

Communication from Public

Name: Vanessa Maglio
Date Submitted: 06/17/2020 04:15 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: We have to start addressing racism. Too little too late
#DefundThePolice

Communication from Public

Name: Robin Chancer

Date Submitted: 06/17/2020 11:57 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD just shot and killed Robert Fuller's half-brother. There is no bodycam footage. This is UNBELIEVABLE. They are irredeemable. You need to disband them and defund them NOW.

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Name: Emily Cronin

Date Submitted: 06/18/2020 12:09 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please reallocate LAPD funding to critical social and community needs, like crisis response teams, mental healthcare, education, and social services.

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Name: Christopher Lam

Date Submitted: 06/18/2020 12:43 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. You and your colleague continue you drag your feet and act like it's so hard to divest from the police force when the power is in your hands, literally. Did you know that MLK said that budgets are moral documents? Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protesters. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. My friends have protested multiple days in our streets willing to put their lives on the line to make a better environment for Black people. Every council member that has not committed to trying something different to make black and brown communities safer, that did not commit to investing in proactively helping communities over waiting for cases of violence for overarmed police to come in and potentially murder someone, are disrespecting my friends that suffered for simply caring about innocent black people being murdered. They are willingly ignoring the unjustified violence against the protesters who are exercising their rights to assemble. I want a city council, like me and my family, who are willing to risk it all for a better tomorrow. So that our promise of equal rights under the law is finally and actually fulfilled. The police do not work it is a broken system. And none of you have a right to reason this away until after you watch Ava Duvernay's documentary 13th on Netflix. If anyone thinks we are being radical, that is because the act of murdering black people in broad daylight on camera, completely unafraid of the consequences, is a radical issue.

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Name: Mason Brenner
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:47 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not defund the police. We need good police officers. Defunding the police will make the quality of our protection worse. An alternative would be to use some of police funding for training in racial relations.

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Name: Gina Brownstein

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 02:07 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I demand you Defund the Police and adopt the People's Budget! Fully fund services that reflect our values by investing in our community. I echo the statement that police don't make a community safe, resources do. I would like to see funding re-allocated to healthcare, education, housing and other social services. Listen to your constituents! Adopt the People's Budget! Show us that you believe Black Lives Matter! Thank you

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Name: Dennis Martin

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 02:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Don't defund the police. More training is required.

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Name: Grady

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 03:54 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I know you met with members of the Black Lives Matter movement today, and I hope you are now considering what our leaders and a huge percentage of LA's population is demanding - the defunding of the LAPD and reallocation of funds to our communities. As a resident of LA, I, Grady Wenrich am urging you to please look into placing more care into our low income communities. We need to care for our people instead of starving them and punishing them when they can't make ends meet. They can't make ends meet and get desperate because our system refuses to give them opportunity and care! This is a disgrace that has gone on too long, and it has become an extremely urgent matter in our community. We will not be silenced and we will not stop demanding human rights. Police brutality needs to become a thing of the past. This does not end at the end of the month when you guys decide on where the budget goes. We will continue on and we will be loud. We are not free until all of our residents in this community are free. You have an amazing opportunity to rewrite history and save lives. I hope you take it.

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Name: Sheridan M Swayngim

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 07:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am demanding that the city council defund the LAPD and adopt the people's budget so that we may build trust in our communities, and put more funding into social workers that are better trained for specific civil disobediences.

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Name: Natalie Stavola
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:19 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Defund then police and put in the People's Budget. I stand for The People's Budget

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Name: Yana Yatsuk

Date Submitted: 06/16/2020 10:38 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support the people's budget presented by the Black Lives Matter organization. Money should not be taken away from our everyday needs and taken by police who brutalize human beings constantly.

