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Comments for Public Posting: I have been involved as a volunteer with LAPD since Daryl Gates was the Chief of Police. I am one of the few who are left as the ORIGINAL members of the Community-Police Advisory Boards as they were formed back in 1992. I have seen the “old” department and have watched and experienced all the changes for the better in the past 30 years. Our Senior Lead Officers work with the communities on quality of life issues and develop partnerships with the community...hence Community-Policing. How many people actually got on board with this program? I am appalled that you would do what you did, how you did it, the timing and the verbiage used and made LAPD a scapegoat for what happened in Minnesota. You have caused tremendous damage to every single officer with all the progress they have made in the past years with Community Policing. How do you expect to have the minority communities trust them and develop partnerships with them now? You can backpedal all you want but the damage is done. Shame on all of you. I understand that the City is in a financial bind, due to COVID-19, NOT to the murder of George Floyd or Black Lives Matter. You might check the stats in Los Angeles of how many crimes and deaths are committed by Blacks on Blacks vs how many Officers have done to Blacks. Instead, right after the officers who were on tactical alert, working a minimum of 12-17 hours a day, 7 days a week with vacations cancelled, no days off and being subject to having rocks, bricks, frozen water bottles, pipes, bottles with urine and bags with feces, and firecrackers thrown at them, patrol cars being destroyed, injuries to the officers, not to mention all the businesses throughout the city. 1. How about all of you give up your security detail that LAPD provides for you, your families and other City officials 24/7 from the Mayor on down? Or using them as security for Bridge Housing? 2. How about you give up your city-owned cars and half of your salaries for a year, cut your staffs, expense/travel accounts, and everything else you have the city pay for? 3. How about having all the developers that donate to you donate to build youth centers, health centers, beautify neighborhoods, develop tutoring programs? And now you want \$250 million dollars to provide all those things when we all see what has happened with the H and HHH money? (Ron Galperin's audit) Like we can really trust any of you? The County is responsible for Mental Health and

the Homeless that LAHSA and LA Family Housing (with corrupt reputations) are responsible for but they are sure doing a good job about that, right? The budget contains ONGOING training to prevent the very thing many are protesting. Bias training, human, relations, de-escalation and other things that can save lives. There are the youth programs, Jeopardy and the Cadet programs. We have spent 1.2 Billion on housing and homelessness got worse. At least you know the money we spend is actually working and going to good use. Just look at the stats. And what is this "People's Budget"?? I am a native Californian, living in my family home, bought in 1944, and that budget is NOT MY BUDGET. Our LAPD is the best in the country even working with computers that are 10 years old and running on an antiquated system. You should stand behind them and support them. Instead you have caused irreparable damage to the reputation and progress LAPD has made. You caved to the uneducated people who do not know all the things that the department does and all the programs they have developed over the years. Maybe all of you should go through the Police Academy to see the kind of training they get as well as the training they get throughout their careers. It costs money. There will be many officers retiring in the next several years so the 10,000 number will drop. And we will need at least 13,000 officers for the Olympics that our Mayor spent too much time on instead of dealing with the Homeless. With what you have done to diminish the LAPD, good luck for finding qualified recruits. This is a giant political move because it is now again the trendy thing to do. What happened to all this passion from years ago from Martin Luther King Jr.'s Movement to have made changes then? What happened to George Floyd and the others should have NEVER happened. Police reform throughout the country is needed but LAPD is light years ahead. Do not defund LAPD. Who knows what will happen if you keep taking away the tools they need to keep our community safe. They can't even enforce the city ordinances that are in effect now thanks to the Mayor. FYI, there are more supporters of LAPD than those who protest for "Defund or Abolish LAPD". We will remember you at the voting booth for what ever office you plan on running for. And who knows if any of you actually read all the public comments. DO NOT DEFUND THE LAPD. SUPPORT THEM. THEY ARE THE BEST OF THE BEST!

