

Communication from Public

Name: Concerned Citizen

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 09:49 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The police should not be expected to do everything. There is too much power, corruption, and inadequate training for them to solve all of this city's problems. I urge you to defund the police, get rid of the police unions and build a better system from scratch. Invest in the community. In actually helping people. In actually serving. If you'd like to know more, you should watch John Oliver's segment about policing from June 7th.

Communication from Public

Name: Celine Kuklowsky

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 09:42 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Celine Kuklowsky, I am born and raised in Hollywood, CA, and I strongly support the People's Budget LA and the call to Defund the Police and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Barbara Malin

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 09:43 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defunding the LAPD ~ NEVER! We need our law enforcement officers more everyday. Encourage sensitivity training but not defunding.. Support our police, today, establish a relationship with the community, not defunding! Thank you.\,Barbara Malin

Communication from Public

Name: Eliot

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 09:39 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Eliot, and I live in zip code 90020. I just wanted to say that I support the People's Budget of LA. We need to fund other things that create a front end solution - like education, mental services, economic opportunity, housing, and more. Police are necessary of course, but not in the scope that we see them today. They are a back end solution. \$250 million cut is a good place to start, but not enough! Please fund programs that will truly help people, instead of criminalize them. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 09:41 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Sarah and I strongly support the People's Budget LA and the call to Defund the Police and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. 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 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! Please fund programs that will truly help people, instead of criminalize them. Thank you.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 09:24 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge Mayor Garcetti and our councilmembers to SHOW SOME TRUE LEADERSHIP by STANDING UP AGAINST THE LAPD AND THEIR POLICE UNION. STOP KILLING ANGELENOS AND START KEEPING THEM SAFE! I urge council to decrease LAPD's bloated budget and reallocate that money to services and programs that actually support public safety and community well-being. For too long, our tax dollars have gone to funding a corrupt, antiquated, and racist system of policing that puts the lives of Angelenos at immediate risk. We are being held hostage by a police force that threatens our lives and makes our communities unsafe while bleeding our budget for methods that are proven to INCREASE, not decrease crime. I support the People's Budget and urge council to divert LAPD money to supporting education, providing affordable housing, funding Right to Counsel and Eviction Defense, and funding an Office of Wage Standards and Day Laborer Centers. I also call on council to consider other ways to raise revenue to support those efforts such as enacting a VACANCY TAX to make sure real estate developers understand the true cost to our city of maintaining vacant units while more and more Angelenos find themselves without housing. STEP UP AND SHOW ME THAT YOU CARE FOR YOUR CONSTITUENTS AND ARE NOT AFRAID OF THE LAPD!

Communication from Public

Name: Patricia Silver

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 09:10 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember Defunding the LAPD at this time is madness. They have done the important work to become a Community Based Police Department. There is a Senior Lead Officer assigned to each community. That Officer attends the Neighborhood Council Meetings in her/his area and is in communication with the community to address community issues. This program alone is vital to continue the dialogue and should not be abolished. Who will respond to the tragedy of domestic violence in our city? Send in a Social Worker to address the aggression inside a home? Yes, there is a place for mental health/social improvement but in the face of a violent crisis, that is not the place for a Social Worker. That is the place for a police officer who can protect and serve the public. That being said, police officers are not God, they are human, humans make mistakes. Mistakes that can be deadly, but in the split second to make a decision, they make the best decision that they can with the training and knowledge they have. They need the full support of the management after a careful investigation of the facts, not the hysterical ranting of a mob. Any decision regarding the police should be carefully considered not the response to mob chants. You have a protective detail assigned to protect you. The every day citizen of Los Angeles does not. If you proceed with defunding the police department as you have indicated that you plan to do, then the first cut should be in all fairness, any protective detail assigned to you or any other city official. Let's put that into the discussion as a first step. I look forward to the council discussion on this matter today. Patricia Silver 818 968 8648 7835 Fulton Avenue North Hollywood, CA 91605

Communication from Public

Name: Claudette

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:20 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: It is not my belief that all law enforcement officers are innately racist. In my opinion, systemic cultural biases, abuse of power, and yes, racism are the root causes behind the excessive force and brutalization of marginalized communities. Officers can exercise domination and blatant disregard of humanity over poor, black, and brown communities because they know there will be little to no consequences. Proactive steps to begin healing and resolution includes defunding the LAPD and renegotiating law enforcement union agreements. Law enforcement officers are called to respond to social and mental health issues that they have not been properly trained to confront – beyond shoot, kill, or incarcerate. To make certain demographics feel ‘safe’ political leaders have thrown money at law enforcement agencies across this country to address social and economic issues. The additional funding has allowed law enforcement to increase staffing and buy bigger and better-militarized weapons. The police are not equipped to deal with societal challenges. In response to previous uprisings, 'training' has always been the go-to resolution. Additional training will not unroot the problem of the abuse of power. I strongly believe that a (significant) percentage of the law enforcement budget should be reallocated to confront and solve social issues like homelessness, mental health, drug addiction, healthcare, and infrastructural jobs. In my opinion, \$100-\$150mil is not enough. The LAPD budget should be further reduced.

Communication from Public

Name: Alyssa

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:08 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Alyssa and I was born and raised in Los Angeles. One of the things I love most about this city is that it is a creative epicenter--not just because of the entertainment industry, but because of the creative power of the people who live here. We're always moving. We're always creating. We are a strong and beautiful community, but apparently not in the eyes of LAPD. LAPD seems to only protect and serve themselves, not the people, and it's time that the people -especially our black, indigenous, and community members of color- get what they need to live thriving, joyful, beautiful lives without fearing they might die at the hands of those who are supposed to protect them. I strongly support the People's Budget LA and the call to Defund the Police and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. Decades of racist policies, land use planning, and divestment 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 so, so, so minute compared to the 3 billion dollar police budget. \$150 million is not enough; it's a gargantuan disservice and disgrace! Please fund programs that will truly help people, instead of criminalizing them. We must do better for our people. Do your job and serve the people, not yourselves. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:23 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Claire Meredith and I strongly support the People's Budget LA and the call to Defund the Police and reallocate those resources to important resources that can have a positive impact on the city. This includes much needed and under resourced community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. 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, covid infection, eviction cases and on and on. 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 tiny compared to the billions of dollars in police budget. \$150 million is not enough we need money to support the community. Please fund programs that will truly help people, instead of criminalize them. Thank you.

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Name: Lyndsey Q Nolan

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:26 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Lyndsey Nolan and I strongly support the People's Budget LA and the call to Defund the Police and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities - ESPECIALLY HOUSING. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Madison Hodges

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:26 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The City of Los Angeles deserves more than you seem willing to give it. The cut of 150 million to the police budget is too little, too late, and barely scratches the surface on what you can do to put your support where it really matters: the people. LA is hurting and deserves to be heard. Listen to your people and give us the People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Brady Collins

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:27 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Brady Collins and I'm with KIWA (the Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance). KIWA's mission is to build power for low-wage immigrants workers, and for nearly 30 years we have been organizing Latinx and Korean workers in this city to improve their workplaces and their communities. While improvements have been made, real progress is hampered by this City Council's unwillingness to help address the root causes of inequality in Los Angeles. Decades of racist zoning and land-use planning and the systematic disinvestment in LA's Black communities are why we have a housing crisis, a homelessness crisis, an underemployment crisis. These crises impact black and Latinx communities the most, and yet instead of investing in programs that remove barriers to safe housing and adequate employment, you propose to invest in a police force that is and has been killing them in the streets and in their homes. This is not sound governance, plain and simple. I am asking you to defund LAPD and invest those resources to much needed affordable housing, to fully funding Right to Counsel and Eviction Defense, and to fully funding the Office of Wage Standards and our city's Day Laborer Centers. This is not a question of whether the city can afford this. The money is there--the cost of funding these programs is miniscule compared to the 3 billion dollar police budget. I urge you, please fund programs that will benefit our communities, instead of criminalizing them. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:38 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Like the vast majority of my fellow Angelenos, I'm here today (Monday, June 15th 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: Malia

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:44 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a resident of Northeast LA (CD1). I want to express my disgust and disappointment in the miniscule concessions you've given so far. I want to demand that you start work immediately with Mayor Garcetti to defund and disband LAPD. Last week's meeting was beyond disappointing - after mass uprisings across the city, Paul Koretz suggested increasing LAPD's budget. It's tone deaf that the closest thing we got to lifting up the voices of your constituents who demand defunding the police was Mike Bonin's support of unspecified budget cuts for LAPD. You've had years for a careful and circumspect review of LAPD - we need more than incremental change, we need to disband and dismantle the police. I support the People's Budget coalition and their efforts to reallocate resources to universal needs like housing, education, childcare, and access to healthy food, air and water. LA cannot continue to spend taxpayer dollars on a white supremacist, abusive, murderous police force. Learn from your peers in Minneapolis and get rid of LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Thomas Garbrecht

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 03:28 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Currently, or at least pre-COVID, every single day at 7th/Metro DTLA, I see groups (four +) of policemen standing around, harrassing homeless, serving as guides for tourists (!). Although happy to not have them out shooting unarmed black men in the back, this shows we have too many policemen/women, and more than \$150 million can be taken from the bloated police budget. Our city needs affordable housing, social workers, more teachers, more homeless shelters, more health workers. Money for these needs MUST be diverted from the bloated police budget now!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 05:12 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am as a citizen and tax paying individual, opposes any budget cuts to our Police /law enforcement department. We need a strong police force, they risk their lives on a daily basis to keep our communities safe, they are call every single day and hour to take care of issues that us regular citizens can not handle.

