

Communication from Public

Name: Baila

Date Submitted: 06/16/2020 11:39 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am against the Mayor's and the City Council's proposed budget cut for the LAPD. Leave the LAPD Budget as is. Do not DEFUND the LAPD. The LAPD is one of the top police departments in the country. LAPD'S community policing is very effective and they need their budget intact to continue their fine work. They have exemplary officers and leadership in the department. The current climate to defund, disband and effectively destroy Police Departments around the country is dangerous. This is not what the majority of good, upright citizens of this country, this state or this city want. There is a very loud, very volatile minority of people who are pushing this agenda to destabilize The United States of America and create chaos. Police brutality in Minneapolis and elsewhere by a few bad cops has nothing to do with the LAPD! Re: LAPD and use of force. • The Department has instituted a moratorium on the use of Carotid Restraint Control Holds (CRCH). The Department already reserves the use of CRCHs for deadly force situations. They are used very infrequently in the three years since this was implemented. (1 in 2019, 1 in 2018, 2 in 2017). • Requirement for de-escalation. The Department already has a requirement for de-escalation in tactical situations. The Department teaches the PATROL (Planning, Assessment, Time, Redeployment, Other Resources, and Lines of Communication) acronym for officers to use as a tool to de-escalate situations. If officers fail to de-escalate where it was reasonable to expect them to do so, they receive administrative findings of Administrative Disapproval for their Tactics. In extreme cases, an officer's lack of de-escalation and poor tactics can be utilized to make the use of force itself "Out of Policy." Additionally, the analysis of de-escalation is part of the review and adjudication of every use of force. • Requirement to exhaust all alternatives before shooting. This is in line with LAPD's De-Escalation policy. By its nature, if they did everything they could reasonably do to de-escalate than they would have exhausted all alternatives prior to shooting. One thing to consider is that officers may be faced with circumstances that preclude them from providing warnings or De-escalating. • Ban on shooting at moving vehicles. The Department already prohibits shooting at or from moving vehicles. Built into every policy is the caveat that under exigent circumstances the officers may be able

to articulate violating specific policies. • Requirement for comprehensive reporting. The Department reports more in depth use of force information than any large department in the country. Please review the 2019 and 2018 LAPD Use of Force Year End Review which is available at LAPDONLINE.org. • Additionally, LAPD has several entities within the Department that work in conjunction with civilian social workers: Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) where an officer and a civilian social worker respond to calls where there are victims of domestic violence. Mental Evaluation Unit (MEU) and Case Assessment Management Program (CAMP) are programs where officers and civilian mental health clinicians respond to calls for service involving the mentally ill or persons experiencing a mental health crisis. Homeless Outreach Partnership Endeavor (HOPE) detail officers work in conjunction with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), People Assisting The Homeless (PATH), Sanitation Department, LA County Mental Health Department and the Mayor's Unified Homelessness Resource Center (UHRC) The LAPD budget, the entire budget is needed to give more resources to these programs that already exist within the LAPD. It's working. WLAPD has 64 square miles in this division. There are only 7 basic cars for this area. We need more resources not less. Part 1 Crime, prior to the recent civil unrest and looting, is lower than last year. Our LAPD is doing a great job! The People's Budget LA is full of inaccurate information. It's a slander piece to advance their agenda. The City Council and the Mayor need to listen to the truth not just the loudest voices. The majority of Angelinos supports the LAPD. Sincerely, Baila Romm

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Name: 90019 Resident
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Comments for Public Posting: See attached file for public record statement.

As the son of a law enforcement officer, I dealt with countless egregious remarks such as "fuck the police" and "all cops are bastards" or "pigs" and I always came to my father's defense. The outstanding service he provided to our community went often unrecognized. He would dress up as Santa, while he was off-duty, to give community children a little happiness during Christmas. He would buy food for the homeless and check up on known addicts and residents with mental health issues. His intent wasn't to "turn them in" or get them in trouble, but to gain a respectable rapport and to show empathy and compassion. The overwhelming MAJORITY of our law enforcement takes pride in their job as public servants.

All that said, law enforcement officers are not perfect and are not above the law they were sworn to serve and protect. All Officer-Involved Shootings and Uses of Excessive Force need to be dealt with swiftly, and most important, independently. We've seen too often the misuse of power that results from internal investigations and persuasion from powerful police unions. What we all saw on TV and social media during the protests in the Fairfax area was horrific. In my opinion, if the organizers of that event had a conversation with local police to outline the expected route of the protest, much of the harm and violence that ensued could have been avoided. When an extremely large group of people takes to the streets to express their anger and frustration, it should absolutely be praised. But, when police don't know where they're going and the crowds affect the ability of Emergency Vehicles from accessing public roads, this can be extremely dangerous for everyone. However, if after police have proclaimed an "unlawful assembly" and have clearly, loudly, and effectively warned the public of the ramifications for not dispersing, that shouldn't allow them to abuse their power and turn to violent tactics to disperse a crowd. They should have just started to detain people that were peacefully sitting in streets and only resorted to non-lethal tactics when necessary.

