

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 11:01 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Leave our police funding alone! This is not going to accomplish anything!!

Communication from Public

Name: Amanda

Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 09:54 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am Amanda and I am writing to say how disgusted I am with the current budget and proposals by the mayor. The LAPD budget is 3 BILLION?! And the only proposed cut is 150 million?! Such a joke. So many people, including myself, are unemployed right now because of covid. The unhoused population is growing and the numbers in LA are not ok. Schools funding is constantly being cut. Finding out about LA's budget over the past few weeks has made my lose faith in humanity. I feel like all of our leaders, who I once believed were good and had the people's best interest at heart, don't even have a conscious. The leaders of our city are all money hungry and don't care about supporting the people. I'm disgusted. I strongly support the People's Budget call to Defund LAPD and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. I also support Healthy LA's platform and call to invest in much needed affordable housing, tenant protections, and protections for workers and their wages. Decades of racist policies, land use planning and disinvestment from LA's Black communities continue to have devastating effects today. Black residents are overrepresented in the homeless population, and continue to experience higher rates of unemployment. Black and Latinx communities still face the deepest inequities and will be most impacted by eviction and displacement if we don't invest in housing solutions and protect their worker rights and wages. I am asking you to defund LAPD and have resources redirected to much needed affordable housing, fully funded Right to Counsel and Eviction Defense and fully funded Office of Wage Standards and Day Laborer Centers. The cost of funding these programs is miniscule compared to the 3 billion dollar police budget. \$150 million is not enough! Please fund programs that will truly help people, instead of criminalize them. Thank you.

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Name: Carol

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

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Comments for Public Posting: This bill is blatant pandering to an agenda of anarchy first then socialism- The greatest majority of police are hardworking, decent people who strive every day to protect and serve the public- Antifa and BLM are terrorist, anarchist organizations set on destroying this nation- by the destruction of property, tyranny and demoralization of the general populace- This bill is an insult and a threat to the law abiding public- and I believe you all know that- this is disgraceful that, in a time of such lawlessness, you deliberately seek to undermine the police even further- First, the state of California does its level best to dismantle the Second Amendment- then, wants to further create a helpless population by undercutting the police- What is the actual agenda for this bill because it smacks of tyranny and Socialism- if you want the rise of vigilantism in this state- go ahead and defund the police- but don't be surprised when law abiding citizens exact their own justice- because you have taken away their protections-

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Name: Andrew Bruntel

Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 08:31 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, this is an unprecedented time in Los Angeles and across the country. The concepts of police and prison abolition have become a mainstream conversation and already some cities have begun to take the next steps as they have the serious conversations about what exactly that looks like. For the first time, many of the White and non-Black citizens of our city are having their eyes opened to the history of policing in LA, the racist and classest origins of policing, and how our society still supports a racist carceral capitalist system. Beyond the shouts of “defund” and “abolish” there are thousands of us that are well aware of how budgeting works in the city, county and state, well aware that we’ve tipped into a recession, and well aware that the number of un-housed members of our community went up by 14% over the last year. We’re also well aware that tens of thousands households face eviction in the coming months, a situation that will exasperate city social resources. By continuing to give LAPD more money year after year, even in times when we all most cut back to carry the load, you’re consistently saying you believe policing is the answer to ALL of our societal woes, actively knowing that “ALL” isn’t representative of L.A.’s Black community. I’m asking you to be brave. Stand up to the LAPPL, have courage, and imagination. A better, freer, and more just world is possible. Defund the LAPD.

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Name: Victor Christensen

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Comments for Public Posting: Reducing funding/defunding the LAPD is ridiculous and wrong! Reform is fine, but defunding isn't going to help keep law and order, it will encourage just the opposite of the criminals. Say no to defunding, say yes to defending law enforcement!

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Name: David Shadovitz

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Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers, It would be inappropriate to decrease the budget of the LAPD if it means, as it must, a reduction in the number of officers. We respect and appreciate the LAPD, and have been heartened by its steady improvement over the years. Thank you.

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Name: David Ausherman

Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 08:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of the City of Los Angeles and I strongly disapprove of defunding the LAPD. If that were to be done I believe that crime would increase and the safety of the city's residents would decrease.

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Name: Larry Eisenberg
Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 09:23 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I live and work in Los Angeles. I appreciate that all departments have to tighten belts in these difficult economic times, but I object to the push to specifically attack and defund the police department. While it is trendy to focus on the rare bad situation, we need no reminder of how lawless Los Angeles can become when the police are overwhelmed. Many more black lives are saved by police work than taken by police each year. If the police force is drastically cut it will be the black communities who will suffer most with the subsequent rise in crime. I also predict a huge rush to purchase guns, likely resulting in more accidental deaths and heat of the moment homicides that didn't need to happen. Before making drastic changes, we should be asking what evidence there is that other approaches proposed to deal with underlying problems will be effective. I respectfully request that police funding be maintained, and certainly not be cut beyond that of other departments.