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Name: Joshua Decoteau

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 07:10 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The amount of funding for our police compared to other necessities is appalling. Our elected officials should be making decisions that benefit all citizens. I urge you to redistribute our tax dollars away from the police and into the hands of departments that are actually helping LA citizens. We need to defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Dennis Ulick

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 07:38 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As a life long resident of Granada Hills, I am concerned about the rising crime rate in my community and lack of police presence. Defunding the police department is the wrong move. I urge you not to defund the LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Patricia Ulick

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 07:58 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I have lived in Granada Hills since 1977 when it was a safe family community. Today I have to deal with car and house breakins, mail and package theft and a large homeless population on a daily basis. I'm sorry but crimes have not gone down as some lead us to believe. Please do not defund our much needed LAPD.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 11:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS COMMENT D. Defund the police by half their budget at least until the following community enrichment below is completed. Then a permanent public oversight of their line budget each year thereafter which must be voted on by their community, with town hall discussions and explanations of each part of the budget and why it is needed. Take said money from budget reduction and reallocate it to community needs in minority communities and especially communities of color. Invest in schools, health care access, mental health care, access to financial capital resources for investment in the community, fixing physical infrastructure (i.e.-roadways, parks, sidewalks, street lights, etc.). Use that money to also put together regular events that require all cops to have group screenings/discussions on documentaries that explore the minority experience in America, with special focus on each minority groups interaction with cops throughout history...with a extra time spent on the black community. Enrich these discussions and screenings with a Q & A afterwards with community activists and historians that can speak to each minority groups struggles with cops and their overall life experience in America with anecdotal evidence. This puts flesh & bones on top of a celluloid experience to really impact these cops. Let's make them better community servants....not slaughterers. E. Retroactive Punishment for all past offenses, which will also require the unsealing of secret disciplinary files. If found guilty, you are fired and put on previously mentioned "Do Not Hire" list of officers, military, and federal officers. Banning all secret disciplinary files from now on. F. Mandatory body cameras that must be turned on at all times while on duty. Files are uploaded automatically to a cloud server which can't be accessed or manipulated by anyone but independent oversight committees consisting of elected officials that aren't cops, DA affiliated. Mandatory proper functioning of cameras to be checked on the hour with recorded tests of 1 minute. G. Once all new and old cops have completed re-training they are eligible for pay raises in the form of an end of the year bonus....which will come from their current budget and not by imposing new taxes or taking money from anywhere else in a city budget to be satisfied. 6. Every single cop involved in beating peaceful protesters is fired and placed on banned list. Every single

silent cop/accomplice that did nothing as it happened is fired as well. That's gonna be a lot of fired cops, you're correct. Which is exactly what we need....so, that new cops deserving of the badge and that respect their oath can help repair this mess. 7.

De-Militariation of police departments. A tank belongs on a battlefield, not in a community. No more used weapons of war used to police citizens. ...That's a good start.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 11:09 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm concerned and want to have a voice in this planned defunding of our Police department. I can see how some changes such as convicted police officers could not receive their pensions should take place. Reforms based on those kind of obvious inconsistencies make sense. Otherwise, I and my community are opposed to defunding a department that is so crucial to the stability of our state and our country. Unless of course you are for the destabilizing of our country which very well could be, as who else would want to place more human lives at risk by defunding a department that is already so stretched. Unfortunately, I have in the past called 911 and got a busy signal, or have waited an hour to have a unit sent out to our home. Clearly they need more funding not less! GOD help us if defunding the force assigned to protect us goes through!

Communication from Public

Name: Sharon

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 08:35 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Increased spending on mental health has only made things worse. That the LAPD has achieved the lowest crime rates and its reducing the crime in Los Angeles, where I LIVE. I have worked with them in community projects and my experience is they are great guys . We should not punish our community for the terrible act of one. We need to keep improving what we have and not cut funding but increase funding to do more work within the community to help. Police Officers I have found to have a generous spiritual and hearts of gold. It's a tough job and to keep calm always when under threat is very hard, yet they go out every day! I support the police. Please do not defund. Do what is right not just what is said by a few.

Communication from Public

Name: GH Citizen

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 08:13 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Refreshing the LAPD is necessary but must be done without reducing the department's community patrols or affecting response times. Duties such as providing traffic control at accident sites, homeless clean-up support, and all other non-policing assignments must be redirected to more aptly qualified departments. Doing so must reduce the LAPD's overtime budget - offsetting 1.5x the cost-per-officer-hour. Also, overtime should be prohibited for all officer hours allocated to public outreach, and under no circumstances should overtime be paid for training or continuing education. The goal should be -zero- officer overtime except for emergencies involving public emergencies. Overworked officers are not better officers, they are greater liabilities.

Communication from Public

Name: Samantha Spaccasi

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 09:06 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, Budget Committee. I am unable to give verbal public comment this morning, but I want to voice my strong support for the People's Budget LA, the call to Defund the Police, and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. 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. Please do your jobs and serve the people of this city, not the interests of developers and the LAPPL & LAPD. If you don't support and pass these measures, I'm sure that the good people of this city will find someone who will when it comes time to vote you out. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Budget and Finance Committee Members, I am contacting you as a CD9 resident regarding council item 20-0692 that proposes to re-allocate at least \$100-150 million from LAPD. I appreciate the sentiment behind the motion, but I would like to voice support to further increase the minimum amount that would be defunded from the LAPD, in line with The People's Budget, and for those funds to go towards LAUSD schools in communities of color, LADOT active transportation projects, and more housing for the unhoused. I would also support a stipulation that LAPD should cut from purchasing more gear and supplies and overtime pay, while preserving funding for essential service such as 911. I am 31 years old and I am already living through my second recession. I have spent my formative young adult years experiencing the impacts from the last recession, including cuts to community programs and reduced economic opportunities available for myself and my peers. I have grown up in a post-9/11 world that includes the increasing militarization of the police force, which has only emboldened an already toxic departmental culture. Further defunding the amount from LAPD and re-allocating those funds to community needs such as schools and transportation, and addressing homelessness, will help uplift our communities. Thank you, Emily

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Name: Lauren Sanford
Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 03:46 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE. I am commenting to demand that the LAPD be defunded and those funds be allocated to resources that help the community, not kill the community.

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Name: Riley Bender
Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 05:46 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE.

Communication from Public

Name: Julia Gunnison

Date Submitted: 06/14/2020 05:52 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of the 13th Council District in Los Angeles. I am writing to urge the Budget and Finance Committee to reject Mayor Garcetti's budget proposal for the fiscal year beginning August 2020. The budget proposes a 7% increase in funds for policing, while 9% fewer funds are being invested in housing and jobs. As the killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and so many others have highlighted for all of us in the past weeks, policing in our country is an instrument of institutional racism. We cannot invest more resources into this emphatically racist system. Instead, funds should be invested in housing in other social programs that will help decrease crime. The People's Budget has done amazing work in analyzing how an alternative allocation of funding can result in a more equitable city, and the citizens of Los Angeles demand our elected officials implement this plan.

Communication from Public

Name: April Boyce

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: According to the Los Angeles City Budget proposal on page 298, there is \$750,000 appropriated out of the Arts and Cultural Facilities and Services Trust Fund for the LAPD for fiscal year 2020-2021 that is used for security at arts events. Because of Covid-19 and the cancellation of all gatherings, it is clear that this money is not needed in the LAPD for security at events. We propose that this amount be set aside to support arts events by black artists in the following fiscal year, or as soon as arts events regain normalcy. We suggest it go to Grand Performances, who are already well versed at organizing music events and support black and POC artists, and who have been the recipient of Cultural Affairs Department Special Appropriations, but are open to suggestions. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, April Boyce, Elizabeth Goodfellow, and Nathan York Jr. Reference to budget proposal: (
http://cao.lacity.org/budget20-21/2020-21Proposed_Budget.pdf) on page 298, "Expenditures from the Fund shall be exclusively for: (1) acquisition or placement of publicly accessible works of art; (2) acquisition or construction of arts and cultural facilities; (3) the providing of arts and cultural services; (4) restoration or preservation of existing works of art; (5) the City's costs of administering the Public Works Improvement Arts Program; and, (6) support to programs and operations of the Cultural Affairs Department."

Communication from Public

Name: Mitch Marcus

Date Submitted: 06/13/2020 01:33 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Police budget: Shifting a part of the budget is no longer enough of a response to the long-building issues. It neither serves the police department nor the citizens of this city. Please consider a more essential re-imagining of how and where we use armed policing. Where do we really need armed response and where do we really need alternate support administered by alternate, specifically trained professionals? We need to ask that question before moving around money like cups of water to fight a raging wild fire (wildfire metaphor used in this case for systemic racism). Thank you.

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Name: Madison Martin Brookshire

Date Submitted: 06/13/2020 04:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to defund, and ultimately abolish, the Los Angeles Police Department. Over half of the unrestricted General Fund is currently allocated to LAPD, but we know police do not make our communities “safer.” More resources and services do. I am urging the City Council and the Mayor to disinvest from the police and instead adopt a People’s Budget. The proposal to cut \$150 million from the LAPD budget is a small step in the right direction, but I am writing to urge you to disinvest from policing altogether and use the obscene amount of resources currently allocated to the police to increase funding for low-income housing; services for unhoused Angelenos; mental health services; rent cancellation; more funding for public schools; and investments directly benefiting Black communities. In solidarity with Black Lives Matter Los Angeles, I urge you to consider: “We want human-centered services. We do not want more police.” Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Jacquelyn Ardam

Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 03:25 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: adopt the People's Budget for Los Angeles and defund the police!

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Name: Sergio Gonzalez
Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 04:09 PM
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Name:

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

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Name: AGENDA OF LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL (Tuesday, June 9, 2020)

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:52 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The RESOLUTION in ITEM (19) of the agenda must underline that 1. the local emergency has been exacerbated by acts of provocation, violence, and destruction committed by the LAPD and accompanying security forces; 2. termination of the State of Emergency requires substantive action from the LAPD and the City; 3. 50% or more of the funds for the LAPD must go toward other City departments, agencies, and personnel to abate the State of Emergency through providing free health services--including mental health and pandemic protection--for protesters and non-protesters alike and investment in housing and homelessness, unemployment and disability insurance, economic and workforce development, education, small business protection and recovery, public safety, and public transportation, among other services, especially for black people and black communities; and 4. changes in the leadership of the LAPD, a hiring freeze of new officers, the integration of programs focused on public safety, and the hiring of health professionals are crucial. The Los Angeles City Council can follow the example of the Minneapolis and officially disband the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Diya
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:24 PM
Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles, I want to demand the dramatic de-escalation of funding for the LAPD in favor of programs to support 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 this city. We are in the middle of a pandemic and expecting and economic decline and this past week have seen the level of arbitrary force the LAPD feel justified to inflict on the citizens of this city, I feel strongly that funneling billions into the LAPD is a mistake and a misuse of public funds.