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Name: Amanda Donahue

Date Submitted: 06/16/2020 11:23 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of the adoption of the People's Budget and for the defunding of the LAPD. More than 50% of the cities budget should not be going to the police force; issues such as homelessness, mental illness, and other social issues should not be being given to LAPD to handle. They have a terrible track record of approaching these issues with little education and training on the matter and more often than not with violence. We should be funding groups with actual experience in these fields and putting our money back into schools and the community in order to address the core causes that lead to crime in the first place. More so than ever, during a health crisis, it makes no sense to be increasing the budget for LAPD when crime rates are down, and we should be focusing on funding areas to help health professionals. Our black communities, already most targeted by the police, are now also suffering from COVID at a higher rate than other communities. I join the other voices in demanding that the City Council adopts the People's Budget and defunds the LAPD in order to make real and lasting change in our city. Thank you.

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Name: Jessica Teller

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Adopt the people's budget and defund the police, 150m is not enough compared to the overall portion the LAPD are receiving when we are in the middle of a pandemic and a housing crisis. You work for the people of this city, not the LAPD or their union, do your jobs or we'll elect someone who will. The LAPD have unleashed violence against the people of this city with little to no repercussions for far too long, we have no foundation to trust any actions on your behalf other than defunding them. To do anything else is to say without reservation that you are corrupt beyond redemption and care more about your own wealth and status than the people of LA, especially the black and brown members of our community. Be decent if you can't be good.

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Name: Nathaniel
Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:10 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Defund The Police.

Communication from Public

Name: Audrey Lau

Date Submitted: 06/09/2020 11:21 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: #defundthepolice - invest in black communities. if communities had more options, you wouldn't be introducing a badge and gun to situations that law enforcement can never be trained to manage in the first place.

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Name: Nick
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 08:12 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: If you do not plan on allocating more budget out of the LAPD to support severely under funded services like homelessness and education, we demand transparency on how the LAPD budget is being allocated. We will not stop protesting until change comes. So you can expect to see these streets flooded with people carrying signs, fists in the air, demanding justice for as long as it takes you to make change so that our tax dollars are being spent in a way that serves the community and does not bully or terrify us. The few bad apples spoil the bunch so throw out the entire barrel and start over. This is disgusting that you all remain in positions that are meant to serve us yet do nothing but enforce the status quo that oppresses the very people you are meant to serve. We will not stop. We will not stop. We will not stop. Make changes for the people who pay your salaries. You work for and should serve the people! These are my tax dollars paying for this bullshit system. Fix it. I do not pay for my tax dollars to make mediocre police rich. I want my tax dollars to go to schools, homelessness and more resources for community arts. Show me where my money is going!

Communication from Public

Name: Camille Kolodziejski

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 08:34 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hey LA City Council! I know that you're against using a hashtag as your budget but please consider the numbers and ideas behind the hashtag! The onus shouldn't be on your constituents to come up with ideas for our city, that should be a delightful bonus. Unfortunately, that's not the case today! If you refuse to accept the People's Budget in any form you throw away any remaining shred of my goodwill. In case it is simply the hashtag that you are against, let me suggest some things we can fund instead of the police! I would like to see city maintained bathrooms near camps of unhoused folk! They could have showers! That would be amazing. As the second wave of coronavirus barrels at us— why not use the money to implement a program to deliver meals to immunocompromised and high risk people? Aside from the slow implementation of testing I can think of very little you've done to protect constituents in this unprecedented time. You've left us in the lurch while you go back and forth counting your LAPD money. Speaking of meals, even if it wasn't a pandemic, implementing a well advertised hot healthy food program in our neighborhoods would not go amiss. Some kind of medical program for all Angelenos would be amazing too... I understand those things done come right away and you'd have to do a lot of legislating but... you could save some lives instead of prop up the murdering LAPD. Again, I'm no policy maker, I am less than one percent as qualified as the People behind Black Lives Matter and the People's Budget LA, so please, consider implementing their budget for the benefit of ALL of us!

