED TO ADOPT A PEOPLES FUND AND DEFUND THE POLICE. We are in the midst of a global pandemic, with severed economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed!!! Over 50% of the city are renters and if people are unemployed, they obviously can't pay rent. Prior to the pandemic there were about 60k unhoused people; after evictions and economic insecurity due to covid 19 and it's fall out, we can expect thousands more. The mayor is imposing an increase in funds towards LADP, 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 citizens, black, indigenous, and people of color? IS THIS WHERE 50% OF THE FUNDS ARE GOING TOWARDS?! YOU NEED TO ADOPT THE PEOPLES BUDGET AND DEFUND LAPD. The people need this budget more than ever. I was born and raised here and throughout my whole life I've seen nothing be fixed with the housing + homeless issue. Libraries and LAUSD should be getting more funds. ESPECIALLY LAUSD! LAUSD is one of the biggest school districts and its underfunded - I'm an LAUSD graduate and throughout my life I've seen teachers buying supplies out of their own pocket. THEIR OWN POCKET?! Students also have to use ripped textbooks and some schools don't even have enough funds to purchase books for the schools libraries. EDUCATION IS SO IMPORTANT. I also want to point out that If the budget was TO BE INVESTED INTO COMMUNITIES, health care, libraries, housing, and LAUSD, then people are less likely to commit crime! We wouldn't need the police as much. There are other outlets that need the money more than LAPD. We need to defund LAPD. It's ridiculous to me that the mayor wants to give 54% of the budget to LAPD. This goes to show that Angelenos AREN'T being taken into consideration. I'll make sure to remember this next time voting comes around. PLEASE ADOPT THE PEOPLES BUDGET. THANK YOU.

Communication from Public

Name: Perren Carrillo

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:54 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police: the proposed budget for the LAPD is too large even with the current move to reallocate \$150 million. The \$3.15 billion would better serve the people following the Peoples Budget. The city of Minneapolis just announced plans to defund the police, and the people want Los Angeles to follow suit and support the efforts towards Universal Aid and Crisis Management, Built Environment, and Reimagined Community Safety.

Communication from Public

Name: Rachel C. Morrison

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:54 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of "reform." This includes Mayor Garcetti's paltry 5% proposed cut with no clarity as to where these funds will be redirected, if at all. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. We are in the midst of a pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed, and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of those in this city are renters. When people are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, 60k people were unhoused; the evictions and economic insecurity caused by COVID-19 will bring that number even higher. We demand that the City Council meaningfully defund the LAPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Garcetti's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Kathryn Esquibel

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:56 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Cut 50% of the LAPD budget of approximately \$3.2 billion and allocate this money to community programs to help black people, including black small business owners, improved educational resources, and housing for blacks people.

Communication from Public

Name: Julie Greiner

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:56 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: LA City Council Members, I am writing to you regarding the proposed Mayor's Budget for LA, which allocates an egregious amount of money to policing our city. I urge you to consider modifying the budget in alignment with the People's Budget (<https://peoplesbudgetla.com/peoplesbudget/>). As a representative of the interests of the people, this is a necessary response to the massive protests that have been going on all week and that just yesterday saw over 10,000 people marching through Hollywood. It is clear what the people want. Now it is up to you to do your job and listen--the police must be defunded.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Stinger

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:58 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: This is comment for the BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting on June 8th, 2020. I am a resident and voter in Los Angeles. I am horrified by the police reaction to the protests over the past week and their clear violent repression of free speech. However, I am even more horrified by the decades of police brutality, police in schools, police violence against the homeless, police violence in dealing with mentally ill people in crises and the bloated prison/bail/parole for-profit system. The whole system of policing is morally bankrupt and racist, it cannot be reformed, the killings keep happening. The only way forward is to defund and abolish. While we are defunding, take the time to talk to the community organizations that have been offering services, community safety, reconciliation and restorative justice that ACTUALLY WORKS to create more safety and opportunity. This is a historical moment, you must defund the LAPD budget by way way more than only 150 million. Try 1 billion this year and .8 billion the next. Re-invest in communities that have been historically underfunded. Invest in public schools, in health care, in public space, in domestic abuse survivors, in housing, in community gardens. The police create more violence full stop. Services and community building create safe communities and that benefits everyone, even the wealthy. Do not support a racist organization that was born out of slavery and now acts as militarized security guards for the ultra-wealthy. If you don't want to be on the right side of history, we'll do it for you and vote you out of office. Defund and disarm the police now.

Communication from Public

Name: Mylene L Carberry

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:59 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for taking my comment. I am here to uplift Black Lives Matter Los Angeles and ask the council to adopt the People's Budget and defund the police. "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%)." This is the kind of budget we truly need to keep Angelenos safe. We must disband the LAPD and the Sheriff's Department. This is the most violent police department in the nation. Over 600 people murdered in less than 7 years. The officers we would want on the force, would be educated in psychology, sociology, diverse cultural historical training along with skills on working with community leaders, de-escalation as a primary tool for approaching any event, looking for what is needed by the community and allowing the community to take the lead in all things. The People's Budget would allow for this collaboration. Now is the time to show extraordinary courage, in the face of all the pressure the Police Union has financially placed on all of you. In the face of everyone else who has taken huge amounts of money for the Police Union and all associated organizations who protect the police. You MUST LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE! We will not stop marching, rallying and showing up to tell you what we need until you listen and act like the public servants you said you would be. BLACK LIVES MATTER! We no longer want to see people of Color, Immigrants and the Poor rounded up to fill the privatized prisons so you can see a profit. ENOUGH! We want a society where everyone gets to thrive. Where clean water, healthy food, quality housing, quality education, quality health care and a basic income are available to everyone, every resident of Los Angeles. We want to see the LAPD and the Sheriffs Department disbanded like they did in Minneapolis. We want our money to go to uplifting our communities not destroying them for profit. #PEOPLESBUDGETLA #DEFUNDTHEPOLICE Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:01 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of District 4 (David Ryu). I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of "reform." This includes Mayor Garcetti's paltry 5% proposed cut with no clarity as to where these funds will be redirected, if at all. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. We are in the midst of a pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed, and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of those in this city are renters. When people are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, 60k people were unhoused; the evictions and economic insecurity caused by COVID-19 will bring that number even higher. We demand that the City Council meaningfully defund the LAPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Garcetti's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Emily Lauth

Communication from Public

Name: Caroline Glenn

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Dismantle the LAPD and rebuild from the ground up. The city budget should reflect the values of our community and go towards social services, housing, employment programs, restorative justice programs, rent relief, and public transit. The mayor's measure to decrease LAPD funding by up to \$150 million is not enough. The LAPD should be defunded entirely, and the city budget should be rectified to represent what its constituents are protesting in the streets for. Minneapolis city council has announced that its intent is to disband the police department, and Los Angeles can too.

Communication from Public

Name: Mitch Marcus

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I believe radical rebalancing of our city budget in the areas of policing is necessary. It seems that we expect too much from our police force. They should have less jobs and thus a smaller budget. So many aspects now handled by our police force might be better handled by other people/agencies, more localized people within each community, people more specifically trained for each challenge. I also feel that the way our justice system deals with misdemeanors and even some felonies unfairly targets certain groups, specifically minority and poor communities. But not only is this wrong, it is a poor solution for the actual infractions, wasting government time and money and citizen's time and money. I believe that policing tactics will help begin to alleviate some of this problem by handling them differently in the field. This is another reason why I think it is especially important that this budget process be renegotiated in as transparent as possible. We need to deal with systemic racism - not just for moral, ethical reasons, but for the good of all citizens.

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Ferrari

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The LA City Council needs to Defund the LAPD immediately. Cutting \$150 million from the LAPD budget is not nearly enough. You all are lucky that the organizers of the People's Budget have done the work for you -- adopt the People's Budget and listen to what your city needs. The LAPD has proven itself to be a violent, ineffective, brutal presence in our community. The city of Los Angeles needs the 3 billion dollars from the LAPD budget to go towards actual community services. I would also ask that you stop hiding these budget cuts behind COVID-19 -- COVID-19 is not the only reason we need this LAPD budget to be reallocated to other community budgets. We need to reallocate this budget because providing money to the LAPD means funding a violent organization that makes the city unsafe. Please stop failing as leaders in the community and defund the LAPD now. Adopt the People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Richard Coca

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of the People's Budget and if it can not pass, a serious reduction of at least 25% of the LAPD's budget to be reinvested in communities

Communication from Public

Name: Youngseo Hwang

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Garcetti and Police Chief Moore should resign immediately. We need to defund the police if we have any hope of dismantling the racist system that protects cops and allows them to kill black people with impunity. Adopt the People's Budget and divest the funds to the community.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Duckworth

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Jessica Duckworth and I am a resident of CD-13. I am asking City Council to adopt the "People's Budget" as supported by Black Lives Matter LA and supporting organizations. The proposed budget adjustment of \$150 million is not enough to meet the demands of this city. I am happy to see the Mayor and City Council feel pressure to address the egregious disparity in spending on LAPD vs. services that our neighbors actually need in this time of COVID-19! Further, our call to entirely Defund the LADP is not a hashtag, its not a one time movement. We are calling for these cuts because we want to see systematic changes to policing in our city. 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. As a resident, I am disappointed in City Council and specifically my council member Mitch O'Farrell. From my perspective, you have not done enough to support Black and other POC Angelenos. You consistently fail to do ANYTHING that supports the needs of our community, unless it directly benefits you. Even if you don't think that statement applies to you, you aren't doing enough to disprove me. Sincerely, Jessica Duckworth

Communication from Public

Name: Christopher Bishop

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Cutting the police budget by 150 million, while a step in the right direction, does not come close to addressing the funding proposal set forth in the People's Budget LA, which I unequivocally support. This budget must be adopted to adress the critical needs of all LA residents, in relation but not limited to both the crisis of systemic and direct physical police violence toward the Black community and communities of color in general and the crisis of COVID 19.

Communication from Public

Name: Heather Ross

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:42 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles 90065 and a third-generation Angeleno (my grandparents grew up in Lincoln Heights and Boyle Heights respectively when they were Italian and Jewish ghettos). I want to register my family's support of The Peoples' Budget. I am particularly in support of substantially defunding the LAPD and reallocating financial resources into other programs. Let's explore ways to answer non-violent community concerns (noise complaints, mental health issues, public disturbances, issues attending unhoused people) with departments OTHER than the police department. Unarmed departments. Departments with advanced training specific to the situation at hand. We can lead the country in this project, as we have in so many other ways, and with mass public support and goodwill for this idea the time is NOW. Thank you. Sincerely, Heather Ross Eagle Rock, Los Angeles, CA

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Rojas

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:51 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. My name is Andrea Rojas and I am a Los Angeles City resident. I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. The proposed LAPD budget cut is not impressive at all. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now! Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Garen Novruzyan

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:51 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles is one of the most iconic cities in the USA and we have to be the leaders of change. The current budget is unacceptable. We have to do better by using our money to fund education, sports, health, housing, and the arts. Start holding people accountable and don't let one organization (police department) drain the funding necessary to support the youth and community in achieving their goals and aspirations.

Communication from Public

Name: Melody Hwang

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:58 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: 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. 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. A 5% cut is NOT enough.

Communication from Public

Name: Dylan Kohler

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We've had decades of tepid, incremental reforms and they haven't worked to end police only making matters worse in our city. A 5% cut across all departments is a joke. It should be clear by now that the problem with policing is systemic and that police culture needs to be dismantled and replaced. We have a template for that already in the People's Budget for LA (peoplesbudgetla.com). Imagine what we could do with \$3B if it were reallocated properly. Don't be afraid of your own police and their union; the people are who you're here to serve. Follow the lead of the Minneapolis City Council, ignore the mayor's weakness, and #DefundThePolice.

Communication from Public

Name: Noah Lundquist
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:03 PM
Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Thanks for reading this! I think you need to focus on ways to prevent police brutality. Cops should be better trained on how to de-escalate stressful situations, I think officers should be held accountable for their partners actions so they can help de-escalate situations. I think police officer body cams should be required to be on while on duty, I think there should be a citizen-run review board that investigates police brutality so the cops are held accountable. The enormous amount of money spent on the LAPD could be better put to use providing affordable housing, education, homeless, employment, and so much more. I appreciate you reading. Have a wonderful day, Noah

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: General public comment Defund the police

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Kim

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:11 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno who lives and owns two businesses in this city. I am tired of the tax money I and people like me pay, going to an incompetent, racist, and murderous police department. I have lived in this city my entire 43 years of life. I was here during the riots, the Rampart division scandal, and SO much more. LAPD is rotten to the core and reform is impossible. They have had too many chances to do that and have failed repeatedly to change. LAPD must be dismantled and a new community centered protective service created. Something staffed by people who actually live in this city's communities, not Santa Clarita and Simi Valley or Porter Ranch. The first step towards this is to cut that LAPD budget to ribbons and defund the police. The city will face massive liability for police brutality and wrongful death lawsuits for years because of the LAPD's egregious abuses during the Black Lives Matter protests and their ongoing murders of citizens, especially black and brown Angelenos. Money for those payouts should only come from the police salaries or police pensions. City services that people actually need shouldn't suffer at all for police violence. Let their pensions pay for their sins. Also, the police budget is out of control inflated across the board. Cuts to the police should be deeper while cuts to social service programs should be reversed with money added from the current police budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Jacquie

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:27 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Jacquie and I am a long time resident of Los Angeles. I just finished reading Mayor Garcetti's interview with Judy from PBS, and wow, was I disappointed. The Mayor says the city needs to compensate officers nicely in order to get the people you'd like as well as provide mental health care. What a great idea- can we not apply that same idea to Teachers, Farmworkers, Conservationists etc??? LAPD can stand to lose a lot more funding in order to compensate other workers and departments. I understand that police put their lives on the line, thus compensation is high. However, LAPD is shown time & time again abusing their power against our Brown and Black community (especially the POC Trans community), and now it's time to try something new. I am writing to demand you all to look further into defunding the LAPD. I know LAPPL is probably giving you some nice incentive, but please think about the at-risk Angeleno's who voted for you in the first place. You must adopt the people's budget because protestors are literally putting their lives on the line in the midst of a pandemic. That HAS to tell you that an immediate solution is needed, and that solution is to #defundthepolice.

Communication from Public

Name: Dylan Kohler

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:28 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We've had decades of tepid, incremental reforms and they haven't worked to end police only making matters worse in our city. A 5% cut across all departments is a joke. It should be clear by now that the problem with policing is systemic and that police culture needs to be dismantled and replaced. We have a template for that already in the People's Budget for LA (peoplesbudgetla.com). Imagine what we could do with \$3B if it were reallocated properly. Don't be afraid of your own police and their union; the people are who you're here to serve. Follow the lead of the Minneapolis City Council, ignore the mayor's weakness, and #DefundThePolice.