Communication from Public

Name: Laurel Randolph

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: City Councilmembers, As an extremely concerned resident of LA, I am writing to urge you to have vision. Follow the lead of other progressive cities and rethink the police department by first pulling their funding. The citizens of Los Angeles deserve better than to be tear gassed, shot with rubber bullets, and killed with zero repercussions for the murders (cops). I know that rethinking an organization that has existed for generations is hard, but most things worth doing are hard. Just because the LAPD and its union have bossed around this town for years doesn't mean that they should. There are fundamental problems to how the police operate and treat the very people they are supposed to protect. We need to take BOLD action and you need to show Angelenos that you hear them, you care, and you are going to ACT. We will accept nothing less. LA resident, 90042

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Fujioka
Date Submitted: 06/12/2020 08:30 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Stacey Parker

Date Submitted: 06/13/2020 06:56 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defunding the police and redistribution of funds to community support programs and responses is needed. What has already been approved is a drop in the bloated police budget and more must be done.

Communication from Public

Name: Celeste Mancia
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:04 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: City Council: Adopt a People's Budget! Defund LAPD and the Sheriff and invest in communities of color. We need funding for housing, social services, education, and other programs to benefit the community.

Communication from Public

Name: Edith Arias

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Thank you, Councilmember Krekorian for your attention and acknowledgement because we, the community, HAVE felt disengaged in the budget process. We will hold you accountable for ACTIONS from here on out. Thank you Black Lives Matter LA for engaging the community. I'm a Latina, born and raised in LA and I'm here to tell you Police don't make me feel safe. I implore you to re-imagine AND IMPLEMENT public safety NOW. The data clearly shows that public safety IS NOT associated with policing. COMMUNITY RESOURCES bring us safety. Therapists/healers, Community Organizations and organizers, social workers, medical staff, teachers make me feel safe. Invest in THESE roles FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. NOT POLICE. Shelter, education and jobs bring security and safety. NOT POLICE. The violent treatment by LAPD on our peaceful protesters proves the unsafety. The long history of over-policing in our Black and Latinx communities has brought on generational trauma. This is PRECISELY what we need to undo by re-allocating funds and defunding the police. Councilmember Wesson, thank you for mentioning "re-allocation of priorities" because how we spend our money reflects exactly that, our priorities.

Communication from Public

Name: Yehsong Kim

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Yehsong Kim and I strongly support the People's Budget LA and the call to Defund the Police and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Arnold Zane

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Do not take funds away from the LAPD. If anything, we need more funding. The solution is better training, not anarchy. We already have enough problems with crime. You can't expect neighborhood watch to solve the crime and homeless issues.

Communication from Public

Name: Monty Espino

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Monty Espino and I've been a resident of Los Angeles for almost 6 years now. The longer I'm here the more I'm realizing how much of a presence policing has in certain communities while those same communities tend to lack useful resources such as secure housing, accessible public transit, mental health availability, etc. The systems in place have shown ineffective time and time again and that's why I'm here to make my voice heard in support of the People's Budget LA and the call to Defund the Police and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Rebekah Percy

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I stand in support of the proposed budget cuts to LAPD and reinvesting these funds back into disadvantaged communities and communities of color. I also support more required and in-depth trainings for police officers in de-escalation techniques and other methods of protecting the citizens of Los Angeles than an automatic resort to violence. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Adan Alonso

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please ensure padt of the \$150 million that is cute from the LaPD bufget is directed towards the LA department of cultural affairs! And on that note, shame on mayor garcetti and our elected officials for lacking the backbone to stand to the police union and make cuts beyond \$150million. Shame on Jackie Lacey for failing to prosecute killer cops.

Communication from Public

Name: Mara Casey

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:39 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. I live in Van Nuys and have been trying to get answers from Paul Krekorian. I support defunding the LAPD. I support BLM. I support LA PEOPLE'S BUDGET. I would like to know his position is on these issues. I would like to know his past involvement on the following: racial inequality, police brutality, making the community of Van Nuys safer for people of color. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Polly J Pierone

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:36 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I supported the People's Budget LA, and therefore support this amendment to divert funds away from LAPD and reinvest them in communities of color. However, I think this amendment should go much further. Other cities are taking far more drastic steps to defund the police, and Los Angeles should not be lagging behind. The people of Los Angeles have spoken. You know where our priorities lie.

Communication from Public

Name: Allison Michael

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:22 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of district 4 and a Los Angeles native. I am present for this meeting to voice my enthusiastic support of People's Budget LA and Black Lives Matter and to demand that you defund LAPD and reallocate those funds to community programs that will protect and uplift Black communities and communities of color, who are disproportionately affected by the spread of coronavirus. The \$150 million dollar budget cut that was proposed by Mayor Garcetti is insufficient and insulting. After this miniscule cut, the LAPD will still walk away with over half of the unrestricted funds for the city budget. This is unacceptable. The People's Budget allows 5.7% of the budget to be directed towards the LAPD, and hear us when we say that this figure is just the beginning- more cuts from police will be needed. Community safety and police cannot exist together. In the last budget committee meeting, one of the committee members stated that it would cost millions to fix cop cars that have been damaged. The public has a solution for this problem- don't fix the cars. Decommission them. Spend those millions supporting the communities that have been terrorized by police. The unhoused population of Los Angeles needs shelter. Spend the money on creating housing. The budget committee stated that city council has jurisdiction over community empowerment services- the part of the budget once reserved for funding police violence can be reallocated to focus on pandemic recovery, access to health and wellness services, and reimagined public safety as proposed by the People's Budget in conjunction with Black Lives Matter Los Angeles. Your Constituents are speaking to you and it's your job to listen to us and to act in our best interest. Refusal to listen to the urgent needs of the people you were elected to represent can lead to recall elections. We have seen the violence that cops are inciting in the streets against protestors, and the violence they have perpetuated against individuals and communities. This can no longer be allowed to continue. Show us that you hear us- make a commitment to justice, follow in the steps of the city council members in Minneapolis, and DEFUND THE LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Venecia

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Venecia, I want our elected leaders to start listening to the people who put them into office. We need care and not cops. There is no logical reason why we are giving the majority of our tax dollars to the police department, a department who has historically failed to respect, serve, and protect our communities. There are schools in LA without nurses, counselors, water-supply, sustainable food, play grounds, school supplies, grass fields, etc., we can't afford to continue funding a department that terrorizes its community. Enough is enough. I strongly support the People's Budget LA and the call to Defund the Police and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Sharon Oster

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:19 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Sharon Oster and I strongly support the People's Budget LA and the call to Defund the Police and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. 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 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Saxena

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:10 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Andrew Saxena and I strongly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. 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 invest in communities, not policing. Prioritize your constituents who are suffering under historically racist systems and need more relief. 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:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:13 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: For the safety, health and well being of law abiding citizens, please do not cut funding of LAPD. Increase the LAPD's budget. Also fund community programs that will assist the youth in participating in positive activities that will keep them out of trouble. But don't risk the safety of law abiding citizens from criminalw running loose on the streets by cutting the budget of the LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Anna Geannopoulos

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:56 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: While I support cutting the LAPD's budget, \$100-150 million is not enough. We should defund the police and reallocate the money in line with the People's Budget of LA. The police should not be in our schools. The police should not be harassing people in our public spaces. The police should not be how the city responds to people experiencing homelessness. The police should not be enforcing fare evasion. The police are a band-aid not a solution. Most importantly, the police do not treat all our residents the same way. A routine traffic stop for a black person could lead to death. The police are more likely to kill black people than anyone else. That is not public safety. That is public terror. Let's allocate our funds to help solve problems not deal with their symptoms.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Maloney

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:57 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Emily, and I am a resident of Encino and lifelong Angeleno. I strongly support the People's Budget LA and the call to Defund the Police and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. 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 and incarcerated populations, 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. As a teacher within an LA County Jail, my goal is to render my job unnecessary by providing PREVENTATIVE resources for our most vulnerable communities, instead of spending billions later down the line for incarceration, rehab, etc. Our school operates through restorative justice, and I am certain that implementing restorative justice based initiatives in the community will serve ALL of us. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Erin

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:12 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Erin and I strongly support the People's Budget LA and the call to Defund the Police and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Sara Huevo

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:51 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: This is why people are mad #carenotcops I oppose giving 54% of the budget to police. As a Los Angeles County resident we need to have representatives voted in by their communities to represent our best interest not the interest of big business. People are angry. Even when we advocate, our concerns fall on deaf ears. People are sick of not being heard by the people that are elected and are supposed to be working on our behalf. People being killed and devalued like expendable things. Property is valued more than the lives of people. The importance of profit being prioritized over the health, well being and quality of life of people of color. People that live in communities plagued by dirty water, toxic air, lack of quality education for their children, health inequities, crime & lack of well paid jobs. This is why people are angry. Use this budget to provide services for the healing of our communities not to oppress them. Our communities need services not militarized police. We need these funds for our communities not to oppress them #carenotcops Sincerely, Sara Huevo Social Eco Education Social EcoEducation

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Hirsch

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:54 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I support the radical imagination embodied in the Peoples Budget LA and support the coalition calling for a more humane budget that prioritizes Care Not Cops. The demands of this proposal reflect the voices and needs of the people and it is radical because only that kind of change can address this unprecedented moment of crisis. This City Council body and our larger government have looked the other way while 60K Angelinos are left to die in the streets and cry wolf claiming their hands are tied as if that justifies their inaction. Housing is a human right and yet when our survival and futures are so uncertain because of the economic fall out that is in part a consequence of this pandemic the Mayor callously put forward a Budget proposal that grants over half of the resources to the LAPD and this council rubber stamped it (by refusing to vote into passage). The proposed cut of \$150M is a single digit percentage cut to the general funds that is being handed over to the police and is far from enough to outweigh the decades of systemic racism and neglect that have wrought harm on Black and Brown communities in Los Angeles. We need to see resources funneled into our communities, in particular Black and Brown communities that have been harmed by the impacts of decades of racist policing and institutional failure. Divesting in Police is the first step towards investing in our communities, that is to heal from wounds that have festered for years. COVID is not the only crisis plaguing our city at this moment and our Black neighbors would not be dying at a rate 2 - 3x higher than their population proportion if it weren't for the underlying and chronic illness that has been with our society since its founding; Racism Is A Public Health Crisis. We demand investment in Affordable Housing, in rent relief policies that do not further burden renters who are on the cusp of homelessness in a city with a grossly inflated rental market. We demand an eviction moratorium that does not equate to a rental hike for past due rent when huge number of folks have gone without an income or assistance for months and is in essence an impossible bind and merely delaying a huge spike in homelessness. We demand a Right to Council so that people can have fairly navigate the complicated eviction process. These are some of the allegedly "Radical" concepts of how we can care for our communities that upon further inspection seem essential and necessary repairs. The People's Budget

envision a future where we can all thrive instead of perpetuating the status quo which rewards police who go unchecked for the violence they have inflicted with impunity on our BIPOC neighbors.