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Name: Hanna

Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 08:16 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Do not defund the police!! We are a civilized people we need law and order. Defunding the police will lead to havoc. I am a resident of Los Angeles, California and am requesting NOT to defund the police.

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Name: Scarlett De Leon

Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 10:21 AM

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Name: Mary Oberg, Arleta Neighborhood Councilmember

Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 11:57 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We have seen our nation in an uproar and crisis since the killing of George Floyd. We stand in agreement there is no place for police brutality. We do not, however, agree that defunding or making cuts to our Los Angeles Police Department is the right course in response to the killing of George Floyd. The LAPD is one of the nation's premier and highly trained police force. The department is decades ahead of other departments in the US. They have implemented many changes through the years in policing and the proper handling of any suspect. The incident with George Floyd is in no way a reflection of our LAPD's response and treatment of our residents. The LAPD should not be held responsible for the actions of an officer from the Minneapolis police force nor should they have to be subjected to the consequences of another officer's actions. If anything, our LAPD should use the Minneapolis incident to better train our officers to avoid the same incident happening here in Los Angeles. The response to defund or cut the budget to our police department will only cause negative results such as slower response times, less officers on the streets, and overextending our already exhausted police force. The cut to the LAPD's budget risks the safety of all Angelinos. I stand in opposition to any cuts or focus to de-fund our police department. I ask the City Council to rescind the decision to cut funding. Now is the time when we must come together, in unity and gratefulness, for the great men and women of our LAPD. The City Council and LAPD always need to find better ways of peacefully and respectfully meeting the safety needs of our residents. Besides better training and review of force used on any suspects, we suggest increasing the LAPD's community outreach as a means to show the positive impact the police have in our communities. Thank you for respectfully considering to rescind the proposed LAPD's budget cuts.

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Name: Christopher Jensen

Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 12:27 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, My name is Christopher Jensen and I am a resident of Los Angeles California. I am writing this public comment in regards to Council Member Martinez, Price, Rodriguez, Wesson, and Krekorian's motion to reallocate 100-150 million dollars of LAPD funds into community investment. While I believe that this motion exemplifies the direction we need to be moving in, 100-150 million is simply not enough. Accounting for only about 5% of the LAPD's current budget, a cut of even the full 150 million would not even begin to combat the problem of systemic racism that we have worked so hard to call attention to. Quite frankly this motion reads not as effort to make real change, but instead a hopeful attempt to appease this movement and return to normal. We cannot return to normal. Our normal is killing people. As a resident of Los Angeles I urge you as my representatives to take initiative and start rethinking the entire system. There are human lives in your hands right now. How many more have to die before we are brave enough to start taking unprecedented measures. It is easy to see this as a problem with law enforcement training and move towards police reform, but the reality is that these issues run much deeper than that. In order to stop this pattern of violence we must work to limit the scope of police responsibilities and begin investing in communities that have been historically underfunded for the purpose of putting black people at a disadvantage. Not with 5% of the LAPD budget, but with ALL of it. Minneapolis has realized this, vowing to dismantle its police department. New York has realized this, promising to cut 1 BILLION from NYPD's budget to reinvest in its citizens. San Francisco has realized this, stating they will begin to stop using police for emergencies involving mental health. It is time for Los Angeles to step up to the plate. A 5% cut is NOT enough. We need to set an example to the rest of the country that we will do whatever it takes to protect the lives of our citizens. Please, if you have any sense of moral responsibility, I urge you to adopt a people's budget in replacement of our current budget. The details of this people's budget can be found here: <https://peoplesbudgetla.com/peoplesbudget/> Sincerely, Chris Jensen

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Name: Ann Dorsey

Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 12:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my support for across the board budget cuts so that LA City services and programs can continue to operate with the least disruption possible. I also support a rethinking of how the City does business and making substantial systemwide changes that will lead to an economically just and environmentally sustainable future. There is no time to wait. Change must happen now. These goals must be a top priority. Examples of needed funding include programs that will speed economic recovery by preventing the loss of and creating jobs to boost employment, housing which will reduce City expenses, mitigating climate change, and reducing plastic and other waste. Making investments needed for transitioning to clean renewable energy and increasing green Infrastructure would be a way to make progress towards both goals. It is imperative that these programs benefit the communities that have been hardest hit by past and present (COVID – 19) inequities. Thank you, Ann Dorsey Northridge, CA 91325

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Name: Antony Rodriguez

Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 12:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to say that you hypocrites did not give in into pressure from one side. But I can't. People are naive to believe any of politicians give a rats behind about the people. All you care about is about the minority votes or the votes of people that want everything given to them without working for it. Kind of like you career politicians that have never held a real job. You should be embarrassed. Maybe you people should sit down with all parties to discuss and not dictate to the people. In the end you need to stop condoning the behavior of the bad protesters. This kind of lawlessness should not be allowed. I have 2 granddaughters that I am concerned for their safety because of people like yourselves. I am afraid to let them go outside because someone might do something stupid. In the end I know none of you really care about most of us. All you care is about a socialist movement that benefits all of you and Eric Garcetti. I hope the people rise against you. I for one will not take this sitting around waiting for common sense to sink into your tiny brains.