Communication from Public

Name: Olivia Barrett

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:29 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I wholly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. Our communities were already facing the nation's worst housing and homelessness crisis before the COVID-19 pandemic; 36,300 unhoused Angelenos within the City of LA, 57% of renters in the City of LA being rent-burdened, with the median renter income in the City of LA at \$48,253. I'm asking the city council to reject the mayor's budget and to pass a budget that prioritizes the housing and homelessness needs of Los Angeles residents that includes funding and resources for: Making permanent affordable housing from existing housing stock Eviction Defense Social Housing Building Affordable Housing Supportive Housing Tenant Protections Furthermore, housing injustice is racial injustice. Decades of racist policies, land use planning, environmental violence and theft and disinvestment from LA's Black communities have devastating effects. Black residents are overrepresented in the homeless population, and continue to experience higher rates of unemployment. Our shameful and deliberate history of racism by those who assume to be the leaders of this country, state and city has created a city where Black and Latinx communities still face the deepest inequities. I am asking for the city council to reject the mayor's budget and to pass a budget that shows Black Lives Matter and are valued in Los Angeles. As the budget is reimaged and reallocated, Los Angeles' residents have made it abundantly clear over the last week that we are not looking for negligible adjustments and meager reforms, such as the \$150 million being proposed for reallocation from the LAPD's budget. As Minneapolis has boldly demonstrated over the last several days, our demand for the complete defunding and abolition of the LAPD is attainable and reflects the values of the residents of Los Angeles. The LAPD is an organization that was formed by the principles of white supremacy and the tacit understanding that certain populations can only be managed by threats and coercion. This is the logic of slavery and the logic of colonialism – and as long as these institutions remain alive, we will always be a society whose modes of operation are rooted in these violent systems. The LAPD is a failed institution yet it remains the institution most nourished by our city's finances. This is not acceptable to the majority of Los Angelenos and the budget should stand as a fiscal

reflection of moral and civil ideals. We need to bring social services that uphold our human rights to a qualitative level that should be expected from a city that has produced so much wealth. We demand housing justice, we demand food security, we demand healthcare, we demand transport that reframes the city as a place in which the environment – and therefore our health – is held in higher consideration than the interests of oil companies and car manufacturers. Tens and thousands of Los Angelenos marched yesterday alone and in the past week our city has engaged in righteous action and determined civil disobedience. We are marching in indignation for an entire system that inserts profit motives in places where human rights should stand. We will not stop if crumbs amounting to \$150 million is moved away from police funding. We will only stop once the LAPD has been abolished and the moral, practical and ideological question of how we care for our community is reimaged and reflected in funding and infrastructure.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:29 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I'm asking for a complete dismantling of the LAPD and a complete rebuild, as the Minneapolis city council is promising their constituents. There's no logical reason as to why more than half of our city's discretionary budget is going to the LAPD. Those funds would be better used for homelessness, transportation, healthcare, schools and other community initiatives. Defund LAPD now!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:30 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: \$100 - \$150 million out of 3.2 billion is not enough. We want half. Let's start with 50% of the police budget being invested back into the community. Teachers, housing, LGBTQ community, healthcare, etc #wewanthalf

Communication from Public

Name: andrew

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I sat at a dinner table with my mom the other day, a Los Angeles resident since 1951, daughter of immigrants who escaped Nazi Germany, and asked her a simple question – has the police ever done anything to help your life? She was shocked herself to answer in her almost 70 years on this earth, that the answer was no. She recalled having to pick me up as a young teenager after I violated curfew. She recalled calling the police after a hit & run, only because of the formality to be able to file for insurance, without any positive outcome. Minneapolis sent the world a message this weekend - it's time we look into alternatives to the racist system that is the Police. WE NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY WE THINK ABOUT WHAT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE A SAFE SOCIETY What we have currently is only protecting one side...and hurting the other. Let's have actual experts whose goals are taking care of people, rather than recruiting the violence hungry who just need to meet some quota. When someone has a mental health emergency, what if a mental health expert showed up? If someone has a gun, what if someone trained in de-escalation (rather than escalation and intimidation) showed up? What if we met violence with empathy and understanding, rather than more violence? Our EMTs and Firemen have goals of helping others, while our Police are judged by KPIs of how many tickets they give out, how many cases they solve, arrests they make - not lives they save or citizens they protect. They're judged by things that upset the public. Their KPIs are based on causing others trouble and anguish. DEFUND THE POLICE. ABOLISH THE POLICE. ADOPT A PEOPLES BUDGET. DEFUND. DISARM. DISMANTLE.

Communication from Public

Name: Kylie Sparks

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, I am filing a public comment as an ally on behalf of Black Lives Matter. The LAPD is a disgrace with a bloated budget, and 150 million cut from a proposed THREE BILLION DOLLAR budget for the LAPD does nothing. It is time for the People's Budget to be heard and implemented so we defund the police and invest in community care programs because the LAPD are proving time and again they are not here to protect us, they are here to terrorize their citizens and get away with murdering Black people-601 people in the past seven years, in fact. If you have seen even ONE of the hundreds of videos on social media of the LAPD committing police brutality and Geneva Convention violations, you would realize the LAPD deserves to have their toys and their money taken away. I hope my councilman, David Ryu, is listening, but he probably isn't because on February 24, he accepted \$44,933.89 from the LA Police Protective League PAC, and Paul Krekorian, who is my partner's city councilman and the head of the budget and finance committee, also probably isn't listening because he received on the same day as Ryu \$24,998.91 from the same LA Police PAC. In fact, almost ALL of the City Council have received cash from the same PAC since 2017, totalling \$396,666.12. So what I'm gathering is you only listen if someone is cutting you a check. Well, listen to this: either listen to the citizens you represent, or start updating your resumés because we will be voting you out in November.

Communication from Public

Name: Ben B

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:43 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police, and move some of that money into social services that will help meet the needs of poorer communities, therefore reducing crimes and the need for Police. We could all be so much happier!

Communication from Public

Name: Corey Kniss

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:43 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to voice my support for the demands of protesters throughout Los Angeles over the past two weeks (and several years). I am voicing support specifically for calls to defund the LAPD and invest in socially productive labor represented by the People's Budget - LA. The People's budget is a bold policy proposal which would result in serious commitment of public resources to the social services necessary to remedying the many problems facing Angelenos, such as poverty, displacement, homelessness, lack of adequate healthcare, public health in an age of pandemics (CO.VID-19 is not the first or last pandemic of this century, and your budget must reflect this truth and a serious commitment to protecting us going forward), and police violence. The LAPD are overfunded and tasked with responding to social issues outside any expertise they may have. We must take away resources from the LAPD and reinvest those resources into programs and services that address the underlying conditions contributing to social ills. Anything less is unacceptable. We will not leave the streets until this demand is met. Pass the People's Budget!

Communication from Public

Name: Devika Wickremesinghe

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:48 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We only have this one precious life. Will we act in ways that benefit this world, the health of ourselves and the safety of humanity? Or will we commit to acts of greed, malice, and corruption. For the Councilmembers, you have a voice and you have power. This is a privilege and an honor. When you read these comments, and hear public comment, in that moment, with your next breath, as you blink your eyes, as a human being on this planet, will you make the choice to act from your heart? Or sell your soul? You have power. You have a choice. Please if you are reading this, take three deep breaths and remember your humanity. Breathe deeply in gratitude that you are alive, and for this life. And then with your next breaths, choose to act with kindness and humanity. THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET is a well researched plan for justice and the well being of our community. The work has been done for you- the People have laid out their needs and presented an opportunity to DO THE RIGHT THING. When you are lying on your deathbed looking back at your life, what side of history do you want to be on? THIS IS YOUR CHANCE. DEFUND THE POLICE. REJECT THE MAYOR'S BUDGET. GET WITH THE PROGRAM. THIS IS THE REALITY OF WHERE HISTORY IS GOING, A PLAN THAT SUPPORTS HUMANITY, REAL PEOPLE, AND LIFE. Thank you so much for listening. Thank you so much for being a human. Thank you so much for rejecting the Mayor's Budget, defunding the police, and supporting the People's Budget. You were made for this. All of your life has led to this moment when you are able to actually help. Thank your ancestors, and all the work that you have done to get to this moment. Do not waste it. Deep blessings and deep thanks.

Communication from Public

Name: Hayley Byrnes
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:54 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:56 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Re: People's Budget. I'm asking for a complete dismantling of the Los Angeles Police Department and a rebuild from the ground up, as Minneapolis city council is promising their constituents. There is no reason that more than half of our city's discretionary budget should go towards the LAPD and not homelessness, healthcare, public transportation, and other community initiatives. Defund the LAPD now.

Communication from Public

Name: Jordan

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:59 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Its time to defund the police and invest in black communities. 150 million is an insultingly low fraction of the overall police budget. Fire all cops who have a history of excessive force and get rid of militarized equipment.

Communication from Public

Name: Quinn Anex-Ries

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:39 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern, I am an Angeleno and I live in District 1. 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, Quinn

Communication from Public

Name: Molly Savard

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:40 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: To the Budget and Finance Committee: The LA city budget needs to reflect the needs of the people. The people do not need more policing; they need more housing, education, wellness resources, and much, much more. The Mayor's proposed cuts from the LAPD budget are a slap in the face of citizens who are quite literally begging for their lives. We will not be placated by meaningless gestures. I implore you to spend time on the 8toAbolition website (<https://www.8toabolition.com/>), which lays out eight steps toward a society that reflects what Los Angeles purports itself to be. We need to: 1. Defund the police 2. Demilitarize communities 3. Remove police from schools 4. Free people from prisons and jails 5. Repeal laws that criminalize survival 6. Invest in community self-governance 7. Provide safe housing for everyone 8. Invest in care, not cops The budget should reflect these needs of the people. You work for us. Listen to us.

Communication from Public

Name: Mikayla

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:47 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles needs to Defund the LAPD and reinvest in communities. Too long our city has put its faith in policing to keep us safe and fix our problems, but rather than fixing, they have only made things worse - increased homelessness, increased mental illness, increased criminalization of BIPOC. The LAPD has proven itself incapable of serving and protecting the people of Los Angeles, and instead have turned on the people in violence as the whole world has witnessed over the last 2 weeks. We need immediate defunding and dismantling of this corrupt institution and a redistribution of their funds and resources to groups who are actually trained and committed to serving and protecting our communities. Defund the Police.

Communication from Public

Name: Jhamie Wallace-Hanna
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:47 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police department

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:50 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please continue to defund the police and support coalitions like People's Budget LA! This is a really scary time that we're all experiencing, yet it's something that our black friends and family have experienced forever. Let's be a city on the right side of history!

Communication from Public

Name: Elah Davidson

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of "reform." This includes Mayor Garcetti's paltry 5% proposed cut with no clarity as to where these funds will be redirected, if at all. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. We are in the midst of a pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed, and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of those in this city are renters. When people are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, 60k people were unhoused; the evictions and economic insecurity caused by COVID-19 will bring that number even higher. We demand that the City Council meaningfully defund the LAPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Garcetti's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,

Communication from Public

Name: Tyler McAnany

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: To the City Council of Los Angeles, This upcoming fiscal year's budget must reallocate funds from the police force and to social programs. It is obvious that an abundance of spending on police forces and their equipment has not solved the various issues our communities face. By placing funds into systems of health and education, the citizens of Los Angeles will be able to receive proper help to address the specific problems confronting our community instead of hoping the police will do everything for us.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Enni

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As a citizen of Los Angeles, I want to voice my support for dramatically de-escalating funding for the LAPD in favor of programs to continue funding education, and prioritizing organizations that give health care and social workers the tools they need to address homelessness, addiction, and unchecked mental health issues in the city. At a time when the city is poised to experience unprecedented budget shortfalls, I feel strongly that funneling billions into the LAPD is a mistake and a misuse of public funds.

Communication from Public

Name: Chris

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Middle aged white guy sick and tired of seeing police Perform terribly at preventing lethal encounters with citizens, disproportionately minorities. The police dept as designed and trained is no longer needed. We need to start over, address the root causes of mental illness, homelessness, poor education, lack of housing and build a new police dept for a different enlightened era. Defund means reallocate. Also the police unions are a gremlin in the whole system and need to go.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I stand with Black Lives Matter I'm demanding that LA
DEFUND THE POLICE.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Jason Estrin

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:26 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to express my support for defunding the LAPD. The posture of the LAPD is that of a para-military force, not an organization charged with public safety and criminal investigations. At the same time, the department's scope is far too large. For example, the LAPD routinely handles mental health calls and wellness checks. Why? We don't need armed police doing wellness checks and dealing with the mentally ill. Those functions are better handled by social workers. We need to rethink both the posture and mission of the LAPD. Let's defund the current LAPD and build a new department charged with public safety and criminal investigations. No more patrolling as if they're an occupying army. No more military equipment (why on Earth do police need armored vehicles?). And please, no more of this "we're making progress" nonsense. I was born and raised in Los Angeles. I was here for the 1992 riots. Yes, we've seen some limited reforms, but the slow rate of progress only proves the need for radical, immediate change. Defund the police now.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I request that Los Angeles City Council: 1. Defund the police and adopt the budget put forth by the People's Budget LA Coalition. 2. Eliminate the recommendations in Exhibit H and fully fund the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA). 3. Not make changes to the Transient Occupancy Tax that will adversely impact arts and culture funding in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Habib

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:54 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As a native of our great city of Los Angeles I must insist that the budget is pushed away from the direction of the LAPD, police agencies and surveillance agencies. Instead, it is the unified vision of the people of the great city of Los Angeles to add an emphasis on housing programs, community funding and local political events.

Communication from Public

Name: Jackie Lee

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:50 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. Hospital workers couldn't be given basic supplies during a pandemic but the LAPD get tear gas? Teachers have to buy their own supplies but LAPD get full armor? Homeless people are arrested for being homeless and the LAPD are constantly off the hook for abusing their powers? THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS CRUEL AND UNJUST. DEFUND LAPD AND REDISTRIBUTE THE BUDGET. WE NEED TO HELP EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR.

Communication from Public

Name: Veronica Scarpelli
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:08 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: LA City Council - Defund The Police

Communication from Public

Name: Timothy Brown
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:25 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: The people have spoken. Defund the police. We love the law enforcement officers. We do. However, too much money has been funded into their programs. And, we've seen little results of change. Please allocated necessary monies to other social and mental institutions for the community of LA. Timothy Brown Van Nuys, CA Black lives matter

Communication from Public

Name: Maya Bon

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:26 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Cutting it by \$150M is not nearly enough. City Council should adopt the People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Gregory Irwin

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:26 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: LA City Council, I write to amplify Black Lives Matter LA's aim of defunding the Los Angeles Police Department. The LAPD has proven itself incapable of helping more than it harms, it is funded more than most countries' militaries, and it has existed above the law far too long. Attempts to reform it have yielded few results. And the events of the days and weeks that followed the murder of George Floyd by the Minneapolis Police Department have demonstrated LAPD's deep-rooted inability to protect and serve the citizens of Los Angeles, choosing instead to attack and arrest, abusing power in order to protect its own budget. This has gone on long enough, to the inexcusable suffering of Black Angelenos. Minneapolis has taken the heroic measure of defunding its police department, embarking on a difficult but necessary quest to modernize protecting, serving, and enforcing the law into a new form that actually suits citizens needs and makes our communities better. They are endeavoring to change their narrative. LAPD is too large, too corrupt, too demonstrably racist, too well-funded, and too well-armed. Los Angeles must join Minneapolis on this noble mission now, or LA voters will replace their city council with a council that has the will and the vital boldness to do the work this city needs. We're watching and listening. Do the right thing. Sincerely, Gregory Irwin

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:27 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I support a plan to #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Thomas Mason

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:28 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I'm commenting in support of the People's Budget. LAPD is not equipped to address the real needs of our community. The massive amount of money allocated in the mayor's budget to the LAPD would be far better if actually put back into the community through aid programs, education, and housing. The current system is not fair to people of color who are consistently targeted by police. The LAPD needs to be defunded and abolished for the good of all people of LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Katie

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:29 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: WE WANT PEOPLES BUDGET LA! DEFUND THE POLICE! LISTEN TO YOUR PEOPLE WALKING THESE STREETS AND STOP BEING SCARED OF THE LAPD. WE WANT CARE NOT COPS. ENACT REAL CHANGE ALREADY. WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR. honestly, please consider being good at your jobs for once.