Communication from Public

Name: Shaina

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:47 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: \$150M is not enough. Seize this opportunity to make a real impact and lead by example. Defund the police, adopt the People's Budget LA, and work towards safer communities through proactive engagement, education, and establish appropriate response mechanisms to provide crisis intervention, management, and support. Police are a reactive, barbaric response to our societal issues. They are put in an impossible position to be arbiters of peace, because they are tools of violence. They are trained to protect themselves above all else, and fail to do what they are allegedly supposed to do, which is serve and protect our communities. Take the first of many steps towards safer communities and redirect funding from LAPD to effective and much needed community resources.

Communication from Public

Name: Eli Tizcareno

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:49 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Eli Tizcareno with the American Friends Service Committee: Los Angeles, and I strongly support the People's Budget LA and the call to Defund the Police and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. 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 minuscule compared to the 3 billion dollar police budget. \$150 million is not enough! Please fund programs that will truly help people, instead of criminalizing them. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Eli Longnecker

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:51 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please trust that people most impacted by injustice are the experts on how to remedy those injustices. The People's Budget and the call to defund the police are both prime examples. I strongly support the People's Budget LA and the call to Defund the Police and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Heather Roberts
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:52 AM
Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The Mayor's proposed cut of \$150 million dollars to the LAPD budget is too low, I am writing to show my support for the People's Budget LA. The LAPD have proven time and time again that they are incapable of addressing their own systemic racism through reform methods. There must be a divestment from their department, and reallocation of funds to community organizations who are better equipped and better trained to deal with issues in our community such as drug addiction, mental healthcare, and homelessness. This is a new solution, a creative solution, an innovative solution to the violence coming from the LAPD that has plagued our community and led to the murder of our BIPOC citizens. Today I watched with thousands of others as the heroes of Black Lives Matter LA courageously proposed this budget to the LA City Council. But they were met with nothing but political grandstanding. Council members kept saying they were committed to meeting this moment, but then refusing to commit to anything real. I find this unacceptable. This is not the time to protect your political careers. This is the time for action. Make the commitment, be courageous, openly state that the LAPD has failed, and support this plan. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: John Glover

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:53 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: It is essential that we begin to defund LAPD. Many of the tasks that LAPD staff are assigned they are poorly trained for and are outside the scope of violent crime law-enforcement. Those tasks would be better handled by other qualified individuals such as social workers, educators, and employers. Many non-violent crime situations are driven by poverty and poor education. Let's re-divert funding away from LAPD and towards these disadvantaged communities and the education, employment, and social improvement opportunities that will improve conditions, lessen crime, and decrease the number of persons in our criminal justice system. Defund LAPD by at least \$300 million!
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Communication from Public

Name: Emily Caesar

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:54 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As a lifelong resident of the City of Los Angeles, I'm writing to you today to express my strong support for the People's Budget LA and the ongoing and growing calls to defund the police and reallocate those resources to reimagined public safety and the services and programs that help our communities be safe, healthy and well. You took an important first step by inviting the People's Budget LA Coalition to present to you this morning. Let that be the first of many conversations that guide you in the actions you take moving forward. A \$150M cut, is not nearly enough. This proposal would still leave the LAPD with over 50% of unrestricted funds. The people of this City will not be satisfied by this paltry divestment. We are looking for bold, transformational change and you as City Council are in a position to deliver that change. I implore you to be courageous in this moment. Los Angeles should be leading the nation in transforming public safety, not allowing money from the LA Police Protective League to stop you from pursuing the meaningful change we so desperately need.

Communication from Public

Name: Holly Moyer

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:54 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the Council to hear the voices of residents and community leaders saying that “police don’t make communities feel safe – resources do” (as scholar and leader David Turner said in his presentation today, June 15, to members of the City Council); to invest in the beneficial priorities of the People’s Budget such as mental health care, public health, housing security, education, and restorative justice; and to divest in our over-sized policing budget to support those priorities.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicolas

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:24 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I'm against the cutting of funds to the lapd. I am a native of Los Angeles and the police are our local heroes. Defunding and/or abolishment of the lapd is a ridiculous concept. In a society we need law and order and less of it will only benefit criminals. I'm all for more training and/or specialized training for police if needed.

Communication from Public

Name: Nathan York

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:25 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: There are \$750,000 in the LAPD budget dedicated to security for events that largely aren't happening. This money could be put to good use hosting events that hire and feature music acts of color for events free to the public.

Communication from Public

Name: Concerned Member of Society

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:26 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Mayor Garcetti & Los Angeles City Councilmembers, I write this letter to you as a concerned member of society and law abiding citizen. I am respectfully asking that the proposal to defund LAPD be reconsidered. Defunding the police will not help with creating a better community or city. The initial announcement of defunding the police labeled them as villains and the problem, not just in Los Angeles, but nationwide. All the hard work and bridge building that has happened over the years, and following the Consent Decree went immediately down the drain. Now, only the officers, LAPD Civilian workers and their families seem to remember the change that has happened PRIOR to the misfortunate death of George Floyd. Defunding the LAPD would seal the fact that it's own city believes that LAPD are the villains', and 2 things would happen. 1) More people will feel the city is unsafe and will make every effort to protect themselves. They will purchase weapons (legally or illegally) and take the law into their own hands. 2) Criminals will take advantage of the opportunity to inflict harm on others without hesitation because they will know that there will be a delay in response, or no response at all. You will be jeopardizing the lives of Angelinos by doing this. There will be more opportunities for vigilante law and lawlessness will ensue. Additionally, I support the fact that black lives matter. I believe also that ALL lives matter. But we have seen the demands of the organization, Black Lives Matters, become increasingly unreasonable at every level. We can find a reasonable resolution. They must remember that there are many black lives that also wear blue- that those men and women do it with honor and dignity to protect and serve their communities. We can respect each other and come together to rebuild the trust and respect for each other. Los Angeles and the LAPD has always been a city and department that the nation has looked at as an example. LAPD has made substantial changes in training and tactics over the course of time (Consent Decree). They have established great relations with the communities they serve. They should not be punished for the actions of the officers in other cities and states who have not made changes in their departments for decades. Put more officers out there to bridge the gap and let the public know they are not the villains'. Please stop villainizing our police officers. They do not deserve this. Encourage the

citizens to become a man or woman in blue and make changes in their communities. A vast majority of officers are out there to make a difference. There is always room for change. We all need to make an effort to change. The public needs to know that there has been substantial change and growth within the LAPD, but there is always room for more. Defunding though, will not help with making changes. Changes need to come from every individual. Every individual needs to be accepting of others' differences. Every individual needs to want to GIVE and RECIEVE respect, understanding and acceptance. Every individual needs to want to be law abiding. Please reconsider defunding the LAPD. Please DEFEND the LAPD. Please help us heal, together. Remember when we all said, "No one stands alone?" Right now, those very important 1st responders, LAPD and all police officers and all its' civilian workers, and their families, are STANDING ALONE. They give their lives everyday, willingly. PLEASE DO NOT LET THEM STAND ALONE. THANK YOU! Respectfully Submitted

Communication from Public

Name: Grace Cho

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:26 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As a concerned citizen of Los Angeles, I am worried every day about waking up to a headline around a deadly case of use of force by police officers in our city. While I appreciate the efforts to reduce funding allocated to LAPD for the upcoming fiscal year, I think this country and our community need more substantial change. We need to completely re-imagine how we think about public safety. There are efforts taking place across the country in other cities to re-think how police officers interact with communities. New York, San Francisco, and Minneapolis have taken bold steps to change the relationship between police forces and the communities they serve. I haven't seen any analogous efforts come out of Los Angeles. Why is that? Why can't we also be a national leader in re-thinking public safety? Why can't we also respond unequivocally and boldly to the fear experienced by our black and brown neighbors every day? We need change, and we need it now. This is not an issue that will blow over in the short term. This is an issue of life and death, and we need leadership. We have the means. Do you, as our leaders, have the political will?

Communication from Public

Name: Julie

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 05:15 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police is a mistake, our police departments should not accept this, they risk their lives protecting the community. Please stop this nonsense of cutting their budget, they deserve to get paid whatever they do.

Communication from Public

Name: Judith

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose any action that calls for the defunding of ur police departents. They had nothing to do with what happened in Minnesota. OUR police should not be punsihed for their actions. Stop being political pawns in this.

Communication from Public

Name: Juanita Gilmore

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 07:00 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am in support of Redirecting law enforcement funds to our undeserved areas, especially their schools.

Communication from Public

Name: Racquel

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 07:59 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We need police protection and serve our communities. Please do not defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 08:31 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We are Los Angeles city residents fed up with this anti-police and anti law and order narrative. The LAPD budget should be expanded, not reduced. Every vote for appeasement to these fringe groups walking in the streets will be remembered at the polls. The quality of life continues to ho down and we are sick of paying you. We are watching and instead of moving away, will work to remove those who dont serve the actual taxpayers.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie strate