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Name: Paul Hatfield

Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 12:53 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: If you are going to cut anything from the police department, convince the LAPPL to eliminate DROP and give back some of the scheduled raise increases, which were overly generous to begin with - that's the Council's fault. Also, a wage cut of at least 10% from the civilian work force should be demanded. Youu members of the Council dug a big budget hole for the city even before the Pandemic. Show some spine and reverseit!

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Name: Angela Dawson

Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 01:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the City Council to VOTE NO on File #20-0692, the motion by Councilmembers Nury Martinez, Herb Wesson, Curren Price, Monica Rodriguez and Paul Krekorian to cut \$100-150 million from the LAPD budget which would redirect taxpayer money to unspecified investments in "disadvantaged communities." If the recent riots and looting of businesses haven't convinced you we need more police officers (not fewer), I don't know what will. If you want to reallocate police resources, we'll gladly take more police officers/patrol units in the West Valley. (District 3). Also, the City Council has showed that it will only squander the money as it has with the \$4 BILLION that was supposed to go towards housing for the homeless. As we all know, this was a complete failure.

Communication from Public

Name: Jacqueline Aguirre

Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 02:29 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Yuki Kidokoro

Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 02:46 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Yuki Kidokoro, a resident in LA Council District 13, and I strongly support the People's Budget call to Defund LAPD and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. I also support Healthy LA's platform and call to invest in much needed affordable housing, tenant protections, and protections for workers and their wages. Decades of racist policies, land use planning and disinvestment from LA's Black communities continue to have devastating effects today. Black residents are overrepresented in the homeless population, and continue to experience higher rates of unemployment. Black and Latinx communities still face the deepest inequities and will be most impacted by eviction and displacement if we don't invest in housing solutions and protect their worker rights and wages. I am asking you to defund LAPD and have resources redirected towards much needed affordable housing, fully funded Right to Counsel and Eviction Defense and fully funded Office of Wage Standards and Day Laborer Centers. The cost of funding these programs is minuscule compared to the 3 billion dollar police budget. \$150 million is not enough! I urge you to please fund programs that will truly help people, instead of criminalize them, to build a more just and thriving Los Angeles. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Nils

Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 03:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Nils Hilliard and I strongly support the People's Budget call to Defund LAPD and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. I also support Healthy LA's platform and call to invest in much needed affordable housing, tenant protections, and protections for workers and their wages. Decades of racist policies, land use planning, and disinvestment from LA's Black communities continue to have devastating effects today. Black residents are over-represented in the homeless population, and continue to experience higher rates of unemployment. Black and Latinx communities still face the deepest inequities and will be most impacted by eviction and displacement if we don't invest in housing solutions and protect their worker rights and wages. I am asking you to defund LAPD redirect those resources to much needed affordable housing, fully funded Right to Counsel and Eviction Defense and fully funded Office of Wage Standards and Day Laborer Centers. The cost of funding these programs is minuscule when compared to the 3 billion dollar police budget. \$150 million is not enough! Please fund programs that will truly help people, instead of criminalize them. In the current uprising, we have seen Police Violence laid bare—in a direct response to criticism of Police Violence & Brutality across our country, including at home here in LA, the police continue to respond with even more violence. Tear gas, beating of peaceful protesters, unconscionable curfew and arrests. They are demonstrating their complete inability to make a change, and therefore our call it to Abolish and Defund. In our dense and multicultural neighborhood of Rampart Village, I have witnessed first-hand, every interaction with the police is characterized by gross over-reaction. For example, a foot chase two weeks ago ended on our street, and the police response was over-the-top: a police helicopter, at least a dozen police cars, and probably 20-30 officers on the ground. All in response to a single unarmed man. The amount of resources involved in that single arrest is mind-boggling. The LAPD budget is completely out of hand, and if you lack the courage to out-right abolish them now, then the minimum required step must be a major defunding of the police budget. Thank you.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: I am absolutely in favor of redirecting funds from the police to community and social programs benefiting populations that have been the targets of police violence. I support both the People's Budget and Healthy LA's platform and strongly believe that \$150 million is NOT ENOUGH. The cost of funding these programs is minuscule compared to the 3 billion dollar police budget. Please fund programs that will truly help people, instead of criminalize them. Thank you.