Communication from Public

Name: Paris Adkins-Jackson

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am quite concerned about the proposed budget I have seen from Mayor Garcetti. In it, a great portion has been allocated to the police department. Given the housing crisis and COVID-19 pandemic, resources would better suit our communities by being invested in healthcare and alternative forms of housing, education, and public safety given physical distancing. Policing does not help with any of those needs. In fact, there has not been sociological, public health, or other research to substantiate the funding allocated to the police department throughout the years. Subsequently, as a public health professional in this city, I implore you, please reject the Mayor's proposed budget. Listen to our citizens who are screaming at the top of their lungs during demonstrations how the city and this society is hurting them. Listen to them by allocating funds to solve the problems of our city, not exacerbate them by police force. Please dare to re-imagine public safety as an entity that offers COVID-19 and HIV testing and assists with handing out masks for prevention. Please re-imagine these things instead of politicians that close testing sites during the demonstrations and a police force that gives citations or beatings to people without masks. Join us in re-imagining our city.

Communication from Public

Name: Manon Gage

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Ariel Roman

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:17 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: After the last two weeks of our city showing up Despite violent agitation and tracking from LAPD Despite a series of embarrassing statements and outright lying from Moore Despite Moore still holding his position, and not being guided back into retirement Despite Jackie Lacey not doing her job, time in and time out Despite DATA backing up the lack of success in protecting and serving on account of LAPD, year after year You are prepared to hand over over half of spending power to LAPD? You are prepared to give the majority of taxpayer dollars to LAPD? We say no. We demand the People's Budget of LA. If you do not, we look forward to putting people in office who will put our citizens first. Shame on you all for symbolic, puny scratches at the spending power of the LAPD. Shame on you for thinking a black tile on instagram, or a puny kneel, or parading behind George Floyd's face will suffice. Defund. Disarm. Dismantle. LAPD. This is long overdue, and we have delivered alternatives with action steps to you. NOW!

Communication from Public

Name: Marissa Bergman

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:17 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Simply NOT increasing the LAPD's budget is not enough. People have risked their lives in the streets to make it clear that you need to do better. Reallocate more funds from the LAPD budget toward mental health and social work services, safe housing for low income families, more services for unhoused Angelenos and emergency management. We are still in the middle of a pandemic and it is completely unacceptable to reopen our city right now, just because there is economic pressure. Angelenos are at a risk of dying, and it is both because of the rush to reopen amid growing case numbers, and the abhorrent actions of the Police during and leading up to the protests. In general, Police Officers are doing way more than they are properly trained to do. It's not fair to them or to the people of LA. I also believe they should undergo mental health and psychological evaluations every 6 months, as well as refresher courses for de-escalation tactics to ensure they can fulfill their true duties in a healthy mental state.

Communication from Public

Name: Tina lok

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:17 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the LAPD! Reduce the LAPDs budget so that other city services can take advantage of the money.

Communication from Public

Name: Crystal

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:18 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

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

Communication from Public

Name: Bayley

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:20 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please adopt a People's Budget. 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 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. After declining to vote on this draconian proposal last week, City Council referred it back to the Budget and Finance Committee. Now, the Committee has decided not to meet, thereby shirking its duty and upholding the racist and white-supremacist structures that underlie both the proposal and City Council as a governing body. I am urging you to publicly support the People's Budget. The Mayor's disastrous proposal MUST be updated with the priorities of Angelenos. You need to Adopt a People's Budget which defunds the police. We need disinvestment from the police, and investment in community- and health-centered services. Public opinion is with me

Communication from Public

Name: Dr.Imre Naybarth

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:20 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Dear council members, The idea of defunding the police is a very bad one.As the Sages of the Talmud said:pray for the government because without its strong existence, one person will swallow the other. Without rule if law and a strong police to enforce, we will descend to complete chaos.Maybe it serves the agenda of elements that are interested in destroying our wonderful country,but it will harm and endanger all of us.On the contrary ,we need stronger police with good training and oversight that will reduce bad cop conduct.Defunding just like that ,will be a major disaster.

Communication from Public

Name: Marie N

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:21 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please eliminate the LAPD's budget for liabilities and lawsuits.
Defund the LAPD. Dismantle LASPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Bree Wilde

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:24 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the LAPD and adopt The People's Budget

Communication from Public

Name: Kiri

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:27 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The police are the sword of white supremacy. Reforms are not saving Black lives. Defund IMMEDIATELY and dramatically. Invest in Black communities. Provide the services that actually help human beings. We MUST defund the police and redefine public safety to support the safety of all people.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:27 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please reallocate funds from the police force to the people's budget! Cops getting most of the budget when there are so many better uses for the money, can't happen any longer. I support the people's budget. We need the city's funding to go towards education, healthcare, helping the homeless and mental health, as well as parks and recreation. Thank you and please listen to your citizens.

Communication from Public

Name: Reece Fenning
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:29 AM
Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, I am an MD/MPH student graduating in 2021 from UCLA and UCI, and I currently live in Long Beach. I have dedicated the last 10 years of my life to learning about human biology and the determinants of health. 150 million dollars of budget cuts to the LAPD is simply not enough. Public schools (k-12) as well as community colleges are looking at steep budgets due to the 6.4 billion dollars proposed to cut via the state budget. Although the federal CARES Act could cover up to 90% of these costs, that still leaves 10%. When accounting for the fact that schools need a budget increase to provide safe conditions for students, that 10% balloons to much much more. 150 million dollars only accounts for an 8% of the total budget. When you also consider that there are vital community hospitals looking at closures or bankruptcy during this time due to the loss of revenue from elective surgeries, there are other areas the money should go to support our communities and learners not to policing them. I propose a 25% budget cut to the police force and further investment into our school, community hospitals and social services. Respectfully, Reece Fenning Sources: 2020-21Budget_Summary.pdf. (n.d.). Retrieved June 8, 2020, from http://cao.lacity.org/budget20-21/2020-21Budget_Summary.pdf 2020-2021 Los Angeles County Budget. (2018, April 6). COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. <https://lacounty.gov/budget/> California Budget Includes \$90.5 Million in Cuts to Child Welfare Services. (2020, May 15). The Chronicle of Social Change. <https://chronicleofsocialchange.org/news-2/california-budget-calls-for-90-million-cuts-child-welfare-services/43352> California school districts face budget cuts, fear layoffs. (2020, May 15). CalMatters. <https://calmatters.org/education/2020/05/school-district-budget-cuts-california-k-12/> Fensterwald, J., & Willis, D. J. (n.d.). Most California districts would get more in federal aid than they'd lose in budget cuts. EdSource. Retrieved June 8, 2020, from <https://edsources.org/2020/most-california-districts-would-get-more-in-federal-aid-than-theyd-lose-in-budget-cuts-why-they-say-thats-not-the-full-story/632876>

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police! The 150 million reduction is an embarrassment to the mayor's office and the city of LA. We can do better than this discount olive branch of an excuse. We require defunding and eventual abolishment of the LAPD. They have never protected anything other than property. They do not serve or protect our citizens. If the police unions choose to intimidate our elected officials then they best be afraid of the collective power of the people. We aren't afraid of government, we aren't afraid of the police, why would we be afraid of a corrupt union! Defund the police as much as you defund our education, our health services, our public servants who maintain the little amount of government that is genuinely in favor of its citizens. Defund the police, defund them now!

Communication from Public

Name: Kirstin Hendricks

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD budget needs more than a 5% decrease. The world has literally seen what police do to Black people and what they've done to peaceful protestors. The People's Budget LA has a reimagined proposal for budget allocation that could find healthier ways to improve our community. Police cannot be reformed and everyone has seen thousands of pieces of evidence that confirms this. If you continue to fund a violent system, the chances are you'll get violence upheld by those sanctioned to do so. The only reason you'd continue with this path is that you're clearly ignoring the people's demands and are therefore unfit to fulfill the duties of your position. At this point, you're committing acts of treason and wish violence upon your people. We don't need performative acts and we all can see through them.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Baclesse
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 10:46 AM
Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles, I am writing to support the protests and support Black Lives Matter. We want human-centered services. We do not want more police. I want the council to convene an immediate meeting to set a plan to DEFUND THE POLICE. This issue directly impacts the city's ability to handle all other crises including the pandemic. I want you to follow the example that Minneapolis has set by dismantling the police system. We need a mental health and social service response team. We can't afford that? YES WE CAN. By defunding the police system as it currently exists. We want more low-income housing and more services for unhoused people; 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. This needs to be the MOST IMPORTANT issue in front of the council today. Be as brave as Minneapolis Council President Lisa Bender "We committed to dismantling policing as we know it in the city of Minneapolis and to rebuild with our community a new model of public safety that actually keeps our community safe." Sincerely, Jessica Baclesse 1045 20th St Apt C Santa Monica CA 90403

Communication from Public

Name: Joseph Ma

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 10:59 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hello: Hello, It has been deeply disappointing and frustrating with the history and current ongoing police practices: violet behavior, brutality and racial bias towards Black lives as well as bias towards its own officers when criminally charged against the very laws they are meant to serve and uphold. The firepower and equipment also used against the vast majority of peaceful protests has made it even more evident that good faith in the police cannot be maintained. The current department needs to re-assess itself and repulsive actions, but not at the expense of its taxpayers. Funding needs to be allocated in a way that makes communities better and safer places to live. Specifically policing Black lives does not accomplish that, but rather manifests divides, distrust, and outrage in all of our communities here and globally. Black lives need to be treated equally and they should be able to go about their lives without being harassed or have feelings of stress and danger under the constant scrutiny of an officer's eye because of nothing else, but their appearance. Our country and whole world have seen this failure time and time again and it is time for a change. Since the police choose intentionally to be malicious towards our Black communities, then defunding is more than appropriate in kind. #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Jade Meresz

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:04 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As public servants, I urge you to SERVE THE PUBLIC and adopt a People's Budget for LA immediately. The movement to defund the police is gaining momentum and is much bigger than Los Angeles alone. Mayor Garcetti and the City Council should be ashamed to think that paltry reapportionments will quiet the masses. Los Angeles has a long and shameful history of racist & lethal policing and we are sick and tired of platitudes and PR stunts. I urge you to revise the budget immediately to reflect the priorities of People's Budget LA. I am also demanding that plans for the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles be CANCELED IMMEDIATELY. These plans will only serve to further entrench the systemic injustices we are fighting to abolish now. The olympics accelerate displacement, militarization, gentrification and other forms of violence which destroy communities and erode democracy. We will not allow Garcetti to sell the future of Los Angeles to corporate interests. If you have any sense of duty to the People of LA, this is the call to make serious changes NOW! If not, get out of the fucking way. #DEFUNDTHEPOLICE #CARENOTCOPS #PeoplesBudgetLA #NOlympicsLA

Communication from Public

Name: Katie Antonsson

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:05 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in District 10. 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 protesters 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 protesters. 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, Katie Antonsson

Communication from Public

Name: Juan Ibarra

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: What justifies allocating over 50% of the city budget to the LAPD? Why is policing valued over public services such as libraries, rec centers, housing, or schools? I have never in my life been helped by a police officer. Police only escalate violence and create fear in citizens. If funds were invested in schooling, mental health services, food programs, and other community resources instead, we would not have a need for police.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:19 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: It is time to re-imagine public safety. The current system of the LAPD is brutalizing communities of color. We demand that you make changes to keep all your citizens safe. #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Noah Findling

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:23 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge you to adop The People's Budget and divest from the police and invest in communities. If we adopt this budget we can invest in the problem areas our community face that create crime. Expanding the police budget doesn't solve the problem. Thank you for your time!

Communication from Public

Name: Ryan Albert

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:30 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Cutting 150 million dollars from the LAPD's budget is a good start, but not nearly enough to show how serious Los Angeles is to restructuring the broken and unjust Los Angeles Police Department. Defund LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing in support of the People's Budget and defunding the LAPD. The LAPD is massively overfunded, and the mayor should not be able to allocate over 50% of the city budget to a police force that is abusive and militaristic. We need education and employment services to increase, and especially initiatives to help our unhoused population. Please do not support Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget and adopt the People's Budget for the benefit of all citizens in LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Jesse

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, I live in 90035. I want to draw your attention to the Minneapolis City Council majority that has voted to dismantle the Minneapolis Police Department. This is a progressive gesture to enact real change that each of you should be studying if you have any hopes of saving your seats in future elections. They understand that the police don't protect the safety of all citizens and have chosen to listen to long-term community activists who have seen the failures of reform initiatives and are advocating for a radical reimagining of the role of policing in America. Los Angeles has a chance to follow suit in enacting groundbreaking change on the right side of history. Imagine divesting from the LAPD and instead investing in a diverse team of de-escalation experts, mental health professionals, drug counselors, abuse specialists and social workers who respond to emergency calls in partnership with EMTs. Imagine taking generous funds from the budget of our militarized police and reallocating them to your under-funded programs and black-led organizations that tackle issues faced by communities of color on terms that truly serve them. Imagine building homes and shelters with free access to food, childcare, medical and counseling services instead of paying cops to push around homeless Angelenos. Imagine lifting up our LGBTQ and particularly the black trans members of our society half of whom experience homelessness in their life. Imagine engaging with Black and Indigenous communities — those most at risk for police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL angelenos. We need all of these actions more than ever to emerge from this pandemic as police and local government violently miss-handle peaceful protests in our city. The Peoples Budget LA and Black Lives Matter LA are important voices. Listen to them and understand that they act in the interest of your constituents, something I hope you take extremely seriously. Thank you for your time, Jesse

Communication from Public

Name: Garret Lang

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:09 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, I am writing to demand that you defund the lapd and more the funds to city services and community programs. It is clear and has been for a long time that the militarized police model does not keep people safer, and in the case of black and brown people, it is incredibly dangerous. I know it is hard to change entrenched systems, but we need to do this for the future of our city, state and country. There are many studies pointing to the benefits of community policing. Let's fund education, community outreach, healthcare, parks, sanitation, not the armed mob that the LAPD has become.