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 08:32 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police who are murdering black and brown and poor people of our community and please please put the money back into healthcare, housing, education, mental health, rehabs and uplifting these communities that have been pushed down for so long. This should even be a discussion. You know it's better for the people.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 09:32 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: In a Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences study edited by UC Berkeley last year, it was discovered that minority civilians are NOT more likely to be killed by white cops. This finding was so shocking, NPR was probably hesitant to report it, but they did last July. Please look it up. Likewise, in Roland Fryer's Harvard University analysis of 1,000 cases countrywide, he found zero evidence of racial disparity in lethal use of force. Quote: "On the most extreme use of force – officer-involved shootings – we found no racial differences in either the raw data or when contextual factors are taken into account." It should be noted that Roland Fryer is a black liberal economist who sought to prove racial bias in policing, but found the opposite to be true. In 2019 in the Washington Post, 9 unarmed African Americans were killed by Policemen & 19 unarmed white men were killed by policemen. There are most certainly bad cops--just as there are bad doctors. But due to a false premise, we are treating all cops with the same disregard that we should treat only the bad ones. Sheriff David Clarke, Milwaukee County's retired (black) sheriff of 15 years makes this interesting point: Each year, roughly 1,000 people are killed in police use of force incidences, while, according to a Johns Hopkins' study, medical errors kill more than 250,000 people each year. Why do we not demand the same reform for the medical industry?? It should also be noted that the Minneapolis police chief, Medaria Arradondo, is black. The mayor is a young Democratic liberal. The district's U.S. House representative is black. The vice president of the city council is black, as is the state attorney general. Derek Chauvin may be a despicable cop, but we do not have proof that he acted out of racism or that his department is racist. Our great City of L.A is already suffering additional crimes from releasing dangerous inmates because of the Covid 19 Pandemic. The last thing we need is less police on the streets. Please consider the horrific repercussions of cutting funds from LAPD. We the people implore you to NOT defund the LAPD. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:18 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Definitely not in support of cutting LAPD's budget, we need more officers and more police related equipment, not less. Please do not put the citizens of Los Angeles at risk to satisfy a political agenda.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:41 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: BLUE LIVES MATTER!!!! Do not defund LAPD! They work so hard to keep the streets safe. Get rid of the Mayor and Cheif who bow down to BLM. We need leaders who stand up for the LAPD! The crime rate is going to go up so much which it already has. What about the law obiding citizens who don't want them defunded and want them to continue to do the wonderful job they do. You guys are cutting from the wrong area if you want to cut from LAPD cut from the security the council members receive especially the Mayor. Also, don't have LAPD protecting the city hall. You let these people so called peacefully protest while we had to stay home during COVID 19 stay home orders and then requested those protestors to self quarantine for 14 days. That quarantine should apply to LAPD, let them stay home for 14 days since they were there too and let the city figure it out themselves. They are human and have families too which they didn't get to see for weeks. Why are they being treated like dogs. The protestors threw all sorts of stuff at them, why wasn't that said on daily briefings. Why is LAPD protecting the city from rioters if you want them defunded. For all the citizens who don't want LAPD tell them to sign a waiver to never call the police again and figure it out themselves. Police officers work so hard and their work shouldn't go unnoticed. Thank you to all the police officers who put their lives on the line every to keep us safe! BACK THE BLUE!

Communication from Public

Name: Patrick Arrue

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:45 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We are a crossroads where courage must override political pressure. We want an accountable police department, but not a broken department that cannot function effectively because of its lack of funding. The actions of the officers in Minneapolis were appalling and criminal. But this is our city, with our own unique set of challenges, and one that requires a strong partnership between local government, police, and our communities. Police officers in this great city perform many duties that the general public is not even aware of. Please remember that any progress we make as a city, as we travel the road to recovery from this pandemic and social unrest, will be stifled by those who's primary goal is to destroy rather than build, to break the law and never follow it, and to ensure that the people of this city always live in constant turmoil and fear. The men and women who stand firmly to stop those individuals are your police officers. Please do not let them down and show them that despite the unfortunate recent events, you our city leaders still believe and hold the virtue that law enforcement is still and shall always be a noble profession. God bless our city!

Communication from Public

Name: Nisha Kashyap

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 09:59 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support redirecting at least \$150M of LAPD's budget to services and resources for the Black community. But, I also believe the LA City Council needs to do more: adopt a People's Budget to ensure a safer, healthier, more vibrant Los Angeles for all. Sincerely, Nisha Kashyap (District 4)

Communication from Public

Name: Anna

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 05:54 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am submitting a public comment in support of defunding the police and urge the City Council to adopt People's Budget LA. I would like to thank BLM-LA for the exceptional presentation of the people's budget this morning. I am in support of defunding the police. I am tired of hearing hollow promises from elected leaders that they will reinvest in the very communities that they are privileged to serve. I know I am not alone. Please adopt the People's Budget LA and defund the LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Larissa

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 04:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Adopt the People's Budget LA. Defund the LAPD. Invest in black and brown communities. STOP KILLING BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE. DEFUND THE LAPD AND GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AROUND YOU.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 04:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Denisse Sanchez and I strongly support the People's Budget LA and the call to Defund the Police and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. 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 social, economic, and health 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 police budget. \$150 million is not enough! I urge you to finally and responsibly represent the needs of your constituents and respect Black lives and fund programs that will truly help people instead of criminalize them.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren K

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I've been a resident and homeowner in District 13 for 8 years. My husband and I pay the city a lot in taxes, and it is unconscionable to us that taxpayers have to pay hundreds of millions of dollars in settlements and legal fees for LAPD's aggressive, violent, negligent officers. Why should the taxpayers be subsidizing police brutality in our communities against our residents? To be told that only \$100M - if that - of the LAPD's budget will go back into communities is unacceptable. I was offended by a comment made by a councilman in his remarks on June 8 as he hemmed and hawed over what could be done to reduce LAPD's budget because they are going to have to replace a dozen cop cars from recent protests. How do we replace the 600 and counting lives taken by LAPD in the past 8 years? The budget is one way to hold a bloated police force to account. We know they can't successfully be sued in civil court, we know Jackie Lacey won't prosecute, we know cops that get fired will just move a county over and destroy more lives there. Why would they care who they harm if they are essentially guaranteed zero consequences? Meanwhile, the city budget has a huge line item dedicated to paying off the families of people they murder. We all know it's not an if or a when, but a how many? Right now, there are mothers praying for their children, worrying that their beloved child could be the next violent viral video or "hashtag" who will inevitably get the call their child was murdered by LAPD. Why are we letting that play out? Why do we have to foot the bill for this killing apparatus that disproportionately tears apart and snuffs out the lives of our Black and brown residents? We have seen that Minneapolis has been able to make some incredible progressive systemic changes because they have spent the past few years putting together a young, diverse city council who has real vision. We deserve a better budget NOW but we also deserve a better, bolder, more representative city council. I will closely follow the organizers and activists who have been on the front lines and elect councilmembers who represent the people's interests instead of a bunch of old, white men who want to defend this relic of a budget and all the broken systems that have gotten us here. It's clear we need to transform the city council to reflect the city we actually live in and serve the actual residents of Los Angeles. Defund the police, defend our communities. Vote in local elections. Black

Lives Matter.

Communication from Public

Name: Talib Mudiwa

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 04:20 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and reinvest into the community

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 04:40 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Melissa Finell. I live in the 5th District of the City of Los Angeles, where I have lived for nearly nine years. I vote in every election. I am writing regarding the 2020-2021 city budget to implore you to adopt the budget presented by People's Budget LA. We must defund the LAPD, invest in communities, and reimagine public safety. I demand that the City Council prioritize care, not cops. I demand drastic and long-overdue changes to LA's budget and priorities. The city budget is currently an immoral document. It is inherently immoral to spend 54% of the city's unrestricted General Fund on the police, especially when the police force is murderous and terrorizing our communities, particularly communities of color. The recent violent behavior of the LAPD in response to residents' protests made this clear to anyone who was previously ignorant of LAPD records and statistics. The LAPD's abysmal performance aside, it is wrong for any city to spend a majority of its budget on the police instead of the people. We are in the midst of a longstanding homelessness crisis now being compounded by a pandemic and an unemployment crisis. How dare the city council even consider allocating much-needed funds to the police? We want a budget that invests in our priorities and needs. We know that the police do not make our communities safe - we want services that help and strengthen our communities. Angelenos are clearly demanding a change, one that is long overdue. Unfortunately many Angelinos were not aware that the distribution of funds in the city budget so favored the police until recently. Anyone who learns this, no matter where on the political spectrum they lie, automatically knows this is wrong. But it is not too late - you have the power to correct this wrong. Please do not sit on your hands. Please reallocate these funds for services that will actually benefit our residents and prevent crime in the long term: housing, healthcare and mental health services, education, jobs, libraries, parks and recreation, and transportation. The Black Lives Matter LA leadership and their partners have already presented a clear budget proposal to the Council. I appreciate their leadership and want to voice my agreement with their demands. This is not a niche position - this is what the people of Los Angeles overwhelmingly want. This is not rocket science. It's a moral imperative. Invest in the people of this city in a meaningful way.

Allow this city to live up to its great potential. Adopt The People's Budget. Best, Melissa Finell

Communication from Public

Name: Eiko Hamada-Ano

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 05:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: 20-0692 Item #3 1. I demand the city to adopt the People's Budget. Please use part of the Police's budget and the COVID disaster relief fund to properly sanitize LA streets from POLICE TEAR GAS, for public health and safety from COVID 19. The streets of LA are now bio-hazard areas from traces left from the chemical weapons. The traces of the chemical ARE STILL present on the streets and exposing Angelenos to COVID 19. DTLA, Fairfax, Beverly Hills, 2. Google the effects of TEAR GAS. The chemicals in tear gas weaken the lungs and raise respiratory issues, making people more vulnerable to COVID 19. Tear Gas is a chemical weapon that causes severe eye and respiratory pain, skin irritation, bleeding, and blindness. 3. Please, sanitize the streets of Los Angeles immediately. This is a public health concern and safety for our children and elders. This is a major liability on the City of LA, the LAPD and Sheriff department, and Public Health. Have the police pick up their own mess; grab a brush and alcohol and clean our streets TODAY. The summer heat will agitate the chemicals. 4. Tear gas is the modern gas chambers, creating genocide of innocent people. 5. Please make a public apology to Angelenos. Take responsibility for the inhumane use of tear gas and NOTIFY the public to properly remove tear gas chemicals.

Communication from Public

Name: Chris Merchant

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 05:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Chris Merchant, I live in CD14, and I'm calling about Agenda Item 3 I'm writing today in support of Black Lives Matter, Healthy LA and the People's Budget coalition. As you know, we are already witnessing a crisis of confidence in the role of the LAPD in this city. I believe we are also witnessing a crisis of confidence in Los Angeles City Council as well. Specifically in it's ability to work as a good-faith partner in the transformational change that so many Angelenos are calling for. Until we have faith in you as a partner you will continue to hear our anger. I heard you say that you are only looking to address the most critical budget items by the end of June, I hope you understand that there is no more important or urgent budget change than defunding the police. Defunding the police is a spectrum and there is a vital conversation that needs to happen about where Los Angeles will sit on that spectrum. BLM Leadership showed up today to start that conversation, but what we need from you is a strong commitment that you will Defund the Police. If you can't commit to that principle, we cannot yet trust you as a negotiation partner. We know that this is possible, because it is happening in other major cities around the country; Minneapolis, Seattle, Denver and San Francisco are already taking action. We are behind the curve. I understand that a comprehensive re-envisioning of public safety will take time and experimentation, but we need to see immediate and significant action from you in order to trust your leadership. Please make a commitment in this meeting to defunding the police, and adopting the People's Budget. Finally, I'd like to state solidarity with the commentator from Stop LAPD Spying; and add that we should immediately cancel LAPD's surveillance partnerships with Ring Doorbell, Clearview AI, and other facial recognition surveillance technologies. Not just because they are expensive, but because they harm our civil rights and form the basis of a dangerously unregulated surveillance apparatus. Thank You.