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Name: Sam Park

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Comments for Public Posting: To the honorable Los Angeles council members, I am a resident of district 13. I'm alarmed by the show of excessive force and brutality used by the LAPD against peaceful protesters in Los Angeles. It's further alarming to see the Los Angeles budget allocate 3 billion dollars to the LAPD and to see police departments across America arm themselves with military equipment while other services such as housing, education, and transit are left with hardly anything. Consider how much health testing and financial assistance Los Angeles could have provided to all its residents during the COVID19 shelter-in-place period with just a fraction of that money. Or how affordable housing could be built, homelessness outreach programs funded, classrooms and teachers equipped, school meal programs better funded, etc. The list goes on and on. I'd like to see the council members and mayor push to further reduce the LAPD budget (150 million is a tiny drop in the bucket of their 3 billion) and reallocate that budget to equitable housing, mental and health service, education, and transportation infrastructure (bike lanes, safe streets for pedestrians). All with a focus and prioritization around marginalized communities. Consider a multi-year program where the LAPD budget is reduced by 30% each year and reallocated to aforementioned services. Thank you, Sam Park

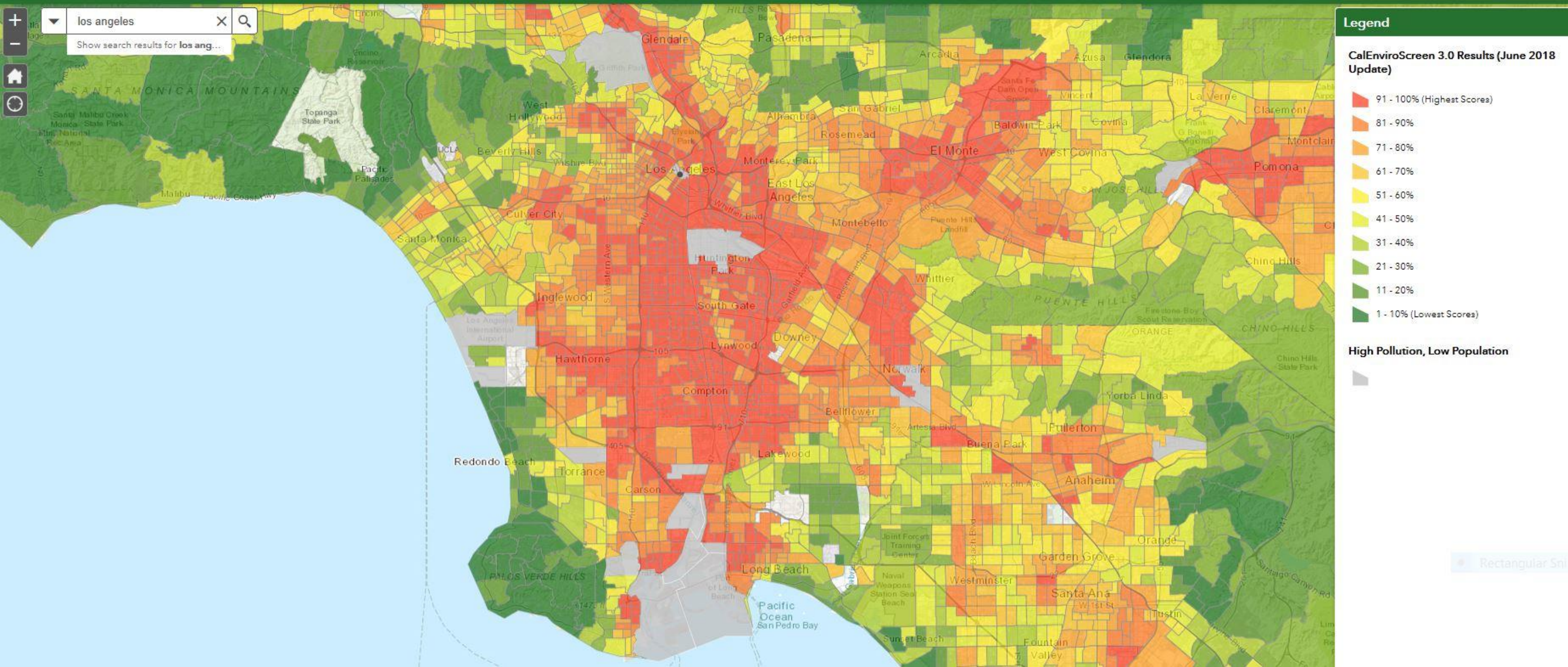
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, Many of you, as well as countless other City officials, have used the phrase "resilient" to describe an ideal for communities within Los Angeles. As a visual, I am attaching a screenshot of the CalEnviroScreen map of the City. Please note that the areas which show up as "red", meaning most polluted, most lacking in tree canopy - are also the ones who suffer the most from police brutality. Environmental climate change is here and is already negatively effecting these red-colored neighborhoods. We know that this current pandemic is hitting those with pre-existing health conditions harder - again, those in "red-zones" are much more likely to suffer from pre-conditions. To turn these red zones green, to make them more RESILIENT means more money going to Urban Forestry, NOT the police department! It should also not be lost on you that in the past, vast amounts of money have gone into these red zones in the form of extra police - and yet, THEY ARE STILL RED. Its almost as if the more money you pour into policing an area in LA, the redder it becomes (the LAPD had trees cut down in the '80's during the "War on Drugs" to make surveillance easier). Lets get our priorities straight. Lets get GREEN! Katherine McNenny
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Comments for Public Posting: Edited from a BLACK LAPD Officer's Facebook page who works SKID ROW. Throughout my career, I have worked with some of the most caring police officers to ever wear our badge. After a civic leader dehumanized my fellow officers, I tried everything in my power not to respond. But then I looked back on my 25 years of service. My training officer, a white man who was loved by a Black community in Venice. He was almost worshipped there for his dedication and fair treatment of them. He is the man who showed me that you don't have to be an asshole to be a cop. And that people of color understand we have a job to do, but just want us to treat them with respect when we do it. Another training officer, a thin White woman from the LBGTQ community who in the heat of a tense moment with a violent mentally ill person three times her size, told me not to shoot the woman, who wrestled with her over a large knife she tried to kill herself with. She did everything she could not to shoot her, though she had every right to and should have, especially after her gun fell out. She spared her life nearly at her own expense. A Black training officer who defused incidents by his mere presence. He was professional and respectful. Before you called it de-escalation, we called it verbalization (it's nothing new, most of us have been doing it) . Another White training officer who has suspect cursing at him when he showed up, but had them laughing in tears by the time he was done booking them. He used humor to diffuse situations and never lost his temper. A classmate of mine who wore her heart on her sleeve, who prior to me making my mark on Skid Row, laid the foundation for an initiative that would save countless lives among the homeless. Never Seeking honor or recognition. I learned from her to come from the heart. She also helped veterans and held community meetings with the homeless in the street. Two Black officers who made 257 felony arrest in one year, they took guns and large amounts of drugs from skid row hotels. And still had the respect of the community. An East Side detail Officer and his entire unit, who had the worst job in the city, trying to improve the quality of life in skid row with impossible odds. Every where I patrolled all I could hear from the community was "Where's Earl?" "Is Earl here today? Please tell him we said hello." I then worked one of the most dangerous areas in the city for a year. I was a juvenile