Communication from Public

Name: Ayanna Harrison

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:09 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: It's unacceptable that more money is invested in the police department than in supporting and funding community services. Eventually, it needs to be that no money is invested in the police department. For now, defund the policing as a means to abolition.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:10 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Like the vast majority of my fellow Angelenos, I'm here today (Monday, June 8th 2020 BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING) to demand that the LAPD receive SIGNIFICANTLY less of the city's budget for FY 2020-2021. The \$150M reallocation away from the police department that has already been announced is nominal at best, and we all know it. An institution that was originally established to keep black bodies in captivity and protect capital and property cannot be "reformed". We have continually tried reforming, regulating, requiring more training, diversifying, and so on. It doesn't work. Nothing ever works. History keeps repeating itself, and cops are not held accountable by their colleagues or by the justice system as a whole. The fact that Qualified Immunity is still a thing is just a testament to how rigged everything is in the favor law enforcement. The policing system as we know it today - this deeply fraternal order of injustice - cannot continue to exist. The institution needs to be completely broken down and reimagined from the ground up, and this needs to happen NOW. We are tired of allowing our tax dollars to fund government-sanctioned murder and go towards misconduct settlements rather than programs that could actually help our communities. To Mayor Garcetti and the Budget and Finance Committee --- your constituents have spoken and we're demanding radical change. Will you listen? And for the love of public trust --- FIRE POLICE CHIEF MOORE. He's not worth dying on the hill for.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:10 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I write this comment to express my disapproval of the currently proposed city budget, which allocates far too much to the police department at the expense of other, more impactful social services. The following is a passage from the End of Policing, by Alex Vitale: "Our entire criminal justice system has become a gigantic revenge factory. Three-strikes laws, sex-offender registries, the death penalty, and abolishing parole are about retribution, not safety. Whole segments of our society have been deemed always-already guilty. This is not justice; it is oppression. Real justice would look to restore people and communities, to rebuild trust and social cohesion, to offer people a way forward, to reduce the social forces that drive crime, and to treat both victims and perpetrators as full human beings. Our police and larger criminal justice system not only fail at this but rarely see it as even related to their mission."

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:13 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: For too long we have been defunding the services that matter most to keeping our communities safe and thriving. We've seen decades of budget cuts to education, housing, and many more social services while we continue to pour money into a police force that has chosen to wage a war against its own citizens. The police don't need more funding, your constituents who are suffering under these racist systems do. The city budget should reflect the values and needs of the people you serve. I support the People's Budget LA in calling for the defunding of police, and the HealthyLA Coalition in calling for the funding of these housing efforts: The acquisition and rehabilitation of multi-family buildings & single-family homes. Investing \$310,000 per unit for multi-family units and \$450,000 per single family home, the total program cost would be approximately \$690,000,000 for Year 1 and result in 2,000 units of housing. Invest \$70,000,000 in a fully-funded Right to Counsel and Eviction Defense Program that includes legal defense, tenant outreach and education and targeted rental assistance. Fund HCID to enforce existing tenant protections. This is critical during a time of expected and unprecedented waves of evictions looming. Create a Pilot Social Housing Program. Provide developers with gap financing to ensure affordable housing construction projects are completed in a timely manner. Commit CARES and general funds dollars to finance and operate supportive housing units. Thank you for your time and I look forward to seeing your leadership on this important issue.

Communication from Public

Name: Jamie Perlman
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:55 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Renie Rivas

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:00 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The City's proposed budget does not reflect the priorities and values of Los Angeles residents. The city budget should invest in communities, not policing. I support the People's Budget LA in demanding the defunding of police and the HealthyLA Coalition in calling for the funding of needed housing programs.

Communication from Public

Name: Anna Barie

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Councilmembers, My name is Anna Barie. I am writing to say that the current budget proposal to decrease LAPD's budget and reallocate City dollars to communities of color is a step in the right direction but it is not enough. To effect true transformative change, the city needs to go much further than this given that it is still pumping \$3 billion (51% of the city's unrestricted revenues) into a machine that we know murders Black people. You need to support the People's Budget and ensure it fully reflects our values and to ensure that any City action must underscore the fact that black lives matter. Los Angeles must come together to condemn and take action in concrete ways to end the unjust and racist system responsible for the attacks, murder, and mass incarceration of black people, as well as the racism that fuels this administration's mass deportation machine, which is attacking and tearing apart immigrant communities, even while COVID-19 rages on in California's detention centers. That is why we also urge you to take a stand against racism now by renewing the LA Justice Fund (LAJF) once and for all. The Los Angeles Justice Fund team has proven its commitment and power to rise to the occasion in the most difficult of times, providing a concrete legal safety net for immigrant communities. Our communities deserve a full and just recovery -- a true transformation to a just and equitable system -- where no one is left behind, where our collective and individual healing and well-being are centered, and our families and neighborhoods are stabilized and kept together. This safety, stability, and a sustainable & just recovery is achieved through due process for all, equitable access to healthy affordable homes, health, jobs, community-based prevention, essential services, and an end to the policing and incarceration of black and brown communities. It is not achieved through false choices, where the system tries to pit us against one another for our basic needs. Our communities deserve justice, now more than ever. As a parent, a student, an Asian American, an ally for BIPOC, and a worker for immigrant rights, I believe this is the best way forward for us all. Thank you, Anna Barie

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:19 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: defund the LAPD

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:24 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please defund the police and instead invest in social services geared to the youth of the los angeles community! You could invest in youth peace centers, youth jobs, as well as health care for black mothers who disproportionally do not receive adequate prenatal care.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:31 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I urge council to commit to a budget that reallocates funding from the police and instead invest in things that make us safe, like universal housing, good jobs, healthy food, a clean environment, community workers, domestic and sexual violence services, youth services, free public transportation, arts programs, and parks and libraries.

Communication from Public

Name: Rosalie Benitez

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:36 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am requested that the LAPD and Sheriff's office are defunded by half. I support demilitarizing the police and want to see our departments defunded drastically. Countries like Norway, Iceland, Ireland, and Britain have defunded and demilitarized their police who act as guardians of the citizens, rather than menaces towards citizens. Please defund law enforcement by half - \$150M diversion is not enough. I want to see funds allocated into communities instead. Thank you, Rosalie Benitez

Communication from Public

Name: Bennett Rea

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We ask that in order to continue leading the country, you consider the People's Budget LA. We must Defund the LAPD drastically, following in the footsteps of Minneapolis and soon, many other cities. Mayor Garcetti's announced cut is a good first step, but it is just the beginning in the fight for racial equality, criminal justice reform and housing/healthcare. Let's be the most progressive city that we can by fighting crime BEFORE police are even involved -- providing education, jobs, infrastructure, healthcare, etc. Scale down the LAPD as we scale up health and human services, and some day, our police force will be a minuscule part of our budget. Thank you for listening to the people of LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Tompkins

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE ADOPT THE PEOPLE’S BUDGET!!!! I am one of your millions of people, one of many who fear, rather than respect the police. An LAPD \$150 million deduction in the proposed budget is not just a slap in the face but a turn-your-back-on (AGAIN!) to your constituents. \$3 billion to the police is HORRIFIC!!!! When they cry “delayed 911 response”...they don’t even answer their phones (Culver City) and a call to 911 is an hours-long wait! When I was repeatedly threatened by my neighbor-stalker the cops when they finally came told me they had “more important things to do” and NEVER EVEN FILED REPORTS or returned emails, so it was impossible for me to file a restraining order!!!! REALLOCATE AT LEAST \$2.25 billion FROM LAPD TO community and health programming. By building a healthier, housed, employed city, you build and promote a city that serves all, we can all feel safe in, be employed in, be housed in, and be proud of. I am NOT a hashtag!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Tijera
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:43 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #Defund the police

Communication from Public

Name: Becca vB

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:44 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am entering public comment 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Ashrit Multani
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:47 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Priscilla Bearee
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:53 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: It's time for a radical, new approach. It's time to DEFUND THE POLICE!

Communication from Public

Name: Mieko Romming

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:57 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles County. 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, Mieko Romming

Communication from Public

Name: Michael J Plotz
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:58 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the LAPD, prosecute killer cops.

Communication from Public

Name: Anna Harrington - Bilu

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:59 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Is it really that radical to invest in education, mental health care, work force development, arts and culture, housing support, and (MOST IMPORTANT) the people? Please, defund the LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Jasmine Lin

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: To the LA City Council: I urge you to listen to the people of Los Angeles and adopt a People's Budget. Mayor Garcetti's decision to reevaluate his budget to find \$150 million to remove from the LAPD budget is performative at best. His reapportionment proposal would still leave the LAPD with over 50% of unrestricted funds-- I don't understand how this could sound reasonable to anyone on city council. For those who cannot image defunding the police or find this to be "radical"-- our local, state, and national budgets have been defunding public education and housing for years. These are universal needs that benefit all, while the police only protects those who are wealthy and white. I encourage us as a city to look to our friends in Minneapolis who have announced their plans to dismantle its police department and work with local black organizers (who have been doing this work of re-imagining public safety for years) to build a new public safety system. Los Angeles should be at the forefront of this new era of transforming public safety that is inclusive to all, not fighting for outdated, oppressive police systems that resemble slavery and segregation eras.

Communication from Public

Name: Danielle Cloutier-Coats

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please pause on the approval of Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget, so that we can work together to adopt The People's Budget. Allocating such a high amount of money to the LAPD no longer makes sense in the world we live in. Shifting money away from the LAPD and redirecting it toward supportive services is a necessary action, not only to protect and enrich the lives of Angelenos, but also to ensure that Los Angeles is LEADING the country, not following because it's on trend or to placate us. We have to do what is right. It's time to stop relying on the police for everything. We must invest in our people if we want a safe, happy, and progressive city in which all people can thrive - especially our BIPOC residents.

Communication from Public

Name: Marianne Verrone

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:21 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in District [Fill in Your District Number. 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. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Zoe Walsh

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:36 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno living in District 1. I am writing to voice support for the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Mayor Garcetti's decision to reevaluate his budget to find \$150 million to remove from the LAPD budget is TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE. His reapportionment proposal would still leave the LAPD with over 50% of unrestricted funds. Unrestricted funds need to go to community care, not cops. We need him to #DefundThePolice.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I live in district one and I am calling to demand you to adopt the Peoples Budget LA! LAPD has a vast history of violence and political corruption but in the but in the last week they have really shown their true colors. LAPD has used extreme violence and neglect for the value of human life during our peaceful protests and their subsequent, unwarranted arrests. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a WHITE POWER symbol on television. Chief Moore blamed the murder of George Floyd on LA protests. Cops in LAPD surrounded and threatened council woman Monica Rodriguez! These are blatant racists who are unhinged and out of control! Do your job and listen to the public, defund the police!

Communication from Public

Name: Roxanne Calimeris

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:39 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to submit public comment regarding the Mayor's proposed budget for FY 2020-21. Although a \$150 million reduction to the LAPD budget is a decent start, it is only a drop in the bucket of the police department's \$1.8 billion dollar budget. In accordance with the People's Budget LA, I would like to see the majority of the LAPD budget defunded, and for it to represent only 5.72% of the City's general budget rather than the Mayor's proposed 53%. I would like to see LAPD's funds diverted and distributed to address the shortage of funding for housing and education in Los Angeles. Research shows that the safest communities are not those which have the most police presence, but rather are those which have the most resources. By allocating most of the city's discretionary funds to LAPD, you are depriving our city of the resources that actually make us safe. It is not only a moral failure, in light of the thousands of racialized killings at the hands of LAPD, it is also a failure of public policy which demonstrates the council's lack of research around what factors attribute most to public safety. Please defund the LAPD and adopt the Peoples Budget LA. Thank you, Roxanne Calimeris
Constituent of Councilmember Paul Koretz & Mayor Eric Garcetti"

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:45 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to express my desire for a budget that defunds the LAPD, with funds redirected to nonviolent services that cater to the needs of our community. The city should look to established and grassroots organizations that have been calling for these measures for a long time. It is clear that our city is ready for a major change that must include completely restructuring the systems of policing, prisons, and criminal justice. If we want to live in a city with reduced crime, prioritize services that keep our residents out of the criminal justice system. Fund education, healthcare, jobs, food, and housing.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:57 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We demand the city council and Mayor Garcetti adopt the People's Budget. The proposed \$150 million cut from the LAPD is negligible -- nay, laughable. We need to defund the police and reinvest that money into actual public services in Black and Brown communities. It is unacceptable that the city has chosen to allocate over half of the unrestricted General Fund to the LAPD, while willfully neglecting housing security, public health, and mental health needs. Furthermore I am sick and tired of hearing stories from the frontlines of protests about my friends and their friends being victims of abuse and torture tactics in the hands of police. Defunding the police will not pose a public safety problem - the police IS the public safety problem. Adopt the People's Budget and defund the police. Black Lives Matter.

Communication from Public

Name: Hannah Powell

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:58 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am demanding that Los Angeles #defundthepolice

Communication from Public

Name: Grace Tierk

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:58 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge the council to redirect funds allocated by the mayor for the LAPD's budget. As councilmember Bonin stated there are numerous tasks carried out by the LAPD which they are not qualified to do and should not be tasked with. We should be redirecting our funds to mental healthcare, medicare, education, and other programs which alleviate poverty. Additionally, we should be funding training for community safety programs which can take the place of the police. Our current system of policing has a disproportionate negative impact on people of color. It is clear reformist positions like 8 can't wait and other additional training programs are not effective in reducing police violence against people of color; your constituents are not asking you to increase police spending in any form, as councilmember Koretz suggested. We need actual structural change and the ultimate dismantling of our current system.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: In the wake of George Floyd's murder, a major of American city is "ready to dig in and enact more community-led public safety strategies." I'm here to advocate the need for mental health providers in the school setting, the need to educate people about the importance of providing services for students is much needed. Disarm upwards to 30% if not more of police encounters towards black men and women. Black men and women have had guns drawn on them for running a red light to getting in an argument in which cops draw their weapons. This is an abuse of power itself. Defund, disarm, and dismantle. As we all continue learning together, I'm interested in dialogue that bridges the divide in understanding around these issues.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As you meet to discuss the city budget, please reprioritize funding away from police involvement and more towards community funding and community engagement. A better community where the right people (social workers, doctors, etc) are responding to people when they are needed will make a better, safer city for all of us. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Corrina

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:12 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Corrina and I live in District 7. I would like to echo the sentiments of all my fellow Angeleno's and am calling to urge this committee to adopt the People's Budget. The money that goes into militarization and "breaking down" cops in order to make them violent and aggressive as one previous caller has pointed out has made Los Angeles a dangerous place to live for brown and black folks. Dangerous not only because of the brutality of the LAPD, but dangerous also because of the living conditions created by the disgustingly unbalanced budget of the city. Some of you seem very confused as to where the defunding of the LAPD would come from and I echo the sentiments of a previous caller to reach out to the exceptional black/brown scholars that come from LA. Here are few places to START in removing funding from LAPD, knowing that our eventual goal will be the abolishment of the LAPD. * SUSPEND THE USE OF PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE for cops under investigation. * You are NOT making the community feel safer by putting money into the pockets of continued abusers and murderers * Do not forget that 40% of police officers families experience domestic abuse * Remove the pensions and DON'T rehire cops involved in excessive force * Require cops to be liable for misconduct settlements * Our tax dollars should NOT be used to help cops partake in violence * Reduce size of the police force —> 9,000 cops * Fire cops that have already been accused of excessive force and misconduct

Communication from Public

Name: Heather Roberta Hightower

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:28 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Good afternoon, I am writing to you to request that we defund the police more than \$150 million and reinvest this money into housing, healthcare, education, and community resources. Studies and other countries demonstrate that reinvesting into communities reduces violence and harm and improves the lives of the people. Police are designed to control folks through violence and utilize force to effectuate the criminalization of poverty, mental health, substance abuse, etc. They target marginalized folks to reinforce our white supremacist systems. Please defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Nik

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 05:51 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I'm making a comment to stand by the 71 callers who called in to the budget meeting today, and the thousands of citizens who protested this week, to remind you that its your job and your responsibility to create a budget that reflects the wants and needs of the people of Los Angeles. And what the people have made abundantly clear that what we want and need is COVID19 rent relief and housing support; What we want and need is education, healthcare, community development, and public transportation. What we do not want or need, is our money going to a police force that runs rampant, responding to protestors of police violence with police violence, kettling and tear-gassing citizens during a pandemic, and really just generally living out their racist, video game fantasies on our city. What the people of this city want and need and DEMAND is to Defund the LAPD now.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:52 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police #blacklivesmatter

Communication from Public

Name: Ava D

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:52 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please defund the police by reducing the police budget and reinvesting the money in our communities through increased funding for education, healthcare, and other community services.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:52 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Reallocate resources to where they are needed most: public health and education.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:53 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: #Defundthepolice

Communication from Public

Name: Josh laviolette

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:53 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the city council to stand with Black Lives Matter and #DeFundThePolice. With your leadership LA can become a global leader in the movement for positive change. Please do the right thing and re-invest in community and social programs that benefit all Angelenos. Thank You

Communication from Public

Name: Aly Mawji
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:54 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Sofia Heller

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno from Tarzana. 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. Defund the police!