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Name: Jackelyn Valladares

Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 03:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a native Angeleno, I champion Mayor Eric Garcetti's proposal on putting a moratorium on the CalGang database, expanding the Community Safety Partnership sites and program, expanding and innovation of Gang Reduction and Youth Development program, Civil and Human Rights Commission and the Department of the Racial Equity. I disagree with the Peoples Budget and #DefundLAPD to the highest extend.

Communication from Public

Name: Lyndsey Bonomolo

Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 06:21 PM

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Name: Nancy Negrete

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Nancy Negrete and I strongly support the People's Budget call to Defund LAPD and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. I also support Healthy LA's platform and call to invest in much needed affordable housing, tenant protections, and protections for workers and their wages. Decades of racist policies, land use planning and disinvestment from LA's Black communities continue to have devastating effects today. Black residents are overrepresented in the homeless population, and continue to experience higher rates of unemployment. Black and Latinx communities still face the deepest inequities and will be most impacted by eviction and displacement if we don't invest in housing solutions and protect their worker rights and wages. I am urging you to cancel rent throughout the city for communities of color, who are most at risk of losing their jobs or already lost their jobs due to this pandemic. I am asking you to defund LAPD and have resources redirected to much needed affordable housing, fully funded Right to Counsel and Eviction Defense and fully funded Office of Wage Standards and Day Laborer Centers. The cost of funding these programs is minuscule compared to the 3 billion dollar police budget. \$150 million is not enough! The city must prioritize the well-being of black and brown communities and ensure that policies are created for healthy, safe and livable communities. Please fund programs that will truly help people, instead of criminalize them. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Tom Grode

Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 05:56 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We all know the phrase “put your money where your mouth is”. Many eyes were opened when the Mayors Budget, due to COVID-19, cut back city services yet the LAPD got an increase. Now as City Hall agrees with the cry of Los Angeles for Justice, the credibility of elected officials is at stake at a most profound level. We must go beyond words to money. This 150 Million from the LAPD invested into the Black community must happen.

Communication from Public

Name: Bridget Gless Keller and Justin Mayo

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT WITH THIS AND PRIOR COMMENT . Dear Mayor Garcetti and LA City Council, . In lieu of your announcement of \$250 million in cuts to the proposed budget that will "reallocate dollars to communities of color," we strongly request for the Watts Empowerment Center to be considered. As you know, L.A. City Council President Nury Martinez made it official by introducing a motion that asked the City Administrator Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst "to provide recommendations on reinvesting these funds back into disadvantaged communities and communities of color." On Monday there is a special meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee which will discuss recommendations for this. . We strongly urge you to consider the Watts Empowerment Center for \$5 million of this investment so we can expand hiring of fathers coming out of incarceration, provide critical youth services and offer essential opportunities to the community that would not be accessible or met otherwise. The Watts Empowerment Center is the 12,900 sq ft state-of-the-art facility committed to the children, youth, and families within Watts Housing Projects. These 3.3 acres are the heartbeat of the community. Locals can discover their purpose and develop their talents with the help of top industry and business professionals that provide mentorship to many within the community. Resources offered range from Sports Leagues, After School Tutoring, STEM Media Lab, Culinary Arts Kitchen, Performing Arts Studio, Music, Acting, Etiquette Courses, Resume Building Workshops, Anti-Bullying Classes, Mental Health/Stress Management, and beyond. . FACILITATED BY THE CHARITY RED EYE: Over 14+ Years of Weekly Impact. 5,000 Volunteers. 200,000+ Hours. 750+ Projects. 15,000 Children, Youth and Families in Need. . FOR MORE INFO: www.YouthMentor.org www.RedEye.org www.Watts2250.com Instagram: @RedEyeInc . In this specific area of Watts, the locals continually express they always are "overlooked and left behind" as grants and funding typically go to initiatives in Jordan Downs and Nickerson Gardens, or to large organizations/non-profits that aren't run, operated and protected by the local community. The Watts Empowerment Center proudly enables all of that. Over the past 14 years of mentorship and impact, we have yet to see even one volunteer have their safety jeopardized. This community

center truly is a safe haven for all. We are proud of what we have accomplished so far! We simply request \$5 million to enable "Watts heartbeat" to expand hiring of the local community members, enable capacity building dollars and make it possible so that we can help level the playing field for some of the greatest talent and creativity anywhere! . We could easily help amplify the messaging of your investment into the Watts Community. We have a strong social media following of around 750,000 on Instagram alone. We already have commitments from Volunteers in our Non-Profit that are willing to spread the news on their social media, to over 170 million collectively on Instagram alone, should you decide to strengthen the Watts Empowerment Center with this \$5 million investment. A Press Conference at the Watts Empowerment Center, with a check presentation to the youth and local community leaders, could also be facilitated. Our non-profit has a strong voice and network of actors, musicians, entrepreneurs and leaders that believe the Watts Empowerment Center is confidently positioned to empower this new chapter for the black community! . Other grants to Watts would not impact this crucial area of the community like this would. We simply ask for an opportunity as well. Thank you for your consideration and leadership in bringing a voice to those who have for too long been overlooked by society. . PLEASE SEE ATTACHED. . Please do not hesitate to contact me directly: justin@redeye.org . TOGETHER, we are creating a better tomorrow, TODAY. . Justin Mayo Executive Director, Watts Empowerment Center / Red Eye