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Name: Sara Huevo

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:02 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is why people are mad #carenotcops I oppose giving 53% 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 businesses or developers . Private companies who's sole purpose is to profit. To control the future of the the decision making process. People are angry. Even when we advocate, are 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 expandable 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. #carenotcops Enough with oppression Sincerely, Sara Huevo Social EcoEducation

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 10:22 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles citizens want a safer community. This means overhauling the current proposed budget which gives an obscene amount of money to the LAPD. Over half of the city budget should not be allocated toward the LAPD. We want the money to be reallocated toward social services that will long term help people. This is how you stop crime. Sending a police officer to someone with mental health issues is not the answer. But having someone who is trained to empathetically help people will create long term lasting change. Please adopt people's budget!

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Name: Jerri Allyn

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable representatives of Budget and Finance, I have worked in LAUSD schools for over 15 years (and in NYC's public schools for another 15). I urge you to defund the police department in the schools. There are many community based conflict resolution organizations who can be contracted to work in the schools. The "militarization" of the schools, and the recent actions about arming teachers in the classroom is frightening, and no kind of environment for engaged, excited learning. Violence begets violence. I also support cutting the police budget - and continuing to increase services for black and brown communities, disproportionately affected by Covid19. As a white/latinx, activist, artist, educator - and Quaker - at most civil rights rallies, in the last 25 years, we are now corralled and the police are in riot gear. Alternatives to Violence is one Quaker program that is facilitated in various parts of the world, and could be yet one example to employ in the schools. I am also in favor of cutting the budget as the overly aggressive LAPD tactics (of one too many officers) in dealing with the current demonstrators on the street - and black and brown people for decades - is abominable. I know there are good cops, and I applaud them. But systemic racism throughout the entire country - in many arenas - has become more crystal clear than ever - (and I am a student of history, aware of past abuses - but have become even more aware). Please look at the example of Camden, NJ's police dept's decision to dismantle a broken system - and reimagine community safety and emergency preparedness. I urge you to represent ALL citizens. Sincerely ... I thank you for your service, Jerri Allyn Registered Independent (and alternately Democrat) allynjerri@gmail.com

Communication from Public

Name: Katherine Guerra

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:29 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please, listen to the people. This is the budget we are crying for, we are desperate for, that our lives depend on. Please take the time to consider how you can be part of this moment in history and set the precedent for how governor bodies should be from here on out, FOR THE PEOPLE. We are asking for prevention, for investment in our communities, for treatment and rehabilitation. We are asking for these things to save our lives, for the Black lives, for the lives of people of color, for the lives of those that will be cops in the future. WE ALL BENEFIT from the People's Budget, and this is what we are calling for. This is what the world is calling for, for those in power to take a look at what is working and what doesn't. Please, defund the police and fund healthier communities.

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Name: Kathryn Francis
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:44 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: You've mentioned a few times that there is only so much that Los Angeles can do as a city, and therefore needs to draw in other agencies and levels of government to address our issues. One of the benefits of multi-level government is allows citizens to reap the benefits and protections that are most relevant to their immediate communities. But one of the issues therein is bureaucracy that that effectively maintains the status quo by always offering a place to punt the blame. Can you please tell us, what can LA City do to take up the power it has and harness it to effect change? What do you have control over--what do we have control over as a city: OUR BUDGET. For this reason, we ask that you TAKE UP the People's Budget—take it seriously. DEFUND LAPD. This year. Now. We don't need your excitement about a smooth presentation. We don't need to be patted on the back. We need a real step. Like you said, do not miss this moment. Take this moment when we have the political will to make real changes to MAKE THEM.

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Name: Emma Laurel Gerch

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Emma Gerch and I live in Eagle Rock. I urge you to support the People's Budget currently being presented at City Hall. When our community members need help with domestic violence issues, mental health crises, and homelessness, the people who respond should not have guns. In other words, the people responding to community needs should not be police officers. The people need you to reimagine public safety, defund LAPD, and invest in the demands of the People's Budget. We need services that actually keep us safe, not more police and more violence in our communities.