Communication from Public

Name: Natalie Warner

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hi! My name is Natalie Warner and I am a LA city resident, living in and voting from the 14th district. First off, I wanted to give you a small virtual nod for the motion to make \$100-150 million in cuts to LAPD. While the good faith gesture is appreciated, it is absolutely not enough. Correct me if I'm wrong, but cutting 150 million from the billions currently allocated to LAPD in the proposed budget still leaves the police department with 51% of our city's unrestricted funds. As others and you yourself have said, a city's budget is a direct reflection of our values. We're asking for further cuts to LAPD's budget, and for that money to be rerouted towards human-centered services such as housing, mental health resources, healthcare, public transit, and so on. These are unprecedented times, and you have an opportunity to enact some real changes in how our city deals with justice. Do you want a public safety model that focuses on prevention and support? Or one that centers around punishment and more often than not targets and systematically oppresses communities of color? Please seriously consider the people's budget, which was created by sourcing the opinions of people you represent

Communication from Public

Name: Chloe Thulstrup
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:58 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: We need to invest in more resources for the community, not cops. \$150M is not even close to enough. LA residents should be your first priority. Please support Black Lives Matter Los Angeles
#PeoplesBudgetLA #DefundThePolice #CareNotCops
#BlackLivesMatterLA

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:58 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Reynoso

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I'm tired of elected officials being Politicians first and Elected Officials second, with human being ranking a distant and sad third. You have a responsibility to the people who elected you to do better. Stop hiding behind bureaucracy and actually do your job. Defund the police. Reinvest in your community. It's no longer enough to pretend you care and post platitudes about coming together. Whoever they kill next, because as we have seen this will not end, is on your head. It is your job to listen to those who elected you and do what they say. It is literally what you are paid for. Do your job.

Communication from Public

Name: Ryan Davis

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of "reform." This includes Mayor Garcetti's paltry 5% proposed cut with no clarity as to where these funds will be redirected, if at all. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. We are in the midst of a pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed, and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of those in this city are renters. When people are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, 60k people were unhoused; the evictions and economic insecurity caused by COVID-19 will bring that number even higher. We demand that the City Council meaningfully defund the LAPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Garcetti's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I demand the LAPD take action to hold the police officers accountable for the 600+ murders committed by Police officers. They are not above the law and need to be prosecuted for their horrific crimes. There are no crimes that warrant being murdered by a Police Officer. There are no excuses why that action is necessary. It is cold blooded assassination. On top of that, the use of excessive violence and instigation by the Police against peaceful protesters is despicable. It is our constitutional right to assemble and we do not need your permission to do so. Just because you don't like it doesn't give you the right to beat us in the streets. Just because you don't like our chants doesn't mean you get to use a chemical weapon that is banned in warfare. I demand that this illegal military warfare, violence, intimidation, and instigation to cease at once. And after Chief Moore's "strong statement" I demand that he step down immediately. If it isn't already abundantly clear, he is a fucking idiot. Moore has GOT.TO.GO. DO BETTER and #DEFUNDTHEPOLICE

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and put that to public services to help the people

Communication from Public

Name: Demitri Liponis Foehl
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:08 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Joshua McBride
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:09 PM
Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am a nurse who works at a hospital in Los Angeles and resident of Los Angeles. I believe we need to Defund the Police and adopt the People's Budget investing in communities, not the police force. I'd like to see more funds going to mental health services, social work, affordable housing, LAUSD and education, and community green space and public gardens. Hear our voices. Listen to your constituents. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Lukas Oskierko

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:11 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Lukas Oskierko and I am a resident of Studio City, CA. We your constituents demand you to adopt a People's Budget for Los Angeles that further divests from police funding and invests in community/health services, quality education, and crisis intervention. The currently proposed, massively inflated LAPD budget— inclusive of the recently proposed, appallingly slight budget reallocations— does not properly reflect the needs and desires of the people of Los Angeles. You need to defund the police department. You need to massively reform a systemically prejudiced government to finally, once and for all, work for all of its citizens. You need to defund the police department. You need to defund the police department. Have you stopped reading? You need to defund the police department. We demand it. We will not stop. We are a generation fed up, and what we've been fed is the shit from your own assholes as you gorged on the wealth at the top. Stop abusing your power. Change now and change the system with you, because you are being held accountable for your actions past, present, and future by a billion hungry souls with eyes that will not stop watching, feet that will not stop marching, fists that will not stop raising, and hearts that will not stop beating until equality is a practiced principle in daily American life. Defund the police. Thank you, Lukas Oskierko

Communication from Public

Name: Jack Ebstein
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:13 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE.

Communication from Public

Name: Francesco
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:14 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police

Communication from Public

Name: Daniela

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am a Los Angeles resident: I am asking that you defund the police. The violence and excessive force that the LAPD has shown not only in these last few weeks during protests but in the entirety of their history as an institution is not only inappropriate but murderous. Defund the police and focus on developing programs In healthcare, focusing on affordable housing, and funding our school districts. The police are NOT the answer.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Payton
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:15 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and use that money to invest in black communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Angel Roberts

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice The police are a civil force, not a military which means they are here for us, the people. They are responsible for detecting and preventing crime, not for causing it.

Communication from Public

Name: Maddie KL

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:16 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I 100% believe that we can have a society without police. They do not keep us safe and they make black and brown communities less safe. The police force is less than 400 years old and does not have to be a given. People are capable of caring for themselves and their own communities. There is not a cop in this country that is not supporting a racist prison system and laws founded on racism. If an institution that grew out of slave patrols and is still enforcing those same principles via mass incarceration that targets black people has not been able to self-correct in 300 years it's time to abolish it and try something else. This cannot wait, defund and abolish the police, refund education and black communities that have been a source of money and exploitation for this country since it's violent and immoral founding.

Communication from Public

Name: Julia Switzky

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:17 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The \$250M in cuts to LAPD do not begin address the institutional and systemic racism against Black communities in Los Angeles. I want you to defund and dismantle the Los Angeles Police Department and allocate resources to healthcare and education, and employment resources in Black communities. This proposal is too little, too late.

Communication from Public

Name: Nathan Pesina

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:21 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The Los Angeles city council needs to follow the example set by the Minneapolis city council and defund the police. The system in which they learn and operate is fundamentally broken. You cannot reform a system that was built to work as a tool of white supremacy. Realistically, you couldn't reform it in anyway that the mayor has proposed because the police union is too powerful and would resist any radical sweeping changes in addition to protecting its officers from true accountability for their actions. The mayor deployed militarized police on crowds of protestors and then tried to gaslight the world into thinking they were protecting the very people they attacked with rubber bullets and tear gas. And that is exactly how they were built to work: as a tool of violence and intimidation, not protection, not for community safety. It should be clear to the city council that the people of Los Angeles will not support simple reform. We want a complete defunding of the police with money reinvested in programs that actually help Angelenos, and especially the Black and non-Black POC communities that have been victimized by the police for far too long. Health care, housing and education need billions of dollars invested into them. Not a militarized force that brutalizes the people they claim to be protecting. Defund the police or we will elect people who have the will to do so.

Communication from Public

Name: Karen Morgaine
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:25 PM
Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to ask the City Council to defund the police. Clearly, after a 400 year history grounded in slave patrols and a legacy of racism, the policing system in the U.S. needs to be dismantled and new forms of public safety need to be created. A budget that dedicates over 50% to policing is not a budget for the people of Los Angeles. We are demanding community care, not community destruction. Be forward thinking and brave like the City Council in Minneapolis and do the right thing.

Communication from Public

Name: Caitlin Krenz

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:28 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I'm a resident of CD14, and I'm writing in because I didn't get a chance to speak in today's City Council meeting... I have a general public comment. Defund the police. Abolish the police. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Megan Powell

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:33 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, My name is Megan Powell. I am a resident of Los Angeles County and I am emailing to demand the restructuring of the Los Angeles city budget, so as to prioritize more social services for communities, and to drastically minimize spending on Police. I demand of the mayor, controller, and all city council members to prove their love and dedication to the people of their city and reallocate funds to directly benefit those in need. It is absolutely absurd that at \$1,857,330,549, the police budget is larger than the allocations to the fire department, Office of Emergency Management, Department of Transportation, Bureau of Street Services, and the Housing and Community Investment Agency combined. There are 58,936 DOCUMENTED houseless people in Los Angeles. There are healthcare workers without proper equipment. More than 30% of Los Angeles County residents have filed for unemployment. Defunding the police and restructuring the budget is an absolute necessity now more than ever. While LAPD has more funding than it knows what to do with, there are communities who desperately need funding and every day they don't receive it their quality of life worsens. Thousands have died who did not need to. You have the ability to change this, so do it. Sincerely, Megan Powell

Communication from Public

Name: Amanda Goad

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:34 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I write again to express my deep concern regarding the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020 to 2021. I urge the City Council to amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to reflect the values of our community: we want more social services, employment programs, public health resources, rent relief, and restorative justice programs, not more policing. We request the City Council adopt the People's Budget LA. There needs to be a drastic reduction of LAPD funding and an un-armed, community-based, alternative policing system –on top of more funding for social programs. People are marching through the entire city demanding systemic change and justice for the 600+ black people killed by police in LA County since 2012. We implore you to listen to the demands of your constituents. Public safety should no doubt be one of the City's highest priorities, but investments in housing and job security, mental health care, and after-school programs are investments in public safety. By cutting these services, this budget will not make Angelenos safer. Furthermore, protests in Los Angeles following the murder of George Floyd have exemplified the issue of police brutality, including the indiscriminate use of tear-gas and rubber bullets against protesters, demonstrating the need for an overhaul of the LAPD. We are presented with an opportunity to improve upon the past instead of repeating its mistakes. It is in that spirit that I ask you for a compassionate budget—and through it, for a more just, equitable, and humane Los Angeles. I urge the City Council to adopt the People's Budget LA and amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to shift resources from the LAPD to social services, housing, employment programs, restorative justice programs, rent relief, and public health efforts. Thank you for your time, Amanda Goad

Communication from Public

Name: Lucia Pier

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:46 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We heard a whole lot of lip service at yesterday's Budget Committee meeting. But what we saw was a bunch of motions that are the legislative version of hand-wringing over the Mayor's shitty budget that places the burden of COVID austerity on support & services while giving over half the budget to LAPD. Lots of sad little shuffling around of the remaining 46% to see if Los Angeles can afford to not furlough employees who run programs that provide direct housing, homeless, senior, and social services. This is a disgrace. And especially how dare you propose an item in the Budget Committee that tries to give MORE funding to LAPD for their PR stunt called "Through Our Eyes"? What do you actually think the "core services of a city government" means? Do you think it means funding & empowering a police department that murders and terrorizes your constituents? Mike Bonin seems to be the only person on this council who even sort of gets it. You need to listen to and adopt the demands of the People's Budget LA: DEFUND LAPD and prioritize instead the jobs and programs that actually keep the residents of Los Angeles safe and healthy. And these aren't new demands – BLM-LA has been calling for this for YEARS. It's insane that people need to point to the violence incited by LAPD on our streets in the past week, when the reason we are there is because they MURDER Black, Indigenous, and People of Color with impunity. If this committee agrees only to the proposed \$150 million cut to the LAPD budget, which still would give them 51% of the city's unrestricted funds, pats themselves on the back and calls it a day – THERE WILL BE A RECOKING on the streets and at the ballot box.

Communication from Public

Name: Jocelyn

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:48 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Black and brown communities deserve to thrive - financially, mentally, and physically. You are supposed to serve us. Why is more money spent on creating violence than a child's education? The police needs to be defunded and dismantled. Stop sending them to our communities waiting for us to mess up. Violence is not the problem. It's how little funded schools, hospitals, shelters, community outreach programs, and mental health service that is the problem. #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Stevie Shaw

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:48 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hi; I live in Hollywood and have called into every city council and budget committee meeting since the Mayor's budget was proposed. I am a member of LA Tenants Union and one of nearly 600K people facing eviction when the "moratorium" (which isn't actually even a moratorium) lifts. It's estimated 120K of those folks will become homeless. The Mayor's budget is cruel, violent, and immoral. To propose giving more than HALF of our city's unrestricted funds to the deadliest police force in the nation is unconscionable. This would be an unforgivable allocation of our budget at any time, but is egregiously atrocious amidst a pandemic, when 55% of Angelenos are out of work. We need HOUSING. We need RENT AND MORTGAGE CANCELLATION. We need HEALTHCARE. We need SOCIAL SERVICES. I can name dozens of programs we should be funding to help Angelenos; NONE OF THEM ARE POLICE. LAPD has killed more than 600 people since Jackie Lacey took office in Dec 2012. Minneapolis, whose police force is also violent and highly militarized, but which has not killed anywhere near the number of civilians as LAPD, has already been moved to be disbanded. Why is LA - purportedly an epicenter of progress - proposing to give the most murderous police force in the US more than THREE BILLION DOLLARS? I've called my City Council Member every single day. I've called President Martinez every single day. I've called Paul Kerkorian every day since City Council refused to vote on it. I'm joined by more than 10K Angelenos who completed the #PeoplesBudgetLA, and we've been IGNORED. The people have made their demands very clear; we've done your job for you. Please reject this budget; defund the police, and invest in housing, rent cancellation, education, healthcare, and the social services our city so desperately needs. It is exhausting calling into meeting after meeting after meeting and writing our representatives over and over and over again - and then being patronized during meetings as if we are somehow new to this process, as if City Council has more knowledge than we the people do. We've BEEN here. We KNOW how these processes work, and we will not be ignored. #DEFUNDTHEPOLICE #DEFUNDPOLICE #PEOPLESBUDGETLA

Communication from Public

Name: Sydney young

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 12:57 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: In order to create a safe city for our Black residents, I demand you defund the police. This money would be better spent attacking the causes of crime rather the policing the result of poor community support and socio-economic inequities.