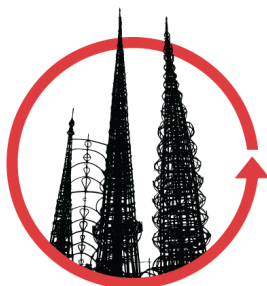


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OUTREACH IMPACT

Over the past several weeks of COVID-19 we have provided:

- **22,000+ Face Masks** distributed to the community
- **Hundreds of meals** organized, and home delivered to the **Elderly and Disabled** of Watts weekly
- **Semi-Trucks full of fresh produce** distributed to the community
- Endless amounts of **hygienic products** distributed
- Several tons of **fresh fruit** and **vegetables** delivered to the homes of the community.
- Various **social, academic** and **athletic resources** provided over video, phone and social media
- Partnerships developed to connect locals that desire **mental** and **sociological support**



WATTS
EMPOWERMENT CENTER

SUMMER 2020 OBJECTIVE

When violence traditionally sees an uptick during these summer months in urban communities, we want to make sure that the community has access to safe recreational, educational and mental resources during COVID-19 and beyond. This will be accomplished by adapting site-based programming to a new virtual/hybrid model that meets the needs of the Watts community.

THE NEED

COVID-19

Los Angeles County has five of the 10 most crowded ZIP Codes in the United States, and public health officials said such housing conditions can accelerate the spread of the virus. A majority of those we serve in Watts live in a close proximity to each other, which makes social distancing more complex. In a recent study, officials have found that African Americans are dying at the highest rate in the county. The death rate for African Americans is 13.2 per 100,000 people, compared with 9.8 for Latinos, 7.9 for Asians and 5.7 for whites.

HEALTH CARE / ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD

Urban communities are being disproportionately impacted due to their poor health conditions, access to quality health care and often living in a “food desert” with minimal access to healthy food. The consequences are also clear: decreased **access** to healthy **food** means people in **low-income communities** suffer more from diet-related diseases like obesity and diabetes than those in higher- income neighborhoods with easy **access** to



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healthy **food**, particularly fresh fruits and vegetables. Poverty alone doesn't account for the racial differences in health or health care access. In recent years, there also has been increasing acceptance in medicine of a concept called weathering which holds that the stress of living as a member of a minority in itself takes a toll on the body, weakening one's cardiovascular, neuroendocrine and immune systems. Over time, those systems get dysregulated, cells biologically age faster and lead to early onset of hypertension, diabetes and other chronic conditions. This make an individual much more vulnerable in a pandemic to infectious disease such as COVID-19.

SUMMER MONTHS

Higher temperatures, longer daylight hours, and more foot traffic create an increase in interaction and irritability between people. This then provides more opportunity for crime. Although studies are not conclusive enough to show how exactly warmer temperatures cause an increase in crime, researchers still agree that there is a correlation: When temperatures rise, so do property crimes.

384 larger law enforcement agencies reported to the FBI that, on average, monthly crime for seven major offense types increased nearly 10 percent between June and August from the rest of the year. Teenagers and children, in particular, lack activities to structure their time while out of school.



THE PLAN

VIRTUAL CAMP

In partnership with The Harold Robinson Foundation (HRF) we are bringing camp to our youth. HRF has established itself as a leading community program in the Watts community for over 12 years. Building on the success of Camp Ubuntu Watts (CUW), HRF has launched CUW 2.0 to continue supporting the social emotional development of our students during this global crisis. The virtual experience will be implemented via the zoom platform and will allow for high energy, creative interactive programming.

Camp begins June 8th and runs for 4 weeks Monday – Friday! More info below in Programming & Partnerships.



VIRTUAL SPORTS

We are continuing to provide ways youth can get training and stay active even if they aren't around large groups. One such example we provide this is through social media platforms with our partner, Street Soccer USA, providing soccer clinics Wednesdays and Fridays every week online!



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VIRTUAL TUTORING / EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

Chromebook Laptops we helped deliver to many of the youth in Watts thanks to the generosity of the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles. During the school year, most schools provided online support, but we are wanting to further meet educational needs even during the summer. We are teaming up with 2K Foundation that is developing further educational resources and an APP. We are desiring to acquire Tablets/iPads so we can more easily meet the needs of the local community during these COVID-19 times.