Communication from Public

Name: Zoe Blackwell

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 02:23 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of City Council District 13, I joined thousands of other residents in my district and tens of thousands of other Los Angeles city residents to fill out the People's Budget survey, and I watched Dr. Melina Abdullah and her comrades present the survey and the People's Budget to the City Council this morning. I want to echo my support for the People's Budget and I urge the City Council to take immediate action in re-imagining how public safety looks in our community by reducing police funding and increasing funding in community-based programs that address housing security, mental health and wellness services, and public health and healthcare resources. At this moment when the multiple traumas of COVID-19, police brutality, and institutional racism are intersecting in our community, a city budget allocating over 50% of tax-payer resources to law enforcement is simply unacceptable. Police don't make communities safer, resources do. Adopt the People's Budget now!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 02:29 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We need to defend the LAPD now. Don't listen to people who say that we need the LAPD to respond to mental health calls; I doubt any of them have had cops called on them for mental health issues. I HAVE, and it was traumatizing. Armed officers came to my door, refuse to listen when I asked them to leave me be, and told me that I had to go to the psych ward with them or they would cuff me and drag me there by force. I was afraid to talk to friends about my problems, let alone mental health workers, for years afterwards in fear of having that happen to me again. And I am white. If I was a black person they could have shot me, as they shot Grechario Mack last April at the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza. Therefore, I am commenting to echo the demand of BLM LA to defund the LAPD and pass the People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Connie Martinez

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 02:36 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: First off, I want it noted that this meeting time was changed at the last minute knowing that many people showed interest in attending to comment on this item. This is not only shocking, but absolutely wrong and in clear opposition to allowing constituents the opportunity be informed and express themselves. Despite this obstacle, enough constituents attended that comments had to be cut off after 90 minutes. However, at the time of cutting off public comment, the remaining constituents who were unable to comment during this allotted time weren't redirected or verbally informed of their ability to submit a written comment. Again, this is problematic as it was known that this is a pressing issue yet rather than providing more avenues for constituencies to be heard especially since many are unaware of how they can participate and this should be facilitated by our representatives. Although I was initially pleased to see councilmembers and the mayor make some adjustments and take another look at the budget, I do believe further examination and reallocation is necessary to help support the community as a whole during this pandemic and in the future. I was glad to hear that meetings will continue throughout the month as more time needs be dedicated to this item. I agree with the majority of the constituents who commented that LAPD should be further defunded (not dismantled, but defunded). The LA People's Budget proposes a 90% to reallocate funds to social services. I find that recommendation a bit reckless and arbitrary, but the argument they propose is not only compelling but valid. It's common knowledge that the LAPD has not been doing a great job of handling misdemeanors or responding to domestic violence and mental breakdowns or episodes, and intake of rape or sexual assaults (to name a few) and they would all be better served with trained professionals. In fact, Mayor Garcetti and Chief Moore have agreed that higher education would be beneficial to better prepare officers for these more complex situations. However, it's unrealistic to expect officers to be educated on so many complex social services. It turns out trained professionals (in addition to being more effective) would also be more COST effective because you don't have to provide them with expensive equipment and legal defense when misconduct occurs. Also, unless you have a volatile situation you can send one trained professional instead of a minimum of two officers. There is a pilot program already in

practice in Eugene, Oregon. I believe a cost analysis of this model should be explored. We still need cops to handle felonies, but we should scale their budget accordingly and reallocate funds to better serve the community especially with the pandemic imposing more challenges and needs. I am not naive in regards to implementing systemic changes and understand there will have to be a transition period. But, it's hard to imagine an alternative worse than what we already have in terms of systemic misconduct and overspending on an inappropriate solution. Therefore, I believe a large reallocation needs to support this transition and there is no reason to further delay the research and process. I am hoping for your consideration and support in this important issue. One final note, in terms of accessibility and transparency, moving forward can remote participation remain an option for constituents post-pandemic? Also, I would like a record provided at the top of the meeting that counts any written or called comments for any item (#in support and #in opposition). I would have liked a count of how many constituents are in attendance at the meeting. At the close of the meeting, I would like a record provided of all written, called, and verbal comments. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Nadezda Sprinza

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 03:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, I represent Russian speaking immigrant communities of Los Angeles. We are strongly opposed to LAPD budget cut. We want our communities safe and strong. This cut is a striking reversal from the budget Garcetti put forward in April, which proposed a 7% spending increase for the LAPD, including a previously agreed-upon package of raises and bonuses for rank-and-file officers. We want our voices be heard, and we are proud of our brave policemen. Sincerely, Nadezda Sprinza

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 03:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles for decades, and having paid my taxes for decades, I cannot help but rub my eyes in disbelief!! Are we really going to give in to a small yet vocal voice of anarchy and lawlessness to under-fund our police? We need strong leaders who can differentiate between honest calls for change in policy and a senseless "punishment" of the brave men and women who put their lives on the line to protect our great city. What I really would like to know is where will these cuts be implemented? Will there be cuts to the mayors motorcade? How about to security in town hall? Something tells me will they be on the streets of law abiding citizens who just want to live in peace, and even more importantly in poor inner city streets where black lives will truly cease to matter! Its time to put things in perspective and focus on what really can make our great city even greater.

Communication from Public

Name: Aubin Crowell

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 03:18 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles. I demand that you support the People's Budget LA in its entirety. The inequity of values in this city is unacceptable!!! The whole point of having a city police department is to make residents feel safer - I and many others DO NOT FEEL SAFE when the LAPD is involved, their track record is sketchy at best, and any good works are overshadowed by destructive LAPD policy + practices and LAPPL interference. We need a complete overhaul of LAPD culture, specifically the underlying principles of how LAPD officers are trained, taught and the mental health programs that are proactive in determining an officers fitness for duty, reframing the role of LAPD in our communities, and the metric system for rating LAPD + officer performance and effectiveness in our communities - it is about QUALITY, not quantity!!!! One Idea that would be less disruptive and effective would be to remove certain responsibilities from the Police department and create specialized branches Specific to these branches. While Reducing responsibilities , restructuring + educating the New Peace Dept (police Dept) simultaneously create several more branches of Civic Service Jobs Examples below. 1- Traffic Patrol (traffic violations, parking , all things road and vehicles) (this branch is no longer in the peace officer job description 2-Mental Health- 3- Homeless 4- Domestic Violence I demand our city to stop rewarding BAD policing policy + BAD Cops with the lions share of our tax dollars and start investing ineffective programs that serve our communities - like those outlined for you in the People's Budget LA. Just so it is clear - this is just the beginning of the LAPD + LAPPL reforms that WE DEMAND to happen in this city. Any of you that has taken a single campaign dollar from the LAPPL will not be supported by the voters in this city! No more placating lip service or scrap agreements to shut us up - If you want to be effective public servants and remain on the city council, do your homework!!!! There are other reform models that our city should start researching and formulating plans to completely overhaul the LAPD, like Camden, New Jersey did. I read a quote recently that summarized public sentiment perfectly..... "If the police did their jobs, everyone would trust them. Ain't no song called Fuck The Fire Department" Be on notice that I and many others are watching you and paying

attention to who you are supporting and what actions you are taking that represents the will of the people who voted you onto the city council.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Altschul

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:40 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am a lifelong Angeleno, a resident of District 5, and I vote in every election. I, along with the people of Los Angeles, will no longer accept incremental reform to our current policing system as a "solution" to the myriad issues surrounding policing in our city. Adopt the People's Budget. Divest from the LAPD and invest in community wellbeing. It was an important first step to invite and broadcast BLM-LA and The People's Budget Coalition to a meeting prior to this budget meeting to speak on Angelenos' priorities at this time. I hope you heard them loud and clear. We want - we need - to reimagine public safety. Housing security, healthcare, mental healthcare, and programs that will uplift our Black community -- NOT further investments in the LAPD who have terrorized the Black community for decades. This is a time to make waves, to make change, to be the city we know we can be. Create a better Los Angeles - one that works for everyone, and invests in those who've been repeatedly harmed by past policy and budget allocation. Invest in care, not cops. Adopt The People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Linda Lucks

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:53 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is LindaLucks, speaking on behalf of Venice Community Housing with properties in CD5 & 11 and I strongly support the People's Budget LA and the call to Defund the Police and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. Decades of racist policies, land use planning, redlining, militarizing LAPD and disinvestment from LA's Black communities, including in Venice, continue to have devastating effects today. As we saw in print again this week, 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. We are 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Kylie Williams
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 02:00 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: I support reallocating funds from the LAPD to disadvantaged and communities of color!

Communication from Public

Name: Julia
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 02:14 PM
Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I sat on hold for over two hours this afternoon in an effort to lend my voice to the debate raging over item #3 listed on the Budget Committee's meeting agenda for today, but did not have an opportunity. As a voting constituent of Councilman Krekorian's district, I am urging you to INCREASE FUNDING to the police. I am not affiliated with the police or any organization. I am a concerned citizen. To those on the call this morning who were claiming to be unanimous in their cries to defund the police, and who were admonishing voices on the other side of the debate to stop claiming to care about rape victims: How dare you presume to speak for me? I was disabled when I became the victim of a violent rape in Los Angeles. The men who attacked me do not care about black lives. They do not care about blue lives, white lives, female lives, or any lives—they are evil and would never have been stopped with discussion or pleading. The current wave of the Black Lives Matter movement was precipitated by an unconscionable but isolated act in another city, the apparent cruel and senseless murder of George Floyd. Callers who are urging for defunding the police are begging society to stop judging a marginalized group by a superficial measure, namely, to stop judging black people by the color of their skin. However, in doing so, they are judging the entirety of the Los Angeles Police Department and police departments across the country by an equally superficial measure—the actions of a few evil men dressed in blue. Average Angelinos cannot stop or discourage the evil men who attacked me just by being nice people themselves. We need well-trained, talented, caring men and women on the police force who are willing to serve the people by whom they are employed. We cannot attract nor properly train the caliber of citizens we need to serve on the police force by defunding the police. We cannot overcome a pervasive rape culture within the system, nor expect the police department to adequately root out the criminals who somehow slip through the cracks and walk among them, by restricting their funding. What we need is not the outrageous and ludicrous idea to abolish police forces, an idea which has been refuted by thousands of years of human history; nor is it to cut several million dollars from the resources used to train and assist the force that we need to keep us safe. We expect increased funding for schools, mental health services, homeless

services, and other necessary social services provided by the government of a people and by a people to provide for a people, to provide positive results. We need to INCREASE funding of the police in order to achieve the same effect.