Communication from Public

Name: Walter Karrman

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 01:00 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: It's time for to finally make lasting and systematic change. A safe and secure city starts with improvements to infrastructure, education, mental heath, housing equality, and renter equality, not with increased militarization. Policing is inherently reactionary. It's time to be proactive. #defundthepolice

Communication from Public

Name: Kelly Kubik

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 01:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We need to divest money from local and state police budgets and reinvest it into communities, mental health services, and social service programs.

Communication from Public

Name: Phillip Kim

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 01:19 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Skid Row, I have seen our community starved of resources as more and more people take residence on the streets. My unhomed neighbors need care. They need mental health services. They deserve a safe place to sleep. The city of Los Angeles have the resources and the obligation to act. The repeated historical brutality and insane budget of the LAPD, especially in light of budget shortcoming due to COVID-19's loss of tax revenue, have only highlighted that the Mayor's budget which called for cutting services but increasing the police budget to be morally repugnant. We need care not cops. That is why I am in support of the People's Budget. Please put my tax dollars towards services that will make Los Angeles a beacon of humanity rather than support the continued militarization of police. Defund the police. Refund education, healthcare, and homes for all. This is the time, an economic downturn, to invest in our diverse city. Thank you Phillip Kim #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 01:43 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of the fourth district. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of "reform." We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. We demand that the City Council meaningfully defund the LAPD and consider more than the initial \$100-150 million that Mayor Garcetti pledged. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Sidra Rubel

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 01:43 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We demand that the LAPD be defunded immediately due to their abuse of power, rampant racism, and the lack of accountability for their actions. Reform has not worked. We need to defund the police now.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 01:45 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: ABOLISH THE POLICE, NOW!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 01:46 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, As a citizen of LA county, I am demanding that the 2021 budget proposal be revised once again. The budget set for Police should be more drastically reduced (by \$1+ billion), and placed into multiple other departments that need it: Fire department, cultural affairs, community and job improvements, sanitation, transportation, etc. By demilitarizing the police, the material expenses naturally decreases, and budget should be focused on the multiple reform tactics to be mandatorily enforced. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Todd Davis

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:33 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to express my full support of defunding the police. Policing is too large of a priority in our city and takes up far too much of the city's budget. We need to drastically rethink our systems and policies. Over-policing is part of the problem and supports a racist system that needs to be changed. Supporting and serving Black and brown communities needs to become priority rather than punishment. Our country was built upon racist systems and ideas, and they are still in existence today. We need to change that and it can start with where our city's money goes and how we treat Black communities. Do not let the police union bully you into keeping our current system. They do not value Black lives. They do not value and prioritize underserved communities. They care about their own existence, and they too entwined with the huge, for profit prison system which continues to benefit from the criminalization of Black and brown communities. The numbers of Black people killed by the police is also horrifying and unacceptable. They do not deserve the kind of funding they currently receive. They have not earned it, AND current prioritization of policing is not the way forward. This needs to change. Thank you.

Communication from Public

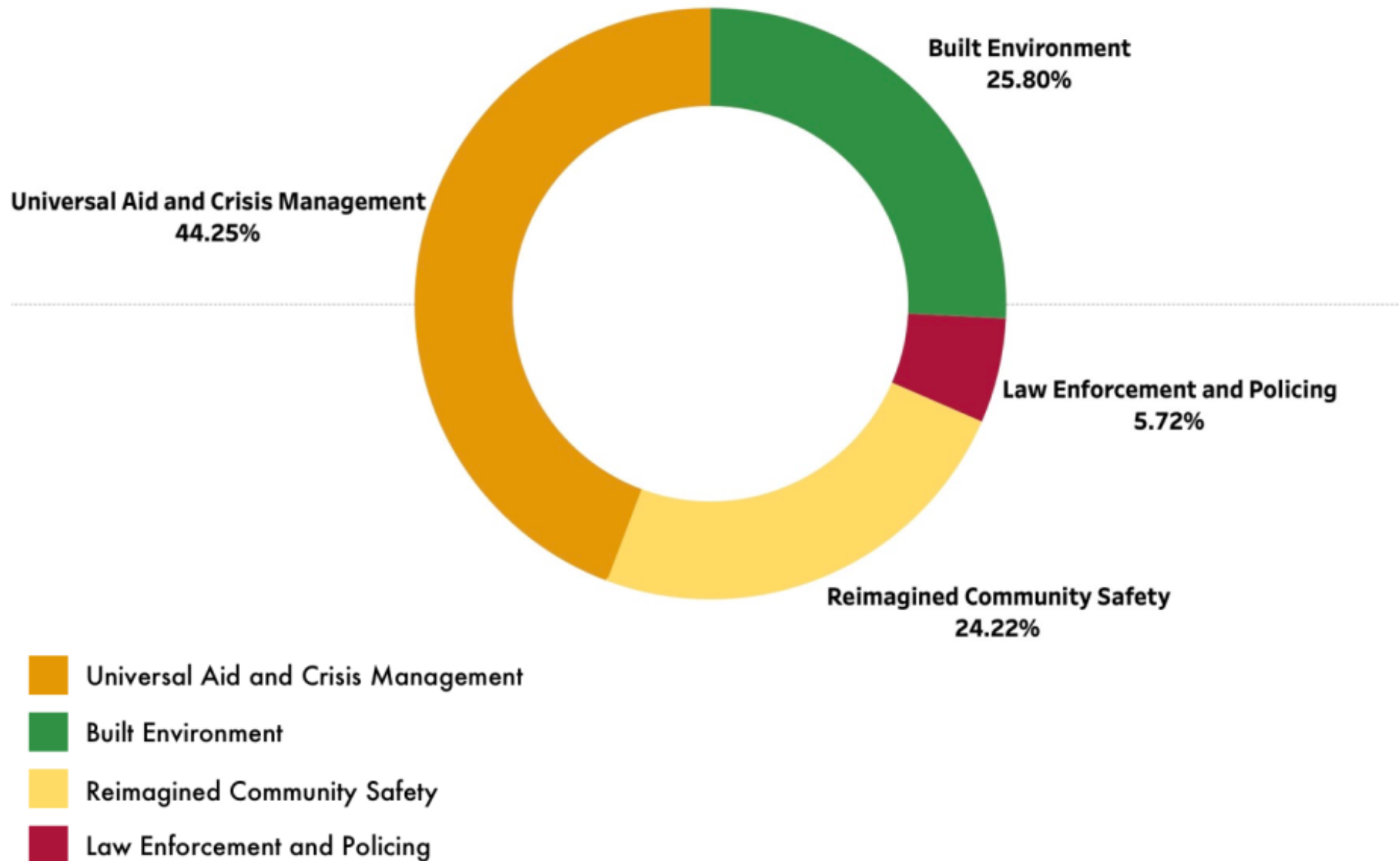
Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:34 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to take action on the follow, I write this as a life-long Angeleno: 1) Defund the police and adopt the budget put forth by the People's Budget LA Coalition that reflects what Angelenos actually need! Cutting it by \$150M is not nearly enough. (LAPD budget this year is \$3.1B) More information can be found at <https://peoplesbudgetla.com/peoplesbudget/> 2) Eliminate the recommendations in Exhibit H and fully fund the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA). 3) Do not make changes to the Transient Occupancy Tax that will adversely impact arts and culture funding in Los Angeles. These are crucial needs for Los Angeles!!!

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Communication from Public

Name: Amy Martinez

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 02:34 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUNDING THE POLICE sounds like a radical term. Think of it this way, you wouldn't call a doctor to help you with a history question in class. Don't make this more difficult than you think. We need everyone to look at how money is spent. Don't be an idiot. Listen to us.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 06:45 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hi! I am a resident of Los Angeles and I am here regarding The People's Budget. Cutting \$150 million from LADP's budget is minuscule and still leaves them with 51% of the budget. We want half the budget, to start. \$1.6 billion divested away from the police and into communities, safety programs, education, social infrastructure. We want half of the \$3 BILLION that is proposed for the LADP. Imagine these communities flourishing.

Communication from Public

Name: Erynn Bell

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 06:54 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I comment in response to the Black Lives Matter movement and the countless violence that has been inflicted upon persons of color here in LA by the LAPD. I ask that you, the city council, defund the police today.

Communication from Public

Name: Clint

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police now! There is no reason why 54% of the budget needs to go to police. We must invest in public services - healthcare, housing, mental health care, quality food, education, green spaces - things that help our city HEAL. The police inflict violence on our city's most vulnerable populations. We cannot settle for a mere \$100 million - we must entirely defund the police. This cannot wait - LAPD has proven itself an unhinged killing machine, and officers will keep killing people as long as they are still officers. #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Gracen Armendariz

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 10:07 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles in Mitch O'Farrel's district. I would like the city council to reinstate the Homeowner Fund to increase housing security. I am also in favor of People's Budget LA's request for only 5.7% of the city budget to be used for law enforcement and policing. We need more money for housing, mental health and wellness as well as public health and healthcare. I am also a teacher in LA and was so sad to see all the cops out in full riot gear when my students don't even have a nurse at school every day of the week. They don't have a counselor. They don't have a PE teacher. This is unconscionable. Police don't make neighborhoods or schools safer, more resources do.

Communication from Public

Name: MJ

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 10:19 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police. Fire Moore. Adopt the People's budget. Listen to the people!!! AND REMOVE THE POLICE FROM SCHOOLS. STOP THE LAPD FROM KILLING PEOPLE AND HARMING PEACEFUL PROTESTORS

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 10:43 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund LAPD!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Monique Sowinski

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: While I appreciate the motion put forward to cut funding from the LAPD, and acknowledge that is a step in the right direction, the proposed cut is far too low. \$100-\$150 million of the \$3 billion is not significant enough to make the change and invest in the black community and public at large that the people of the city of Los Angeles are demanding. We are in the middle of the worst storm we've ever faced as a city - a triple threat of a public health crisis, a housing crisis that has been boiling for years, and a mental-health and wellbeing crisis. Angelenos are trying to process staying safe and healthy in the middle of a global pandemic, coping with being isolated and on lockdown, and so many are unemployed and trying to keep the lights on and food on their tables - and that doesn't even touch what our black Angelenos are going through. They are disproportionately affected by the coronavirus outbreak due to systemic racism and have to continue to see their people murdered at the hands of police due to implicit racism that mayors across the country, including our own, refuse to solve. On top of that, they have to watch all of this play out on the news, on social media, everywhere, on repeat. Our black Angelenos are fighting for their lives and fighting for their rights to equality and racial justice. Do you really think this is the time to be spending \$3 billion on our police force? Action speaks louder than words. This budget signals to Angelenos exactly where the city's priorities are - and it is not prioritizing its own - especially its own black community who are suffering and in need of our collective help. The biggest difference we can make is putting our money where our mouth is. Please reconsider where your and the city's priorities lie. You have the chance to make a difference, be a force of a change, and be a leader in showing this nation what a revolution looks like. We are watching. Please, Defund The Police NOW!

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth M.

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles, I am reaching out to express that your "work to identify \$250M further investments into community programs" is simply not enough. We vehemently oppose your budget, which still pours the majority of our funds into LAPD. We are demanding you fire Chief Moore EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. His behavior is abhorrent and your defense of him is absolutely shameful. LAPD is abusive, corrupt and has proven time and time again that they only exist to incite violence and terrorize Black and Brown communities. We demand that the Mayor completely restructure the 2020-2021 budget to reflect the goals of the Peoples Budget LA. We need our money going into quality housing for all, educational enrichment, good jobs, free and quality public transportation, universal access to fresh and healthy food, climate justice, mental healthcare, and small business resources, NOT police. We will continue to make our voices known. Listen to your community. We need CARE NOT COPS.

Communication from Public

Name: Erica

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:18 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I demand you Defund the LAPD. \$150 million cut from the budget only reduces LAPD's portion to 51%. I challenge you to do more. I demand you do more.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 01:54 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to defund the police budget. Why are we spending so much money on the police department when those funds could be used towards other social programs? Please look and the budget and reallocate the funds! The police officers do not need that much of our entire budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Annette

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 01:55 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE...DEFUND THE POLICE

Communication from Public

Name: Loven Florencio

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, My name is Loven Florencio. I live in LA Council District 9. I'm writing to demand that the city of LA defund the police. More than half of the city's money goes into funding the police, and I want that money to be reallocated into funding for public housing, homelessness, education, and mental health. The change starts here and now, and I would like my city to do their part in bringing about systematic change. Thank you, Loven Florencio

Communication from Public

Name: Brent Armendinger

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge you to defund the police. The mayor's proposed \$150 million cut is not nearly enough, considering that LAPD's budget is \$3.1 billion. We need to fund education, health care, and social services, not a police force that consistently terrorizes Black and Brown people in this city.

Communication from Public

Name: brion paul sutherland

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to register my horror in the complicity of local government in the brutal in inhumane tactics exhibited by the Los Angeles Police Department. They have clearly failed, and I therefore implore you to actually defund the police and look towards alternative progressive models of community advocacy and involvement. I see your \$150 million slap on the wrist for what it actually is - an attempt to save face and show that you care. If you actually care - act like it.

Communication from Public

Name: lizabeth belli

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:13 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: LA City Council it is time to #DefundThePolice. They do not listen to and protect and serve the people and communities of our city. #CareNotCops Too much is being spent on LAPD terrorizing communities and these funds need to go towards underserved houseless communities, mental health services, schools, medical needs, substance abuse needs, housing and jobs.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren E DiMascio

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:18 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: It is time to defund the police and invest in our city programs. We need more mental health support for our citizens and more money in education and housing!

Communication from Public

Name: Aubrey LaDuke

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:20 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As an Angeleno, I support the proposed People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Our city has shown an overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD, and instead prioritizing universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. The time for action is now. #DefundThePolice.

Communication from Public

Name: Katelynn Devorak

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:25 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of LA and a constituent of district 4, I demand that the City Council defund the LAPD. Having seen their work first hand, it is clear that the LAPD lacks the responsibility and discretion to handle the power and military grade equipment granted them by the city. If the City Council truly wishes to serve and protect their community, they will defund the police immediately

Communication from Public

Name: Sean

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:34 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: It is long overdue for police reform. Even in the throes of an epidemic, Los Angeles continues to put the police unions ahead of the needs of its citizens, of the most needy, of its own survival. The people no longer trust the police nor elected officials to regulate themselves. The people are calling to defund the police to bring true order and justice to the city. It is time to do right by the citizens of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Wren Warner

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We are demanding to defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Allyson Campbell

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:39 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and reinvest in communities! Like many Angelenos, I was outraged to hear the police chief's comments and demand that he be removed from his position. I also want to request that the budget allocation for the LAPD be dramatically reduced and the money be re-allocated to our communities to help fund schools, the fight against homelessness, food programs and healthcare. The LAPD has shown that they do not justly protect all Angelenos, so I urge you to reassess the role of police for non-crimes. Traffic stops, community outreach, mental health issues and social work are not their forte and they should have these responsibilities taken away from them immediately. For the sake of our citizens, we need another way. A less violent solution needs to take their place. Defund the police and fire chief Moore now. Thank you, Allyson Campbell Highland Park 90042

Communication from Public

Name: Maria Dirolf
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:41 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police. The time to act is now.