OUTDOOR BASKETBALL AND SOCCER COURTS

We have been told not only by locals but on numerous occasions, "Your futsal (soccer) court is top of the line." "Your basketball court is one of the coolest outdoor courts I've seen anywhere." We are grateful to Adidas, Los Angeles Football Club and the U.S. Soccer Foundation for building our outdoor futsal/soccer court and basketball courts. The locals take great pride in them. We desire to provide recreational activities on both courts, both organized and pick-up games. Our partnerships with local professional NBA Teams (Clippers, Lakers and LA Sparks), Venice Basketball League, as well as friendships with NBA players like Tony Snell who is from Watts adds an exciting aspect of safe programming that could be enabled. Partnerships with Adidas, LAFC, U.S. Soccer Foundation and Street Soccer USA are but a few of our strong supporters that want to make sure our local youth and teens are given healthy access to sport during this COVID pandemic.



OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

We are grateful that the Watts Empowerment Center has not only this amazing 12,900 sq ft building but also an outdoor Skate Park and field located on 3.3 acres. This land in the heart of Watts is a refuge for the community. The field on the exterior of the building is just getting completed a 2-month installation and fixing of an irrigation system so the kids can play on grass instead of dirt. This will enable us to provide opportunities for youth to be outdoors, in a social distanced manner, while engaging in activities!



INDOOR BASKETBALL COURT

Proudly proclaimed by many locals, "The best court in any urban community!" We are honored to have personally developed a court so beautifully thanks to the generosity of (NBA) 2K Foundation. People often describe the Watts Empowerment Center as the heartbeat of the community. Well the basketball gymnasium would definitely be that heart! Our Watts Empowerment League consists of both an Adult League for the Teens and Adults. We also have the Little Legends League for those ages 5-12. We were told it wasn't possible to have people compete



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across different territories and divisions. Once again, the community has defied the odds and we have Teams from Watts, Compton, Long Beach, Venice and Wilmington that compete in the Watts Empowerment League. Although we long to re-start the league, we will wait to do such till proper health steps and goals are met in Los Angeles. We simply desire to get basketball accessible to so many of the youth that have trained for so many years and truly are praying for a college scholarship. This time is crucial for many of them going into their senior year.



NUTRITIONAL COOKING CLASSES

We are fortunate to have various chefs and nutritional cooks that come and teach at the Watts Empowerment Center. We have to keep these classes to the size of 5-8 to effectively teach these classes. We recently acquired a commercial stainless-steel fridge as well as a commercial freezer. We are excited about getting to further utilize these with the future “masterpieces” that these locals create in these classes!



YOGA / ANTI-BULLYING WORKSHOPS

The impact of these gatherings when a child/teen is able to simply quiet their heart and mind in a safe setting has been truly powerful. Over and over the individuals that have come to teach these classes are typically high-scale yoga clinics in West Hollywood and Beverly Hills that offer great expertise. The youth are taught that often bullying, screaming and lack of attention often stems out of feeling lack of control or peace in their own life. So, we try to provide some time for them to find peace, know that they are supported/loved, and that they are the victor not the victim. History will be good to them, because they will write it!



ETIQUETTE COURSES AND MOCK JOB INTERVIEWS

Watts is, or is close to, one of the largest neighborhoods in California that is ran by single mothers. Many of the fathers are incarcerated, no longer around, etc. So we are honored that many of the homes are very grateful we teach these Etiquette Courses. It happens based upon demand basis and consists of everything from teaching a person how to shake hands, look at someone in the eyes when speaking, not to interrupt another conversation without requesting, and how to tie a tie. We often have dived deeper for the older youth who want to learn how to prepare for a job, ranging from how to write a resume to how to “dress for success,” always being on time (10 minutes early) for a meeting, etc. Although social distanced measures are needing to be implemented, we are looking forward to getting these Etiquette Course and Mock Job Interviews going!



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SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL / MENTAL HEALTH / STRESS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

The pressures our youth feel is different and attacking them in ways that prior generations have not had to face. That is why we want to further provide high-quality programming that enables youth to discuss such in a safe and open environment. We believe these pressures and stresses feed into the mental, emotional, physical and educational aspects of their life. It is crucial our youth are not told simply to “be quiet” but rather to empower them how to deal with stress, be resilient, understand how to take personal control of their situations, personal responsibility, as well as understand how their unique identity and purpose is part of a collective narrative they are part of!



COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHTS

The exterior of the Watts Empowerment Center has a massive 40ft wall on its backside. We would like to host socially distanced CommUNITY Movie Nights. We have already purchased a 40ft screen and a Foundation bought us a \$30k projector so that the locals could experience a “Theater-like Experience” in the middle of Watts! We would like to buy some new grills so some of the fathers can cook for their kids, and of course bring out a load of popcorn! Since we have a massive outdoor basketball court right next to the wall, we can easily allow locals to socially-distance while enjoying these larger than life moments to bring the CommUNITY together!