In 2016, then Dallas Police Chief David Brown shrewdly said, "We're asking cops to do too much in this country. Every societal failure, we put it off on the cops to solve." I absolutely agree. The purpose of law enforcement is to do just that, enforce the law. They shouldn't be responsible for identifying and attempting to solve our societal issues such as homelessness, mental health, public school security, etc. There are trained individuals who have devoted their professional lives to addressing those issues, so why aren't we adequately funding those areas?

The People's Budget that was presented to you this week was informative and powerful. The ultimate goal of investing primarily into our communities and relying less on police to handle those issues is commendable. However, I don't see that happening overnight, or within 2020-21. The migration to a more effective police department and a more active community-based environment is going to take time. There has to be collaboration with police and social service departments, so that a meaningful and effective "passing of the torch" process is implemented.

The data demonstrated by The People's Budget only reflects the sentiments of a very very small percentage of the 4 million LA residents. I would be very interested to see if the data changes by

including a much more diverse and larger sample size. If they are trying to expand their support base, I believe they should promote a more positive perception and collaboration with the police. The vast majority of LA residents, of all shapes, sizes, and colors, do not support radically reducing the size of police from 7000 patrol officers to 700, as implied by the 90% budget reduction proposed by The People's Budget. If residents don't feel safe, they will eventually move to areas outside of LA that have appropriate police. That means property taxes decrease, which means the general fund decreases, which means the overall budget decreases.

For the 2020-21 budget, the first thing that should be reduced is any "negotiated" raises for LAPD. Hundreds of thousands of Angelenos have lost their jobs due to COVID, so the last thing that should be approved is an INCREASE to their pay. I think you should adopt an outline that addresses how you plan to appropriately move funding for the next 5 years from LAPD to social services. You should promote "Meet the Police" events so that officers and residents can get to know each other and build positive relationships, which helps everyone when responding to calls. I think all LAPD officers should have a college degree, especially in criminal justice, sociology, or psychology. Teachers and social workers go to school for 6 years, racking up loan debt, just to earn a FRACTION of what police officers make. We should be paying THEM overtime for the work they do to improve our communities.

Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel David

Date Submitted: 06/16/2020 03:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Good day, I'm a resident of Los Angeles who is certainly liberal in every sense of the word. I care about black people, their experiences as an historically marginalized group, and ultimately support policies that help create more equal access to education, health care, and jobs. However, Black Lives Matter, including LA's local chapter, is lead by those who are largely guided by a worldview and academic sociological field called "Critical Race Theory". Please remember the name Critical Race Theory (CRT) because it represents the intellectual foundation for BLM. Before you pass this motion to defund the police, PLEASE take time to research CRT, because if you do not understand what CRT truly represents, then you do not understand Black Lives Matter in its current incarnation. CRT is a radical neo-Marxist philosophy which dictates that all aspects of western society, including law, policing, the constitution, Liberal ideals (with a capitol L), free speech, individual rights, and even the scientific method are inherently based in white supremacy. This sounds extreme, and even laughable, but because the core of society is essentially white supremacist, the only way to fix it is to start all over again after it is "dismantled" -- hence, "Dismantle the Police". This academic field is widespread, and it's training (arguably, brainwashing) our young students every day throughout the country and the western world. Do not underestimate CRT's impact on our current discourse, because once you learn more about its foundational ideas, you will quickly recognize the patterns in messaging (arguably, propaganda). Another fundamental thing to understand is that CRT firmly and passionately believes that radical social change must occur "by any means necessary". This includes working within the system in order to subvert it directly, such as the motion you are currently considering to "defund the police". The goal is power fundamentally, meaning the power to make social change for power's sake alone. This power will provide a path for further abuses that will only seem rational given the concessions that have already been made to the activists. Please trust me when I say, this movement is a Trojan Horse, so to speak. It is Orwellian in nature, because free speech is inherently white supremacist, according to CRT. I am not mincing words. I am not exaggerating. I am a concerned and educated citizen of Los