Communication from Public

Name: Meghan
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:43 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Felicia
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:50 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #DEFUNDTHEPOLICE

Communication from Public

Name: Leticia Ortiz Benitez

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:51 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please defund the police and invest in communities, schools, mental health, healthcare, and other social services. \$100 Million out of a \$3 BILLION police budget is not enough.

Communication from Public

Name: Christopher MacKay

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:54 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: OK, so I've commented in these past weeks and I will continue to do so until the people's voices are truly heard and I don't mean the measly bone you've claimed to throw so far. I know every single person on the City Council has seen the absolutely atrocious actions of police departments across the country. Here in Los Angeles we are one of the largest perpetrators of racial biased policing in the country. If after every story, every video, hearing every voice chanting at the tops of their lungs in anger and disgust about how blatantly obvious institutionalized and systemic racism is then you all are just as bad as the racist and murderous cops walking our streets. This large of a police budget just invites over policing in predominately low income communities made up primarily of people of color, especially black people. This large of a budget invites these officers to go out of their way to do trivial stops on the basis of bullshit suspicion knowing it could lead to escalation. Despite what so many people believe police presence does not equate the notion of safety. It strikes fear and anger in so many hearts because of the unspeakable things that have been done. I do appreciate even the small steps to reallocate some funds but it is not enough. We as a community and a city want the budget to truly benefit the people and when I say the people I mean those who have been terrorized by the police force for decades and decades. Now I know what some of you are probably saying "well if not the police where will the money go and how do we know that's the best choice" well you are in luck because so many brilliant minds, brilliant black leaders, brilliant Angelenos have done all that work for you. All you need to do now is listen. Defund the Police.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicholas Dodson

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:54 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: It has been far too long that violent police have been abusing their power to harm others. The over-policing of poor minority areas is not decreasing crime or violence and must be re-evaluated. I would like you to consider defunding the police in its current form and instead invest in the social well being of these communities.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:55 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: General public comment for LA City Counsel we must Defund the police

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Court
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 02:59 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Saleem Gibani

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:01 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I call for a defunding of the LAPD police. I demand investment in our communities and the resources to ensure Black people not only survive, but thrive. What I am ultimately saying is 'invest in the resources that our communities need.

Communication from Public

Name: Kaitlyn Walker

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:01 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE. 150\$ million in cuts is a drop in the bucket and you know it. At LEAST half the LAPD budget must be invested into schools and social services for BIPOC.

Communication from Public

Name: Mario

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 03:02 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice LAPD does NOT need \$3 Billion budget. Instead, reinvest all of that money into Black communities and invest in housing, education, mental health, and restorative justice. Do the right thing. What side of history do you all want to be on?

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:25 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We need accountability, not compromise. The time for reform is long gone. We need sustainable social services, NOT police terrorizing people. #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:25 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: It is time to defund the police. Public safety would be better served by redistributing a large portion of police funds to mental health professionals, homeless outreach, domestic violence mediators and other specialists who are much better trained and equipped to deal with a large portion of calls that police currently respond to. Additionally, while I am a strong advocate of unions in general, police unions have constructed contracts that destroy public trust and stand in the way of public safety by shielding officers who have records of abuse from facing appropriate consequences. No one is above the law, including police officers. Until contracts can be negotiated to protect both the public and officers who are taking reasonable actions in the line of duty, police funds need to be reallocated to other public safety efforts.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:25 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles, I demand that City Council defund the Los Angeles Police Department. Such funds should be reallocated to public services that would better serve the community of Los Angeles and bring forth a more equitable future.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:25 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please defund the police

Communication from Public

Name: Jenna Holtzman
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:26 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #defundthepolice

Communication from Public

Name: Anna Rivera
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:27 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:27 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Reallocate the budget into serving the community better. I don't want our budget to fund the police department anymore.

Communication from Public

Name: Joshua Knoller

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:27 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: This is a public comment in which I would like to reiterate and continue to voice my plea for the LA city council to DEFUND THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT and reallocate the funding previously delegated to the LAPD to other more pressing and constructive community based response initiatives. Further, I additionally call for the previously delegates funds to be allocated to more important services such as healthcare, transportation, and most importantly education. While I understand that the immediate abolition of the Los Angeles police department is unfeasible considering the immense size of our city and our county, a powerful first step would to begin the defunding of the institution by slashing the LA city budgets' allocation of around \$3.1 billion in funding in half, redistributing that to more pressing areas, and create the necessary infrastructure for a new COMMUNITY BASED LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM not built upon the tenants of racism and violence. The LAPD and other city police departments were created to work for and protect white privileged Angelenos and highlight and target Angeleno People or Color, particularly Black Angeleno's. This is outdated, incredulous, toxic, and detrimental to a society and city dedicated to change. If this change is not enacted, and the necessary steps, such as the ones taken in Minneapolis this week, are not seen, the people of Los Angeles, in every district, will be forced to exercise our democratic right and primary each city council member not standing for the people they represent, as well as the Mayor. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Haley King

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:27 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I live in Los Angeles and want more cuts from the Police Department. Mayor Garcetti's cuts were too little. I want the People's Budget to be put in place ASAP.

Communication from Public

Name: Shane Jabari

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:28 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police! Allocate more resources to the people! At least 80% of all resources should be going back to the people.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:28 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:29 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Tiffany Nguyen

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:29 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hello LA City Council, As a member and citizen of Los Angeles, I would like you to defund the police! The police department should not be overfunded, when the money can go to other public and community services/support like public education, mental health services, social workers, and public housing. I demand you to #defundthepolice please! Let's focus on helping people solve their problems, instead of simply arresting and locking them up in jail. There are countless victims every year who are harassed and murdered by the police who claim they are on the side of the people. Please defund the police now. Sincerely, Tiffany Nguyen

Communication from Public

Name: Shanay J Campbell
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:30 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE!

Communication from Public

Name: Katherine
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:31 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and invest instead in the community

Communication from Public

Name: Becca Park

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:31 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE #defundthepolice. Time to put money back into social services and protect the physical and emotional well-being of our BIPOC communities.

Communication from Public

Name: William Heuisler

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:32 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: This has gone on long enough. We are having the same conversation about police reform that were had a century ago. While protesters PEACEFULLY assemble to protest police brutality and terrorizing Black communities, the police respond with more brutality and oppression. Defund the police. Recommit to education, housing and mental health services. Black people and their day to day actions have been criminalized in this country since the inception of police. You can't fix this yourself. If you could have, you would have long ago. The only answer for real justice is defunding the police and creating a new system developed and implemented by the communities themselves. To translate in case it was not clear - white people: you don't get to decide how Black communities will be policed.

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew Alvarez
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:32 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #DEFUNDTHEPOLICE !!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Moira Hamilton
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:33 AM
Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE! Let Minneapolis serve as an example that this call for abolition is not the stuff of fairy tales--it is actionable and can be seen TODAY. DIVEST from the murderous LAPD and INVEST in the black and brown communities ravaged by decades of the brute force of our police department and of white supremacist structures that permeate our city. IMPLEMENT A PEOPLE'S BUDGET. LISTEN TO LA'S BLACK LEADERS AND ACTIVISTS. THEY ARE TELLING YOU WHAT THIS CITY NEEDS. LISTEN!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:33 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please listen to the citizens of Los Angeles who have unequivocally voiced their demand to defund LAPD. These are billions of our dollars that should be used to fund community health services, testing and medical supplies during this growing pandemic.

Communication from Public

Name: Haley Y

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:33 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please consider defunding the police and reinvesting in community led initiatives. We're asking the police to do too much. We could and SHOULD have more specialized and targeted departments to help with society's issues. Why are we not letting social workers handle cases with abuse? Or mental health care workers dealing with our homelessness population? Why is it only the police dealing with wide-ranging and completely separate issues? Their armed presence escalates tensions in nearly every scenario. It's time for a change. Defunding and rebuilding from the ground up would be the only way to fix the ills of LAPD. #Defundthepolice

Communication from Public

Name: robert
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:33 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: #defundpolice

Communication from Public

Name: Mark
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:33 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE! Black lives matter.

Communication from Public

Name: BLACKLIVESMATTER626
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:33 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Hold Law Enforcement Accountable. Propose Law Enforcement Licensing for its Officers.

Communication from Public

Name: John Rockwell

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:34 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The people of Los Angeles have come together for the last week demanding you defund the police. We know you can hear us and we know you saw 50,000 people march in Hollywood over the weekend. Do your job and listen to your constituents. You have the power to prevent further death and destruction and to be known as the administration that put the money back into education and community services that is so desperately needed. Please do not neglect us.

Communication from Public

Name: Clinton

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:34 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am calling on the LA City Council to follow in the footsteps of Minneapolis and defund the LAPD. It's time for LA to give up this institution that has perpetuated racism and irreparable harm in our communities. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: M
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:34 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #DefundthePolice #FundAffordableHousing #FundEducation
#FundSocialServices #FundMentalHealthServices

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:35 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: You need to #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Pasquale Gianni
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:36 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police! We need stronger budget cuts for the police and better budget for community services NOW!
@MayorGarcetti

Communication from Public

Name: Dave Mercier

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:36 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police! Put that money into community services. This budget makes absolutely no sense.

Communication from Public

Name: Jackie

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I would like the LA city council to defund the police and use the money to fund community programs that support homelessness, mental health, domestic violence, foster care youth, and substance use. These are all programs that work with black communities and are often underfunded. Defunding the police will allow these programs to get the support that they need.

Communication from Public

Name: Kathleen Dyer

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to demand that you defund the police and allocate those funds to where we actually need them: housing, school, public transportation, etc.

Communication from Public

Name: Lainey Seaton

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:38 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Lainey Seaton. I am a resident of Los Angeles County and I am emailing to demand the restructuring of the Los Angeles city budget, so as to prioritize more social services for communities, and to drastically minimize spending on Police. I demand of the mayor, controller, and all city council members to prove their love and dedication to the people of their city and reallocate funds to directly benefit those in need. While I appreciate the motion to make \$150 Million in police budget cuts, this is simply not enough. The proposed budget cut still leaves the police department with 51% of our city's unrestricted funds. Our city's budget is a direct reflection of our values. We're asking for further cut's to the LAPD's budget, and for reallocation of those funds to city services that will actually benefit the citizens of our city. Services such as housing, mental health, healthcare, public transit, education etc. These are services that act as the underpinnings of a safe city-- not policing and punitive measures that systematically target and oppress communities of color. You have the ability to change this, so do it.

Communication from Public

Name: Angela Darpinian

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:38 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: May I tell you as a 20 year old, abiding citizen in this country, the law enforcement isn't committing to their jobs accurately and ethically. It isn't just myself, it is everyone in this nation and around the world, so if you believe the United States is the greatest country in the world well why not prove it and show with action? #DefundThePolice Whether you like it or not, this is a crisis along with the virus. Racism, supremacy, and police brutality are additional viruses that must be annihilated for good. May I also mention slavery, such as child marriage and human trafficking which still exist to this day and what are the law enforcement doing? There is no freedom, there is no justice. There shall be justice, or there will be absolutely no peace in this so-called glorified, patriotic society. It's been a very long time. Do something about it, then we'll see if America is the greatest country in the world. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Eric Motika

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:38 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE. Mayor Garcetti's proposal of \$150M in cuts and reapportionments is COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE. His budget would still give more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: David Sonnenborn
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:38 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Thayer

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:39 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing as someone directly affected by the police actions in response to the protests on the weekend of June 2. I live in the Fairfax district, and the experience of seeing police ostensibly protecting my neighborhood with militarized gear was traumatizing. Over the course of the week, militarized police presence in the Fairfax district drove my husband to several panic attacks from the stress of police presence and resulted in us needing to break social distancing and leave town to prevent further trauma. The protestors and looters were nowhere near as traumatizing as the LAPD's shameful and disproportionate response. If living with overpolicing for 48 hours resulted in this kind of fear and damage to our mental health, I can only imagine what it's like in communities with a perpetual police presence. Please defund and demilitarize the LAPD. Police reform is not enough. I don't want my tax money to go to a punitive system that punishes black lives and a violent, punitive police culture. I want increased non-police mental health resources, more subsidized housing and support for the homeless community rather than enforcement that pushes them out of their location without helping them, and restorative justice practices in marginalized communities. I don't ever want to see riot gear, tanks, tear gas, or rubber bullets in any Los Angeles neighborhood ever again.

Communication from Public

Name: Aaron Ngor

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:39 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: While our county is far from perfect, I hope you set a precedent for righteous change with respect to Black Lives Matter. Please listen to black activists, community leaders, and protestors. The time for change is now. Please #DefundThePolice and make the necessary reform to protect our people. Black lives matter and will always. Just because you spent a lot of time and resources making mistakes doesn't mean you need to stick by them.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:40 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice NOW!

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew Rubin

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:41 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I'm calling on the city council to take rapid and meaningful steps to DEFUND THE POLICE, and to redirect those funds to community services and workers who can respond to calls without violence. Now is the time to reimagine what the role of police should be. Be the bold representatives you were elected to be.
#defundthepolice

Communication from Public

Name: Carlos Westbrook

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:42 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE! If WE the people want change then WE should get it.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:42 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: #DEFUNDTHEPOLICE

Communication from Public

Name: Steve W

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:42 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice - Enough of the brutality against our black brothers and sisters

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:43 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police

Communication from Public

Name: Kelsey
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:44 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police: increase funding to education, health care, homelessness

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:45 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police! Care > Police

Communication from Public

Name: Sabita
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:45 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police

Communication from Public

Name: Metzli

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:46 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Defund LAPD. Adopt the People's Budget. Read and LISTEN! People's City Council LA said it best: "Peoples Budget LA, a Black Lives Matter Los Angeles-led coalition of social, racial and climate organizations calling to defund the police. For the past five years, Black Lives Matter Los Angeles (BLMLA) and its allies have been protesting the City's outsized funding of LAPD. Historically, funding for LAPD has hovered around 50% of the general fund budget. The most recent iteration of the City's budget — which is scheduled to come up for a vote on Thursday, May 21 — is particularly unacceptable. Mayor Eric Garcetti has proposed a budget that includes a marked increase — to the tune of \$47 million — to LAPD overtime. LAPD will receive a total of \$3.15 billion dollars (though this could be substantially more as LAPD often exceeds its allocated budget). In this proposed budget, the LAPD will drain 54% of the general fund, while other departments experience while other departments experience furloughs, pay cuts and budget cuts. These cuts will limit their capacities and necessitate cuts to the essential services and supports needed most by Angelenos suffering in this unprecedented health and economic crisis. Mayor Garcetti has chosen to increase LAPD funding, at a time when Angelenos have made clear this does not align with their priorities and concerns. The City's unemployment rate continues to rise — reaching around 55% in early May, and nationally the highest rate since the Great Depression. Many of its approximately 2 million renters are struggling to pay rent. Tens of thousands of our unhoused comrades remain on streets throughout the County, despite clear evidence that failing to house them is the equivalent of sentencing them to death. The mayor has failed to commandeer hotel rooms, despite 100,000 rooms sitting vacant, many that were overwhelmingly built with public money or on public land. Incarcerated folx are not being released, though the risk of contracting COVID-19 is greater in congregate and institutionalized living settings. Garcetti has chosen to ignore these pressing concerns, furlough 16,000 non-police municipal workers, cut funding to services, and funnel more (and unnecessary) money towards the police department. In response, we say: We need housing. We need healthcare. We need healthy food. We need good jobs. We need educational enrichment. We

need small business resources. We need mental healthcare. We need free public transit. We do not need more police. Black and Brown communities in LA are decimated by the City's police state. Los Angeles County has the largest prison system in the world. And LAPD is recognized as one of the most murderous police forces in the country. People's Budget LA was successful in delaying an initial vote on the Mayor's budget — City Council declined to vote and sent it back to committee. We are, however, still working on getting City Council to adopt a #PeoplesBudgetLA." I'd like to add that in addition to adopting the People's Budget and taking action to defund the police, Chief Moore should also be fired.