PROGRAMMING & PARTNERSHIPS

HAROLD ROBINSON FOUNDATION • VIRTUAL CAMP UBUNTO WATTS 2.0

In an effort to continue supporting the social emotional development of our Watts youth, the virtual experience will include activities such as art, yoga, creative writing/expression, and music. In between sessions there will be camper DIY (do it-yourself) projects on the Ubuntu Camper blog. Camp will begin on June 8 and will run for 4 weeks with programming occurring Monday-Friday starting at 12pm and 4pm. Camper kits will be delivered to provide materials needed to support programming activities.



CAMP UBUNTO WATTS • ON-SITE

This will provide a free, 4-6 week summer program at the Watts Empowerment Center. Ubuntu means “**I AM BECAUSE WE ARE.**” Camp Ubuntu Watts has successfully partnered with LAUSD for the past 7 years at Markham Middle School. With the closure of schools for the summer, CUW is proud to partner with Watts Empowerment Center to continue providing a creative, fun-filled camp experience. During this pandemic, we want to provide much-needed enrichment directly where our



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youth and their families live. This is specifically important during the summer months when crime rates are at their highest and access to resources diminished.

At CUW, we will encourage positive self-development and foster teamwork by offering a holistic and balanced schedule of programming. On any given day, campers engage in something artistic, athletic, and enriching, where high-quality programs range from filmmaking to conflict resolution. Group rotations, while practicing social distancing, introduces students to a variety of activities and a free-choice component.

DOLE • SUNRISE PRODUCE • EVERYTABLE

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, we were fast to start strategizing ways to meet the various needs of the community. We have developed partnerships over the following weeks to provide weekly food we distribute to the homes of the Elderly and Disabled. This has further grown into battling for the nutritional health needs of the community. We continually are providing semitrucks full of fresh food, produce and clean water that many of the locals are not accustomed to receiving. In this time when so many are financially hurting beyond their normal circumstances, due to COVID-19, we are working around the clock to meet the needs of the community.



CITY OF LOS ANGELES MAYOR'S OFFICE • GRYD • SUMMER NIGHT LIGHTS

The Summer Night Lights program is a public and private partnership undertaken by the City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction & Youth Development ("GRYD") and The GRYD Foundation.



Summer Night Lights ("SNL") traditionally operates in 32 locations across the City of Los Angeles, keeping recreation centers and parks open between the hours of 7 pm – 11 pm during the summer and adding extended programming.



Due to COVID-19, adjustments are being made. We eagerly await being informed of this information. SNL expands the menu of activities at each site beyond what is traditionally offered. As a result, community members can participate in free sports, arts and recreational activities, resource fairs, health screenings, workshops, and connections to resources that they can utilize year-round. GRYD programming focuses on areas that have been heavily impacted by gun violence, that lack resources due to socio-economic disparities, and where many individuals are experiencing the effects of multi-generational poverty and exposure to trauma.

Summer Night Lights, Fall Friday Nights and Youth Squad 360 programming work together to transform lives across Los Angeles.



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STREET SOCCER USA • ADIDAS • LAFC • US SOCCER FOUNDATION

Thanks to the generosity of Adidas, Los Angeles Football Club and the U.S. Soccer Foundation who built our outdoor futsal/soccer court, the community has an amazing partnership! We want to resume our Watts Empowerment Futsal/Soccer Clinics for the youth which happens twice a week providing essential time for the youth to exercise, work on teamwork as well as develop their skill and love of the game. Street Soccer USA facilitates this as well and is ready to do such in a safe manner. We also host the Watts Empowerment Futsal Tournament which is exciting to see youth come from all over Watts and beyond to compete. Since this tends to draw a crowd, we plan on waiting to resume the tournament when the health officials feel such group sizes would be appropriate.



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (LAUSD) • THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Partnering with our local educational districts is crucial to us. One way we partner with LAUSD is through feeding programs. Los Angeles Unified, in partnership with the American Red Cross, continues to provide nutritious meals to all students who need them during the closure of schools and beyond. These various 60 Grab & Go Food Centers are staffed weekdays from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Each child can take home two nutritious meals. These locations are crucial in providing meals that many of the youth we serve would not have access to otherwise. We partner with LAUSD and American Red Cross to ensure our youth are not only knowledgeable of such opportunity, but also in providing food to the community. It is not uncommon that these locations cannot distribute amongst the community directly all that is needed and ask if we can facilitate providing these healthy meals to those greatest in need. We do simply that!

Meeting not only physical health needs, but also understanding what is being taught educationally and being aware of the social, mental and physical challenges the youth undergo is crucial to knowing how we can most effectively impact a child/teenager's life. A parent would like to hope their voice is the "loudest" in their child's life, yet studies show that a teen's peer-circle plays the largest role in their decisions. So, we are very active in understanding a well-rounded approach of the "voices" our youth hear.