Communication from Public

Name: Pearl C Hsiung

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 02:18 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I implore you to utilize some of the \$150 million cut from the LAPD budget be used for funding the LA Department of Cultural Affairs. Although I believe that we need a massive further defunding of the police budget and ultimately to ABOLISH the police in favor of reimagining public safety that really works, I believe that part of the \$150 million would be meaningfully spent on the DCA and the invaluable arts culture and artist community of Los Angeles that it supports.

Communication from Public

Name: Esther Chung

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 02:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DO NOT DEFUND THE POLICE- The angry BLM anarchy-loving kids are so organized, but they are lacking common sense. These kids who are calling are obviously thinking a few bad apples make the whole tree bad. They are so rude and I blame their parents and these liberal colleges. NO...DO NOT DEFUND THE POLICE. Criminals will only increase in boldness with less police presence. The police are not the ones committing crime. Defunding police will not create utopia. I actually feel bad for you, councilmen.

Communication from Public

Name: Allison Riley

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Allison Riley with Venice Community Housing. We demand: • Adoption of the People's Budget! Defund LAPD, and reallocate those resources to community services and investment in Black communities. • Invest in Equitable Housing Solutions! Affordable housing, social housing, permanent supportive housing and fully funded eviction defense. • Invest in Protections for Workers! Fully fund the City's Office of Wage Standards, fully fund the City's day labor centers and continue funding job education through community organizations.

Communication from Public

Name: Gaby Sarmiento
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 02:07 PM
Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Gaby Sarmiento. I will speak on item 3. Council member Kerkorian we see you. The LAPD PAC has donated \$24,999 to your 2020 re-election campaign. Every other council member has also received financial support from the LAPD PAC. This is one reason you all are scared to divest funds from them. However, you all should be more scared of the citizens of LA. WE WILL VOTE YOU OUT if you do not defund the police. We are tired of hearing meaningless platitudes when no real commitment or action has been taken. The Council must instead commit to following the People's Budget LA. Seattle just cut their police budget by 50%, San Francisco committed to no police for mental health and other issues, Denver cancelled their contract for police in schools, Minneapolis is dismantling their police department.... While the leadership of LA said they will merely cut \$150 million???? out of \$3.15 billion???? This is unacceptable. How many more black lives have to be lost before we change? Radical changes are needed. Defunding the police is one of these significant changes. Follow the People's Budget LA.

Communication from Public

Name: Carmina Calderon

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:07 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Carmina Calderon, I'm a community organizer in Los Angeles, and I strongly support the People's Budget LA and the call to Defund the Police and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. I watched the presentation of the People's budget from the Black Lives Matter organizers, and all I saw was head nodding, and talking about why it's so hard for you. I appreciate that you were receptive, but I saw no commitment from anyone present. 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 minuscule 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. When you fund the actual resources that people need, you realize that you don't need policing. Think of safety from a public health perspective, and your whole perspective will change. Healthy communities don't need policing! -Carmina

Communication from Public

Name: Whitney Skauge

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:27 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The People of Los Angeles have clearly spoken and are shouting: Support the People's Budget. We are demanding that you invest in our communities and stop protecting a broken system. Black Lives Matter Los Angeles gave a beautiful, informative, and passionate presentation clearly presenting the real priorities of Angelenos. Mayor Garcetti's budget does not even come close to capturing the real priorities of the city. Your bland statement of "continuing conversations" is insulting and will want to meet this historic moment. The entire city is literally telling you what to do you. This is so frustrating. We are tired of hearing about what you are thinking about doing instead of just doing it. You can be bold leaders — we need you to be bold leaders and we are demanding that you be bold leaders. So what are you gonna do? The true leaders of our city are people are behind this initiative - they are offering you a clear path to success. Why are you too filled with ego and fear to help the city? To truly make a change? Why is this a debate? I love this city so much. I'm sure at one time you did too. This is a beautiful chance to make this city BETTER. We can be one of the most progressive, creative, imaginative cities in the entire world. But we as the People need your help to do so. We are asking you to come on this journey with us and help us create a better world. This isn't a joke. This isn't us being overly emotional. This is us trying to make a better world. Will you help us? You have a real chance here to make history. DEFUND THE POLICE.

Communication from Public

Name: L. Orozco

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:28 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As a concerned citizen and an educator in our beautiful city of Los Angeles: I demand that you listen to your constituents, reimagine public safety and the well being of Angelinos. I demand that as paid leaders you be courageous and defund the LAPD, prioritize Black lives and implement the People's Budget. We need humane services-- more trained health and social services workers. We need more educators and mental health professionals. We need THESE public servants to be paid for their work-- WE DO NOT NEED OR WANT THE POLICE. Listen to the people: Defund the police, adopt the People's Budget!!

Communication from Public

Name: Dusty Hall

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:10 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Dusty Hall, I'm a resident of Highland Park and I strongly support the People's Budget LA and the call to Defund the Police; I support reallocating those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. 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.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:11 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please DEFUND THE POLICE!!! They do NOT need 17 helicopters. That is ridiculous, and the police are NOT the military! Why do they have military-grade weapons?? With COVID-19, TEACHERS have been laid off. The police do NOT need a higher budget, and they don't deserve over 50% of MY TAX DOLLARS! I request that a higher budget cut be made, and that these funds are invested into educational services, and community of colors.

Communication from Public

Name: Mihran Kalaydjian

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD budget is twice as much (3.1B) as North Korea spends on its military (1.6B). I believe that, when we're strategizing about messaging, we should be cautious about accepting the ideological framing of our opponents. Any time we accept a conservative framing on a given debate, we've already lost control of the message. We should get used to asking for what we really want, and then revising it in negotiation rather than arriving at the table having already compromised. We should be firm allies to BLM in pushing to defund the police, because it is the right thing to do, because it would provide plenty of money for our cause, and because the available polling and other evidence indicates that BLM's messaging is quite popular. The LAPD budget should be slashed, from 50% to more like 5%. But it's not just about reducing that expenditure. It's about using the money in the best way. The officers are already alienated from the communities they police. The freedom to use force, and the power to protect abuses of it, has created endless abuses, and a culture of toughness and power that cannot be reconciled with serving and protecting communities at large. Instead, police work is by and large about protecting those who benefit from current laws against those who challenge those benefits or laws; that is, about protecting current order.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:35 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Ms.Martinez, Mr. Wesson, Mr. Price, MS. Rodriguez, Mr. Krekorian. I am an Angeleno and I live in District 6. 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 resources that are currently being distributed to the Los Angeles Police Department could be invested towards mental health programs, much needed affordable housing, childcare, after-school programs,etc. We need your commitment to the people of Los Angeles, invest in the communities that support you.

Communication from Public

Name: claire

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:33 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Claire and want to express my support for the People's Budget LA and the call to Defund the Police and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, affordable housing and investments directly benefiting Black communities. Decades of racist policies, land use planning and disinvestment from LA's Black communities continue to have devastating effects today. If any of you have ever said Black Lives Matter you need to back that up by Defunding the Police. Now is the time for you to be actual leaders and not just bozo politicians. The Police continue to inflict harm on the residents of the city you are supposed to serve. Black residents are overrepresented in the homeless population, COVID cases, eviction cases and continue to experience higher rates of unemployment. 33 % of LA's homeless population is black or African American, compared to 9% of the overall population 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 NOTHING compared to the 3 billion dollar police budget. \$150 million cuts is not enough! Please fund programs that will truly help people, instead of criminalize them. You have your jobs to serve this city and be leaders of positive change for the residents. How is it that you feel you are accomplishing that when the police are killing black and brown people? How do you believe you are doing your job well when working families are forced to live with their kids on the street or in their cars? How you act now impacts the lives of people in the city. Be better.

Communication from Public

Name: Meghan Hart

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:33 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Meghan Hart and I am 34 years old, privileged white female. I had never heard of 'defund the police' up until a few weeks ago when I attended my first Black Lives Matter protest. Since then, I have learned, researched, and listened. I just watched the Black Lives Matter budget presentation at City Hall and I hardly heard any responses to police change and reform. I heard responses about housing for homeless and mental health services. But what about the police? Their entire presentation was about changes to the police budget which will then go to investing in communities. What does public safety look like? I was very fortunate with the education that I received growing up, I went to a private high school - in fact the same school that Mayor Garcetti went to. We had security guards, guidance counselors, nurses, school psychologists, after school programs, and peer support groups. Why can't we invest in these type of programs instead of the police in black communities and at our schools? Let's invest in the well being and care and education of our kids and allow police to be the LAST resort. I grew up thinking of police as aid that helps out in an emergency - when you've exhausted all other avenues - so why are police first in line at schools, prioritized above all other means such as counselors, nurses, school psychologists, and social workers - so that we can prevent police involvement in the first place?

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:43 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I disagree with defunding the Police Department. Please listen to the voices of reason (including Police Union and others that benefit from several of the various employee contracts) that are calling for CAREFULLY looking at instituting training and safety management. The first step should be to have all City Politicians Personally Fund any personal Security they wish to have. Use those funds as a start-up to increase/improve police training. You all have the skills and abilities to do the Right Things. This short-sided sound-byte is Not the way.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:25 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Sami and I strongly support the People's Budget LA and the call to Defund the Police and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Maria Patino Gutierrez

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:25 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Maria Patiño Gutierrez and I strongly support the People's Budget LA and the call to Defund the Police and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Fierro-Clarke

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:26 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Alex and I strongly support the People's Budget LA and the call to Defund the Police and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. 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.