Communication from Public

Name: Samuel H K Jackson

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:47 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: To our City Officials, Simple reform and regulation of a police state with such an engrained culture of injustice, insensitivity, and irresponsibility will not be enough to change the circumstance of black men and women all across the country that deal with police brutality on a daily basis. White supremacy is engrained in the very institution of the police in America, since the days of the slave trade, to the days of Jim Crow, all the way on up to now. To think that we can reverse hundreds of years of brutality with a simple reform package is stupidity of the highest order. Please consider your place in history, and the weight of the moment you hold in your hands — bring real reform to the police in Los Angeles and defund the police!

Communication from Public

Name: Jeremy Uresse
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:48 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE. FIRE POLICE CHIEF MOORE

Communication from Public

Name: Hanna Hurme

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:48 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles needs to dismantle and #DefundthePolice Measures to this effect are moving forward in Minneapolis, and Los Angeles needs to follow suit. This funding can be reinvested into the community in positive ways and will help protect Black lives that are vulnerable to policing.

Communication from Public

Name: Taylor Fulton

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:49 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Reject the Mayor's budget, defund the police, and adopt the People's budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Alison Choi

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:49 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I implore the LA City Council to defund the LAPD. Los Angeles will greatly benefit from investing our taxes in community-led programs that prioritize mental health, mutual accountability, and the people who need help. It is clear from the recent behavior of the LAPD during Black Lives Matter protests, and indeed the history of the police in the United States, that their role centers power and maintaining the interests of a racial, gendered hierarchy, rather than the wellbeing of a community. Thank you for reading my words, and I hope that the LA City Council will consider a community-first approach to ensuring the safety and growth of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Katherine S Yamamoto

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:49 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: It is so shameful that it has taken my city (a city in which I was born and raised) so much time to listen to its people and do the right thing. We are asking you to #DefundthePolice (and I'm not talking about \$150-\$250 million which is just a drop in the bucket).

Communication from Public

Name: Devin Johnson
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:50 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and re-invest in care based programs!
#DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Jeff

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:51 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please DEFUND THE POLICE and invest that in resources that would better impact vulnerable communities (mental health and health resources, education, child care, housing, etc.)

Communication from Public

Name: MK Daniels

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:51 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Let's dismantle the LAPD and start over! Our tax dollars should not be funding a police force that uses military actions against LA residents who wish to peacefully protest. We're being attacked and we're paying for it? Why? No more! We need a completely new vision of community safety and support, not brute force and domination. Reform doesn't work.

Communication from Public

Name: Chidera

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:51 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE As an LA native, I feel it's my duty to speak out about what I've seen to date regarding the mishandled of recent peaceful protests. Our system is mismanaged and our budgets are bloated. LA citizens are stuck living in an antiquated reality that disproportionally disenfranchise the black community. The time for change is NOW. The first step - defunding the LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Gemma Lurie

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 10:49 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, I am commenting to support the movement to #DEFUNDLAPD. We must REALLOCATE RESOURCES to the communities who need it!!! 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, Gemma Lurie

Communication from Public

Name: Colleen Medlock

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 10:51 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: LA City Councilmembers, I am a resident of the city of Los Angeles in District 2 writing in my public comment for the 6/9/2020 City Council meeting to say you must act to defund the police and pass A People's Budget TODAY. Your inability to pivot in this moment shows how you are in the pocket of a corrupt police force and how ahead of our leaders the people are. You are just not representing us right now. This will not age well. How many more public comments do you have to hear before you see this? It's wild to me that you think anything less than defunding, investing in Black communities, and reimagining public safety that works for ALL is what people want. If you don't, we will replace all of you at the ballot box. Read the Room! Colleen

Communication from Public

Name: Kelli Anderson
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:09 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: General Public Comment. DEFUND THE POLICE reinvest that budget into social mental health programs and community repairs.

Communication from Public

Name: Aubrey Kragen

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please redistribute the LA budget to social services for mental health, domestic violence and homelessness. Fund education. The police won't need all that money if you attack the roots of the problems the police are supposed to fix.

Communication from Public

Name: Danielle Burgess

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:12 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police! Divest the money, support our communities, our schools, our people

Communication from Public

Name: Anastasia Howe Bukowski

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:12 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I call on City Council, the Mayor, and all Los Angeles lawmakers to defund and disband the LAPD. The police are a violent and corrupt force in our communities. The city must reinvestment in education, social services, and health care for its citizens. Thank you, Anastasia

Communication from Public

Name: Lana Chapman
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:12 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: #DEFUNDTHEPOLICE

Communication from Public

Name: M
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:12 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:12 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and reallocate that budget to other social services.

Communication from Public

Name: Erin Nicole
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:12 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Enough is enough.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:12 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: ALEXANDRA Pacheco Garcia

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:12 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: This is a general public comment for the LA City Council. It is my belief as a tax-paying citizen, we need to defund the police. I do not want my tax dollars going to support this institution. 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. 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 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.

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Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE! #defundthepolice

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Comments for Public Posting: The fact that the police have significantly larger funding than schooling is outrageous. De-fund the police. Do better City of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Chayse Cohen
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:13 AM
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Communication from Public

Name: Chase Sampson
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:13 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. \$100M is not nearly enough. Invest in our black communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Sophie Bronson

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:13 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hi there, I am a resident of Los Angeles, and I am calling for you to DEFUND THE POLICE. We need care, not cops. Please refer to <https://peoplesbudgetla.com/> and listen to your citizens. We want a people's budget!

Communication from Public

Name: Maria Bustos

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:13 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: "General Public Comment" #DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Salgado
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:14 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Allocate money to communities!! #DEFUNDTHEPOLICE

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:14 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As the cities budget continues to be negotiated I strongly urge the city council to amend the proposed budget in line with the People's Budget. We want care, not cops. When LAPD takes up 51% of the budget, they become the solution to a crisis of their own making. They suck up the funding required to find solutions in our city, so they become a fascist enforcer instead. They are over militarized and operate with unchecked power in this city, THEY MUST BE DEFUNDED

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police.

Communication from Public

Name: Ian Nelson
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:14 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Too little too late. Defund the police!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Protect our Black citizens.

Communication from Public

Name: Mary

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:14 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: we need to #defundthepolice. Funds are desperately needed in the communities and healthcare organizations that instead are being wiped out by covid and police violence

Communication from Public

Name: Dylan

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: It's been too little, too late. We need to Defund The Police.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:14 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and invest that money into our communities. We would appreciate that money going into schools, hospitals, affordable housing, etc. not police enforcement.

Communication from Public

Name: Spencer Nelson
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:14 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police!

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Hill

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:14 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the LAPD and please put more money in Los Angeles toward healthcare and housing for all its residents.

Communication from Public

Name:

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Name: Kevin R

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Comments for Public Posting: The mayor's proposed \$150 million cut to LAPD does not go far enough. Defund the police and invest in communities.

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Name: Niki Ang

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Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno and I live in District 2. 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. Chief Moore should be fired. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA.

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Name: Sara Gernsbacher

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a general public comment and as your constituent, along with so many like me, I am telling you to defund the police. The policing system is broken, terrorizing and murdering Black and Brown people. It is imperative. Instead of investing billions in overtime, military equipment, and incarceration we can instead invest those billions into actually fixing the root causes of "crime" and get peoples basic needs met. We must invest in health care, the environment and housing. Enough is enough. Be the change-maker for good. The system is corrosive and murderous and does nothing to help our community. How about a politics of caring and not a politics of incarceration and incessant systematic oppression?!

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Name: Melyssa

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Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Garcetti, We are tired of your tweets and photo ops. Please put action to your words. Defund the LAPD and shift those resources to elevate our black communities.

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Name: Leslie Billingsley

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Comments for Public Posting: Taking \$150M from the \$3B LAPD budget isn't enough. It's a drop in the bucket. We demand MUCH more. Defund the police and reallocate funds to education, housing, healthcare, and social services. Listen to your constituents - it is our hard earned money going to a police force that doesn't actually "protect" us or keep us safe. #DefundthePolice

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Comments for Public Posting: Please de-fund the LAPD and channel those funds to programs that will help our community.

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Name: Anaïs Ziae-Mohseni

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Comments for Public Posting: Please defund the police and adopt the People's Budget! We need a safety system that better protects and serves ALL residents of Los Angeles. Funding is needed to support communities of color, not to support our militarized police. I'm also appalled by LAPD's treatment of the protesters and Michael Moore needs to be fired now. The police brutality shown at police brutality protests makes it very clear that reform is not enough, we need to defund the police and rebuild and rethink how we handle public safety. I hope LA can be a leader on these issues globally.

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Name: Nora Sweeney
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Name: Hailee

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Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Garcetti's plan to cut police budgeting IS NOT ENOUGH!! Too little, too late! We need AT LEAST HALF of that budget CUT OUT and redirected to schools, community outreach programs, and to help the homelessness in Los Angeles. This corruption HAS TO STOP, or we the people will keep protesting. I hope you all have some humanity in yourselves to make this happen.

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Name: Theodore Trembinski

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Comments for Public Posting: I am asking the City Council to adopt the People's Budget and to defund the police. As a resident of district 13 I am embarrassed at the events of the past week and demand that City Council rejects the Mayor's proposed budget and opts to defund the police. Thank you.

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Name: Caitlin Mendoza-Price

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Comments for Public Posting: Please divest in LAPD and invest in services. We need true public safety. Police are not the answer when it comes to most public safety needs. We need to have compassionate and restorative response. Criminalizing, brutalizing and imprisoning your constituents is not the answer. This is the reckoning. Please be the leadership that our country needs.

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Name: Jessica Kardos

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Comments for Public Posting: Given what has been happening around our nation for years it is hard to dispute that “reforming” our police department will produce the kind of change we need. We must go further. We must reconstruct what we think of as “police” and how to better provide/protect our communities. Please, Mayor Garcetti, we must go further than budget cuts and attempted reform. Please #DefundThePolice.

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Name: Veronica Avalos

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Comments for Public Posting: After many years of witnessing the LAPD budget increasing and many other aspects of social well being in the community diminishing due to lack of funding. It is time to defund the police department and invest in other social services, it is time to begin a new era of investing in the education, rehabilitation and health of the community. LAPD has shown to use excessive force and unnecessary arrests affecting not only the Individuals involved but separating families leaving children vulnerable to a life of hardship. Instead we should be investing in the city and county schools, there should be more mental health experts who can respond to calls that policemen are not trained to handle. Again I would like to stress the importance of cutting the LAPD budget and investing more in education, social services, public services such as libraries and above all it is time to begin helping the homeless community in Los Angeles.

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Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Garcetti's statements and actions, regarding our budget, is transparent. He does not have LA residents' best interests in mind. Defund the police. \$150 million is not enough. Redistribute at least \$1 billion of the initial \$3 billion LAPD budget into communities of color. The communities have been harmed. Defund the police. Let residents know that you care about them, as much as you claim to. Defund the police.

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Name: Brandon Brewer

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Comments for Public Posting: The police budget is still an injustice looting of our community taking away funds from areas in desperate need of attention, housing, public education, healthcare to name a few. I demand that the city fully defund the LAPD, and reimagine the (in) justice system delivering restorative justice to the Black & Brown communities of Los Angeles, Thank you,

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Name: AARON BAUTISTA
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Name: Ryan Miller

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the Police. It's time. It's past time. Let's make LA better.
#DefundThePolice

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Name: Kelsey Mangan

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Comments for Public Posting: The Los Angeles Police Department's response to Black Lives Matter protesters — and the department's history of systemic violence and complete disregard for black lives — has demonstrated that the city needs to #DefundthePolice. I am a proud Los Angeles resident, but I am ashamed of the police department. We need to redistribute the city's \$3 billion budget to departments that ACTUALLY help the community in a lasting way. And no, Mayor Garcetti's hollow, vague promise of committing \$250 million to "invest in communities of color and confront structural racism" is NOT enough. He didn't even say where that money would come from — it's not solely from LAPD, so what are you taking funds from? Even if that money solely came from the LAPD's budget, that would account for just over 8% of the department's budget. Is that what you think black lives are worth? We want action and accountability NOW. If you actually care about this city, you will support the Peoples Budget. Learn more: <https://peoplesbudgetla.com/peoplesbudget/>

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Name: Antonio Gomez
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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Please. 150 million out of a 3 billion dollar budget is far too little. 5% of the budget was cut. 5% isn't even enough to pass a test. Please put your people first and stop listening to the people above you. We're (the people) are awake. And we will vote out anybody who doesn't listen. Act accordingly and make a change! Please we're all human. We all bleed the same. Did you know at birth you had the equal chance of being born with dark, brown, black, white skin? The person dying could've been your brother, your sister, your mother, grandfather. We as people in today's society are just conditioned to believe in color and race when in reality the color and pigmentation of your skin was your ancestors adapting to whatever region of the world they were in. Please I'm tired of seeing my fellow black Americans die. Take a stand! Do it for all the names we can't remember who died at the hands of police brutality. We can't remember them because there are too many! Do you see the problem. Look into your hearts. And if you believe in god and want to make this religious, even though church and government were declared to be separate but that's another topic for a later time, how can you hate gods creation. How can you see them die over and over again and not do a thing. Please please do it for your people.

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Comments for Public Posting: It's time for the city to reimagine itself. Please consider allocating more funding towards broadly based social and health services for people rather than towards just policing them. It's time we addressed the real underlying issues. We need proper housing, education and health services for our communities not more policing of them.

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Comments for Public Posting: This is public comment intended ask for the city to begin work to Defund the Police.

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Comments for Public Posting: As a concerned LA citizen I want to urge the importance of defunding the police and allocating those resources elsewhere. The amount of money going into local police departments is absurd and, quite frankly, alarming. There have been cases that show that early intervention and public programs can help decrease the amount of violence and crime. These are people who see no other opportunities laid out in front of them because they truly are at a disadvantage within the system. Please reconsider your methods and consider defunding the police. There needs to be change and it needs to be now because the people are done waiting and wishing for things to get better and we are taking action. Do not turn your head from us, do not cover your ears from our cries, and do not speak for us if you are not going to be fair representation. Thank you for your time.