CLIPPERS • LAKERS • LA SPARKS • 2K FOUNDATION

The same generosity of the 2K Foundation that is developing further educational resources and renovated the entire indoor basketball court continues! It is wanting to further partner with us to provide summer basketball opportunities for the community. Thanks to them and our relationships with the local professional NBA and WNBA Teams, we simply want the community to have positive outlets to express themselves. In a community that often feels like they are being told "No", we want them to feel there are positive outlets that have said "Yes" to them being able to express their selves in a healthy manner.



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TIMELINE

VIRTUAL CAMP

June 8th to July 3rd // Monday – Friday

VIRTUAL SPORTS

Ongoing.

VIRTUAL TUTORING/EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

Ongoing.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Ongoing.

CAMP UBUNTO WATTS • ON-SITE

Starting Late July

OUTDOOR BASKETBALL AND SOCCER COURTS

Resuming Week of July 6th

OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

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ETIQUETTE COURSE • MOCK JOB INTERVIEWS

Resuming Week of July 13th

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL • MENTAL HEALTH • STRESS-MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

Resuming Week of July 13th



COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHTS

Resuming Week of July 6th

EXTRA PERCAUTIONS IN PLACE DUE TO COVID-19

GROUP SIZE

Abide by whatever the current health and government guidance advises in July. It currently is 10 in a current setting.



EXTRA SANITARY STATIONS

There will be set up extra sanitary stations at point of entry into areas of engagement. It will be required for youth to clean off their hands at entry to such area.

FACE MASKS WORN

It will be required for youth to wear a facemask during their access and engagement in any such activities.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Every youth will be repeatedly told they need to stay socially distanced during any activities we are providing.

LITERATURE POSTED

Extra literature will be posted and available stating the county website, guidelines and warnings to adhere to during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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NO CONTACT INFRARED DIGITAL THERMOMETER

Every youth will be required to have their temperature checked before engaging in any of our activities.

WATER HYDRATION STATIONS

Areas will be assembled for youth to stay hydrated for outdoor activities.

MIST TENT REFRESH AREAS

Outdoor areas will be provided an area where the youth can relax out of the heat of the sun in a safe and controlled setting.

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear L A city Council: Many people are going to be watching how big cities like L A deal responsibly with re-allocating funds currently set aside for L A P D for a variety of assignments especially at live, local concerts. L A City Council can be a model to seriously examine how their budget is over-balanced for the police department when other agencies and events could effectively be funded, thus bringing the budget back into balance where it could do some real good. Right now, musicians who have been categorized as gig workers, are unemployed because of COVID19 restrictions. Since cities are slowly opening back up cautiously, many musicians have creative ideas about performing live and for good causes such as Black Lives Matter. City budgets could help fund all the necessary preparations that must go into a concert of this sort by reallocating funds for the resumption of live concerts where security agencies not LA PD could be used for onsite security. Thank you, S Goodfellow

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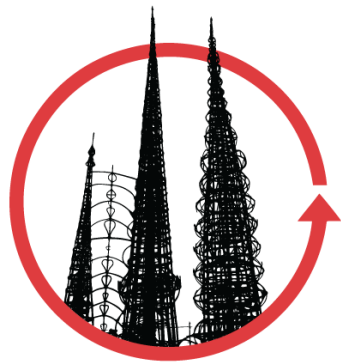
Name: Justin Mayo and Bridget Gless Keller

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support • the People's Budget call to Re-allocate a significant share of LAPD's budget • redistributing those resources to ? community services ? alternatives to policing ? investments directly benefiting Black communities I also support Healthy LA's platform and call to invest in much needed affordable housing, tenant protections, and protections for workers and their wages. Decades of racist policies, land use planning and disinvestment from LA's Black communities continue to have devastating effects today. Black residents continue to experience higher rates of unemployment and are overrepresented in the homeless population. For instance, when i moved to the densely populated, multicultural Vermont/ First St. neighborhood area 9 years ago, very few black people lived here. In the past few years they seem to be the largest number of people living here - UNHOUSED! Black and Latinx communities still face the deepest inequities and are most impacted by eviction and displacement, so we must invest in housing solutions and protect their worker rights and wages. I am asking you to reallocate a enough of the of 2020-2021 LAPD budget to make a significant difference in funding affordable housing, fully fund Right to Counsel and Eviction Defense and fully funded Office of Wage Standards and Day Laborer Centers. The cost of funding these programs is miniscule compared to the \$1.189 billion police operations budget. I believe that, over time, these investment will automatically reduce calls for police intervention and automatically reduce the \$215.000,000 overtime budget. In my opinion, the police could easily reduce \$150 + million just by reducing the number of \$3000 helicopter deployments and reducing the number of military-style weapons. I urge you to re-allocate at least \$150 million from the 2020/2021 budget and begin funding programs that truly help people, instead of criminalize them. Thank you.