Communication from Public

Name: sylvia

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:26 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a stakeholder in Council District 15 in the neighborhood of Wilmington. I strongly support the People's Budget LA and the call to Defund the Police and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting communities of color, with priority for Black + Brown communities. 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 urging your strong action 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! Please fund programs that will truly help people, instead of criminalize them. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Patti Kilroy

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:17 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I listened to the presentation by Black Lives Matter - Los Angeles to the City Council this morning and was very disappointed and frustrated by the lack of concrete, actionable commitment of members of the City Council. \$150 million diverted from the police is not enough. We need to take more money from the punitive systems created by the LAPD, and give them to community initiatives that address the root causes, especially those supporting housing support, education, and infrastructure. Over-policing communities is not an effective solution. I am in full support of the People's Budget, defunding the LAPD, and the invaluable work of Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles. Please commit to supporting the People's Budget - don't pass the buck to other government agencies. The City of LA should lead the movement in reimagining what community safety can be. Sincerely, Patti Kilroy

Communication from Public

Name: Lidia Orozco

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:18 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, I am emailing as a concerned citizen and an educator in our beautiful city of Los Angeles. I demand that you listen to your constituents, reimagine public safety and well being. I ask that you be courageous and defund the LAPD and prioritize Black lives and implement the People's Budget. We need humane services-- more trained health and social services workers. We need more educators and mental health professionals. We need the public servants to be paid for their work-- WE DO NOT NEED OR WANT THE POLICE. Defund the LAPD, adopt the People's Budget!! -Lidia Orozco

Communication from Public

Name: Grace Song

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:20 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Grace Song and I strongly support the People's Budget LA and the call to Defund the Police and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. 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. These disparities have been highlighted and further exacerbated by the current COVID-19 crisis. 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! Especially when only 8% of the Governor's budget proposal is dedicated to critical health and human services. Adopt the People's Budget and invest in the universal needs of our communities. Fund programs that will truly help people, instead of criminalize them. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:21 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I agree with a previous caller. Put this matter on the November ballot. Some areas request defunding and others do not. We have great relationships with our LAPD Devonshire in CD12. While we sympathize and agree reforms and reallocation of some funds is needed, we have 10,000 officers and air support for 4,000,000 people, in 467 square miles. Cutting policy will put the citizens in danger. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Florice Houde

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:22 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles. I demand that you support the People's Budget LA in its entirety. The inequity of values in this city is unacceptable!!! The whole point of having a city police department is to make residents feel safer - I and many others DO NOT FEEL SAFE when the LAPD is involved, their track record is sketchy at best, and any good works are overshadowed by destructive LAPD policy + practices and LAPPL interference. We need a complete overhaul of LAPD culture, specifically the underlying principles of how LAPD officers are trained, taught and the mental health programs that are proactive in determining an officers fitness for duty, reframing the role of LAPD in our communities, and the metric system for rating LAPD + officer performance and effectiveness in our communities - it is about QUALITY, not quantity!!!! I demand our city to stop rewarding BAD policing policy + BAD Cops with the lions share of our tax dollars and start investing ineffective programs that serve our communities - like those outlined for you in the People's Budget LA. Just so it is clear - this is just the beginning of the LAPD + LAPPL reforms that WE DEMAND to happen in this city. Any of you that has taken a single campaign dollar from the LAPPL will not be supported by the voters in this city! No more placating lip service or scrap agreements to shut us up - If you want to be effective public servants and remain on the city council, do your homework!!!! There are other reform models that our city should start researching and formulating plans to completely overhaul the LAPD, like Camden, New Jersey did. I read a quote recently that summarized public sentiment perfectly..... "If the police did their jobs, everyone would trust them. Ain't no song called Fuck The Fire Department" Be on notice that I and many others are watching you and paying attention to who you are supporting and what actions you are taking that represents the will of the people who voted you onto the city council.

Communication from Public

Name: Leiza T Castillo

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:23 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: After hearing the amazing Black Lives Matter activists speak this morning, the City Council must make explicit that they are going to defund the police. They can do this by actually saying they will DEFUND THE POLICE. As BLM eloquently lays out, more money to community workers and mental health professionals is much more effective in developing community safety. Adopt the People's Budget. Defund the Police.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:23 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, I was just on the call and heard a lot demands to defund the police. I understand that emotions are very high right now. But I think defunding the police is a very dangerous, and will put communities at a higher risk, particularly the minority communities. As a member of the Jewish community, I am also concerned given the recent uptick in antisemitic incidents, including the vandalization of a synagogue in Beverly Hills, and synagogues being defaced with graffiti. I urge our leaders to please not defund the police, but rather allocate resources to better training, along with more police outreach to make our communities much safer. Thank you, Michael

Communication from Public

Name: Gillard Family
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:47 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Vote no on de-funding of police department.

Communication from Public

Name: Indira Orozco

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:52 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I stand with Black Lives Matter and demand that the Mayor and City Council prioritize care NOT cops. I also demand drastic changes to LA's budget. The mayor's budget does not reflect our values. We need less policing, and more crisis relief. Cutting the LAPD's budget by 5% is not enough, 54% of the unrestricted General Fund is currently allocated to LAPD. We demand that City Council and the Mayor disinvest from the police. We want a budget that invests in our priorities and needs. We know that the police do not make our communities safe—we want services that help and strengthen our communities. Recently, both Mayor Garcetti and City Council have unveiled proposals to cut the LAPD's funds by up to \$150 million; don't be fooled, this would still leave over half our budget going to policing. We demand more. City Council and the Mayor can still make changes to the budget. Black Lives Matter has engaged in a participatory process, listened to the community, and came up with the People's Budget to reflect what Angelenos truly want. The results are clear: we want more low-income housing and more services for unhoused Angelenos; more mental health services; rent suspension and cancellation during this pandemic; more funding for public schools and resources to ensure all students can continue learning during these uncertain times; and investments directly benefiting Black communities. We want human-centered services. We do not want more police.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Lynn

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:59 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defunding or cutting the police budget will just equate to less officers patrolling the streets, longer response times and a reduction in police services. As it stands today, there is already a common theme of complaints from most communities, with concerns over increased crime, and the lack of police patrols and response times in their community. Even if the additional reforms and trainings are fully funded elsewhere in this budget, it may take years for them to have a meaningful effect on crime. Drug treatment programs, better support for prisoners reentering society, programs to help the mentally ill - all of these take years to have an effect on crime. As an example, its been four years since County Funding for Homeless Shelters and Housing was approved, yet there are still over 66,000 of our citizens living on the streets, and getting worse every year. Areas of law enforcement such as traffic, burglaries, robberies, thefts, along with violent crimes, etc., take up a bulk of a typical officer's time... and are unlikely to be able to be resolved or reduced by social personnel during this upcoming Calendar year. Also, technology-based crimes have also resulted in more work for LAPD, with the police having an increasing role in investigating identity theft, ATM skimming cyber attacks, online fraud, etc., which are also part of the LAPD budget. LAPD seems pretty firm in their statements that the \$100-150 Million reduction that you seek WILL result in taking officers off the streets. Although there is widespread agreement that offloading some LAPD responsibilities is a good idea and should be explored further, Los Angeles Neighborhoods should not be deprived of crime and safety protections (that LAPD provides) in the interim.

Communication from Public

Name: Victoria G

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I do not believe that the LAPD should be defunded or suffer a reduction in funding. I DO believe that the department should allocate existing budgets/funds to the assignment of an independent review board to consider administrative, tactical training and additional oversight recommendations that will ensure fair and safe handling of 'law and order' to the citizens that the LAPD vows to 'protect and serve'. Additionally, I believe the Edward M. Davis Training Center in Mission Hills should be made available to Civilians once a quarter to allow use of the track for motorcycle training and community liaisons. Our tax dollars surely should warrant such use. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexandra T

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I was very proud of my city earlier this year at the start of this crisis. I was proud of the quick action by city leadership to shut down, I was proud of the effective management of our resources to ensure we didn't exceed hospital capacity, and I was proud that LA was the first city in the nation to offer free testing for all. Then I saw the city council abdicate its leadership towards the end of March, cancelling meetings when we desperately needed swift and decisive action to protect the tenants that make up 60% of our city; the very same tenants that are slated to become homeless in droves in just a couple of short months due to the failure of our city council to cancel rent. Maybe you don't understand what it's like to rent, considering most of you are landlords, but I do. I work at a prestigious law firm in the Financial District. I am lucky to still have a job. If I lost that job, I would be on the street in a matter of weeks. Think about that--I have a white collar job, and I would be homeless very quickly if I lost it. Think about those who now have nothing, who are crying out for your help, while you watch silently. I saw as pleas to house the homeless as quickly as possible in vacant hotels, to ensure they could self-isolate properly--a very reasonable request, considering that the safety of all Angelenos is impacted by the health of our most vulnerable--I saw them dismissed out of hand. Where there should have been a deluge, there was a trickle. They are still on the street, with no gyms to shower, no libraries to keep cool, no way to practice the hygiene and care that ALL citizens need them to. I saw police brutalize not just the homeless, but the protesters who took to the streets months later, protesting the very brutality they were targeted with. I saw the mayor release a draconian budget that prioritized their right to violence over our right to safety. I saw the city council, again and again, claim they were doing right by their constituents, when they weren't doing anything at all. And I'm ashamed. I used to be proud to call myself Angeleno. Not now. I'm ashamed to live in this backwards city that doesn't care about its citizens, led by people who can be paid not to listen to the overwhelming pleas of their constituents, paid in only tens of thousands of dollars. I can guess what you're thinking--that we just don't understand. That we aren't well-versed enough in policy and politics to understand the decisions you have to make. Frankly, if you are thinking that, it's insulting to your constituents.

We understand just fine. We understand human decency and compassion. We understand that until we are ALL safe, none of us are. We know where our priorities lie--it is YOUR job to turn those priorities into policy. We need to redirect funding away from police, and specifically, direct it towards our unhoused neighbors. It is a mockery of our values that we can claim to live in a cosmopolitan, metropolitan city, a beacon of freedom and wealth and innovation to the world, and yet tens of thousands of our neighbors live without shelter or dignity, and hundreds of thousands more are at the precipice of joining them. It is a disgrace that our city is not the leaders on this subject--that the history books will remember San Francisco and Minneapolis before they remember us. We can do better than that. We ARE better than that. You told us over and over that you would make decisions guided by science and experts regarding the pandemic, that our safety was more important than any economic concerns, that you would protect us. You told us over and over that we just couldn't afford to take care of our most vulnerable, that there was just no money to do what we needed to do. That fixing the housing crisis, ensuring shelter for all was just too expensive. Well, we found the money. We found your line item. We have been loud, clear, and consistent. The protests have not stopped. The calls and emails have not stopped. And they're not going to stop, not until you act. I know you have it in you. I know you can be leaders on this. Please, we're all begging you, please. Defund the police, invest in services, not sweeps, and care, not cops. These aren't hashtags. These are desperate cries. Heed them, or the lives that are lost to the pandemic and to your police will be on your hands.