Angeles who stands in direct opposition to Black Lives Matter's current line of argument, despite the fact that I do agree with many of the outcomes they're trying to achieve. This is obvious when BLM uses terms such as, "participatory budgeting", "social justice", "equity", "progress", "liberation", plus many more. They have intentionally co-opted Liberal terms to mean something entirely different, such as "white supremacy" and "systemic racism" being fundamental aspects of society. Not a bug, but a feature. Liberals want more freedom for everyone, and CRT, thus BLM, wants something entirely different -- they explicitly want overthrow the entire system of Liberal Democracy that has been responsible for both the tragedies and triumphs in American history. I couldn't rely on a cliché more heavily than "The road to hell is paved in good intentions". Please, if you believe in liberal ideals, the freedom to express yourself as an individual in a free country, the ability to reason and lean on the scientific method to advance society, then you will certainly disagree with the fundamental principles in CRT. There is no compromising with CRT because it is essentially totalitarian and collectivist. I cannot emphasize this enough. Please take the time to research CRT before you commit to the People's Budget as presented by members of BLMLA. Thank you so much Daniel David

Communication from Public

Name: Weston Gaylord

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Weston Gaylord and I strongly support the People's Budget LA. We must defund the LAPD and redirect those resources to affordable housing, right to counsel and eviction defense. The proposed \$150 million LAPD budget cut is an insulting gesture of placation, and will not create lasting change. It is vital that the city take steps to reallocate this funding to support our most vulnerable LA residents, especially the Black unhoused population.

Communication from Public

Name: Jillian Strong

Date Submitted: 06/16/2020 10:23 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of CD4 represented by David Ryu. Mr. Ryu, we need you to explicitly and unequivocally come out in support of The People's Budget LA. We need you to come out in support of defunding the police. Your pandering words and performative actions have no meaning until you do so. If you do not voice your support of The People's Budget LA, we are happy to elect Nithya Raman for City Council who has. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Cody Cushing

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

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Comments for Public Posting: While I support agenda item 26 for today's meeting to cut AT LEAST 100-150 mil from LAPD funding for reinvestment in communities, I want it to be very clear this is not enough. This will not satisfy me as a citizen or make me want to vote for you come election time. Please listen to the People's budget, make a commitment. Be bold like other cities that are currently making Los Angeles look like a regressive safe haven for white supremacy. We need to reimagine public safety. The only way we do that is by divesting from police and investing in alternative care.

Communication from Public

Name: MCA

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Comments for Public Posting: I don't believe that defunding the LAPD will fix police brutality or reduce crime. Maybe it'll reduce the amount of crime that gets reported and dealt with, but not actual crime. I prefer, instead, more accountability so we know we are getting the services we pay for and feel like police are protecting instead of targeting us. I'd like GPS accountability so we know they are actively patrolling and looking for crime they can prevent instead of hanging out and waiting to be called in response to a crime that it's too late for them to help with. For example, I don't want to have to call the police for loud parties or fireworks. They should notice that during their patrol. I mean, how can you miss a fire in the sky that can lead you to the source of the huge bang? You only miss it if you're not in the neighborhood letting your presence discourage misbehavior or addressing these problems in a progressive process. It'd also be nice to have their presence to discourage stolen bikes and car parts. But please spend the money effectively and pay OT only to those who deserve extra work, not the ones who have the energy to work more hours because they were barely working during their shift. This also applies to the education system. We have a lot of bad teachers who are a waste of good money and further contribute to the racial inequities that cause protesters to demand defunding the police. I'm good with revising policies that lead to discriminatory practice and recruiting/retaining officers with the appropriate temperament, beliefs, intelligence, and work ethic to do the job fairly and effectively.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Ariass

Date Submitted: 06/16/2020 07:46 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is in regards to council file 20-0692. I would like to voice I am not in agreement with cutting LAPD budget. If we look at statistics and facts outside of the media and what is being portrayed to our communities we can see that LAPD does a great job serving and protecting all of us. The budget cut is not reasonable and not fair. It will only negatively affect what they have already accomplished and worked for to be the hard working agency they are.