Communication from Public

Name: Avantika

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:03 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the motion to identify cuts to the LAPD budget, and to reinvest these funds back into disadvantaged communities and communities of color. Relative to education, social and mental health services, the police department is massively overfunded, and it is important to invest resources into neighborhoods that have been historically under-resourced, and subject to oppressive policing practices. I would also encourage further cuts to the LAPD, and for this to be the focus of ongoing consideration. Thank you

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Name: Luke

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

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Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE defund police, and invest in a People's Budget which prioritizes mental health services, social services, education, community enrichment, alcohol and drug abuse services, and unarmed public safety workers. Please also devote funding to a transitional process to dismantle the current police system, offer re-hiring to officers looking to work in unarmed public safety, or for a small department of officers responsible to responding to ongoing violent crimes (5-10% the size of current police force). I used to live near Camden County NJ, and they have shown replacing police systems whole cloth is the most effective way to address systematic issues. We do not want the police system to be replaced with a new police system, however, but destroyed to rebuild a more holistic view of public safety. Funding should support the people, and the people do not want police! It is your duty as our representatives to enact the budgeting community members need, and it is also your moral obligation to recognize the failings of this system and help built a society in which black lives are no longer cut down in the street by systems designed to protect them. Thanks you

Communication from Public

Name: Quinn Wilson

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please prioritize the people of Los Angeles and not the police. I'd like to see a major cut in the budget for police and budget added to services. I'd strongly urge the committee to adopt something similar to 'The People's Budget'. You have the power to save lives and build a stronger community. Please act, Quinn

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Name: Lauren Sanford
Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:17 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: We the community DEMAND the adoption of a people's budget and the defunding of the police. THIS IS WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT.

Communication from Public

Name: Lara Schilling

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:29 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Fully fund the DCA!!! Adopt the Peoples Budget!!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 12:34 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please defund the LAPD. Cities such as Camden, New Jersey have done this with great decreases in crime. This is crucial for the safety of people in Los Angeles, but especially lower-income people, houseless people, and people of color. They are targetted and attacked by police which is not acceptable. Please defund the LAPD, get police out of schools, and fund public schools. The education and lives of those in Los Angeles are more important than any profit gained from the abusive and violent prison system.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 01:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The City LAPD budget needs to be cut. That's all there is to it. They should not be able to earn as much OT as they want. OT should have great restrictions and only be able to be used in the case of a declared emergency. Funding should be redistributed to social services partners and other social work agencies. Not a simple webinar or workshop where they attend in full uniform with their weapons and sign a piece of paper saying they attended. This isn't a long comment because this is a simple request. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Carene Mekertichyan

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

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Comments for Public Posting: I am demanding that you adopt the People's Budget. The \$150 million that was recently cut from the police budget is simply not enough. We are in the midst of a global pandemic that is disproportionately affecting Black and Brown communities. We should be funding human-centered services, after-school programs, and housing initiatives, not increasing police spending. By removing funds from the police budget, resources would be reallocated to public works, community safety, and training mental health professionals in de-escalation tactics. Violent crime has also steadily decreased over the last five years. Investing these funds in our housing, wellness, and healthcare would decrease many of the circumstances that lead to crime.

Communication from Public

Name: Bonnie J Cox

Date Submitted: 06/18/2020 04:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We have elections to determine our future. Changing policy based on mob mentality is not the democratic process. I support the police and will definitely remember all those elected in the next election. You will not get my vote if you do not support our police 100%.

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Name: Megan Thomsen
Date Submitted: 06/16/2020 01:46 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #defundthepolice

Communication from Public

Name: Harlin Kahn

Date Submitted: 06/17/2020 11:12 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am a member of District 12 represented by John Lee and I want to express my support for the wesson/martinez motion, and to express my extreme disappointment in John Lee and to let you know that our neighborhood is ashamed that we have a representative who does not respond to our wants and needs. Your role is to represent the will of your constituents and you have failed us. The police don't keep us safe they are a force of terror for our communities, and even when they are not murdering people, their continued existence creates trauma for all of us. We have the ability to create a city where everyone can feel truly safe, and this can only happen when the LAPD is defunded and abolished and we reinvest their entire budget back into the community. Adopt the peoples budget, black lives matter.