investigator. People were dying nightly from gang violence. While some of the hardest working officers on Central Avenue were trying to stop the constant bloodshed, I was partnered with two Hispanic Officers who took me under their wing at one of the worse times of my life personally, and we rescued more missing children than I could count. I came back to the Row again, and became a Senior Lead. There I worked with an officer who helped families in the projects get financial assistance. As time passed, I found my own calling. I helped house homeless people. Mentored children, and tried to empower homeless women on skid row, while simultaneously reducing crime using my heart more than my handcuffs, and helped make a place no one thought could ever be safe, safer. I and when I began losing the battle, 50 of the hardest working men and women I ever saw helped bring sanity to a place that could easily be compared to Dante's Inferno. A legendary foot beat officer stood on one of the most corrupt blocks in downtown and warded off drug dealers, and violent criminals by his presence alone. No officer stayed dedicated to the Main Street beat like he did. The community loved him. Several Black officers who have taken mentor ship to a new level, as they created a mentoring program and football camp for at risk youth in one of the most dangerous parts of the city. The Watts Rams to this day are exposing Black youth to the reality that they can rise above adversity and live their dreams. Before any civic leader dehumanizes us to pander to people, they should open their minds to the reality that we save far more lives than we take, and share that with the public. Build more relationships than we break. We are not what you say we are. If you told the public about us, maybe they would know that the honorable rule is just that, that they do not have to fear us when something happens hundreds of miles away and that most of us are doing the right thing. Yes I acknowledge there is a negative exception, but that's in any profession. Don't ask me to judge you by the content of your character(which I always will no matter what), then turn and dehumanize me based on our surface. If today's media showed you the thousand of officers who care just like I do, you wouldn't be so quick to judge us all when a select few fail us all. My comment: DO NOT DEFUND LAPD. THEY ARE THE PREMIER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THE WHOLE COUNTRY. YOU NEED TO SUPPORT THEM OR DON'T CALL THEM WHEN YOU NEED HELP.

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