Communication from Public

Name: Dr. Christopher T. Landavazo

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

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident and homeowner, I am appalled by the city councils calls to defund our police. These calls have already resulted in spikes in violent crimes in our city. From May 31st to June 6th 2020, LA city saw a 250% in homicides. This blood is on the hands of LA Democrats. The city council should be ashamed and should censure Mayor Garcetti for calling LAPD officers “killers” and blatantly slandering the men and women who keep our city safe. The “Muzzling Effect” that will further be caused by failed city leadership, news media criticism, lack of organizational support, and defunding will result in and even greater reduction of police officer productivity - the result will be even greater spikes in violent crimes. In the power void left in the wake of defunding, LA City boast 45,000 gang members, belonging to over 450 gangs. This is unacceptable and violation of your duties under our city charter. Furthermore, it’s is a travesty that the city is not paying our officers for the work they did to restore law and order here in our city from rioters, looters, and opportunistic “peaceful protestors” who sought to disrupt and pillage our city. And in the midst of this mayhem, many of you had personal LAPD details for security purposes. This call to defund our police is a sham and it’s is dangerous to our residents. Perhaps instead of citing baseless #BLM propaganda, you will head real facts: 1) Less than 1% of all police encounters result in force. 2) A caucasian male is 25% more likely to be shot and killed by a police officer, than a black male, 3) The number one killer of black men, is other black men - Homicides, 4) MacDonald (2017) 42% of all Cops Killers are black males, yet black males make up 6% of the population. 5) Fryer (2016) found “On the most extreme uses of force- officer involved shootings- we find no racial differences in either the raw data or when contextual factors are taken into account.” 6) Contrary to the BLM narrative, police officers are “18.5 times more likely to be killed by a black male, than an unarmed black male was to be killed by a police officer.” Should you want more research, facts and statistics I would strongly encourage you to read the my 2019 study, “The Muzzling of the Sheepdog: A mixed-methods study of the impact of media reporting on police officer performance” at www.Landavazo.com

Communication from Public

Name: Page Miller

Date Submitted: 06/16/2020 08:32 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers: The LAPD is not the same department it was 25 years ago. If some are misguided or intentionally misleading others, the record must be set straight. LAPD led the way nationally for reform over the years to become a diverse, better trained, and a better engaged department by implementing the Community Policing philosophy – partnership, prevention and problem solving. It is deeply disturbing how some politicians, who have been around quite a while now, have gotten their facts so wrong. Issues must be dealt with separately. A murder committed.... must see justice. Peaceful protests allowed and acknowledged. However, personal and political agendas and forces that would do harm or assassinate anyone in law enforcement and seek to destroy dialogue and democracywhy would you not stand against that? Community Policing and the superb work done by Senior Lead Officers through the years led to the Community Safety Partnerships in specific areas with great success that cannot be denied. Are you not aware? Perhaps your colleague, former Senior Lead Officer and now Councilmember Buscaino could enlighten you. Chief's forums outreach, Community Police Academies, Shop with a Cop and Coffee with a Cop, Neighborhood Watch, Youth programs and Cadets and officers delivering supplies to civilians during the pandemic are our LAPD in action. LAPD cannot make up for poor parenting, government agencies that have failed and politicians that do not want to do the heavy lifting. The police are there at 3 am, they deal with child molesters, traffic collisions, death notifications, active shooters...all the work most of you will never see and could never handle. The LA political leadership has failed addressing the Homeless and mentally ill. Your responsibilities are dumped on the LAPD while you keep asking the Federal government for more money...to keep failing. You have failed to police your own profession and colleagues. Perhaps it is time to defund some politicians. Any Councilmember who has used the LAPD for their own personal security detail needs to immediately refund the LAPD ...\$50,000...\$100,000 whatever the amount. Perhaps politicians having a photo op with LAPD ie: Human Trafficking Task Force or community gatherings should immediately delete those photos from their social media. Politicians do not do the dirty work. LAPD does the dirty work.

Politicians show up for the photo op. The Mayor and Councilmembers are privileged... earning well over \$200,000 a year plus unknown perks. There is always room for improvement and new ideas...please be part of that solution to support the LAPD and the Community. Page Miller

Communication from Public

Name: Tina Crnko

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police NOW. You have heard the people speak. We demand the police budget be reduced by 90%. \$100-\$150 million is not enough. We do not need police anymore, they have lost all community trust with no hope of rebuilding it. Do your job and listen to the people of Los Angeles. If you do not, your political careers are over, we will vote you out. We can call for your removal from office the same way we are demanding the firing of police "chief" Michel Moore and the resignation of Mayor Garcetti, if you refuse to act morally. We will bring down the carceral state and end the taxpayer-funded caging and brutalizing of human life. Defund the police and abolish ICE.

Communication from Public

Name: Samantha Smart

Date Submitted: 06/16/2020 10:03 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Samantha Smart and I am a constituent in Mitch O'Farrell's district. I urge you to go further than the proposed \$100-150 million in cuts which, as you know, is basically keeping the budget the same as last year's budget. You have an opportunity to make real, impactful change. Follow the example of Minneapolis, San Francisco, and New York and commit to substantial defunding and divesting. Now is not the time to do the bare minimum. Be courageous. Be on the right side of history.