

Communication from Public

Name: Brentwood Community Council Statement on 20-0692

Date Submitted: 06/21/2020 08:46 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: BCC Response to Motion as Currently Drafted by Council President Nury Martinez, Councilmembers Wesson, Price (Council File 20-06092 The Brentwood Community Council ["BCC"]) recognizes that people of color, particularly African Americans, frequently suffer needless levels of harm and loss of life during interactions with police departments around the United States, including Southern California. The BCC also recognizes that sworn LAPD officers have been expected to perform duties that may be better addressed by trained civilians or medical and mental health professionals. However, the BCC opposes the Council motion as it proposes an arbitrary reduction to the LAPD budget without describing specific steps the City will take to address the underlying societal issues it identifies, nor does it require an audit or other management improvements of the multiple City and County agencies involved in overall community safety, nor does it include wide community input, particularly since any change to the LAPD impacts all residents. Therefore, in the spirit of the City Council's call to address societal repair and change, we recommend the following: •The City of Los Angeles first adopt a budget process that incorporates all potential sources of revenue and support for community safety and health, inside and outside the LAPD—to include, for example, the Prop HHH \$1B in housing bonds, the Prop H \$1B in annual sales tax revenue, the \$1.6 trillion in County property tax revenue from which we support the Department of Mental Health and other measures approved by Los Angeles voters to underwrite these services; as well as the immediate release of all remaining parcels of the 900,000+ sf of City surplus property which was been available as of September of 2018 with a mandate to develop every parcel zoned for residential use with 100% transitional and affordable housing units; • The Los Angeles City Council incorporate audit findings and recommendations of City Controller Ron Galperin related to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and Proposition HHH into a comprehensive strategic re-visioning of social services and housing; • The Mayor and City Council establish immediately a citywide commission of criminal justice experts, prosecutors, mental health and medical experts, domestic violence counselors, homelessness experts, and members from a representative cross-section of the city's neighborhood councils, community councils and/or regional alliances of councils, to investigate and report to the Mayor and City Council on tasks now undertaken by the LAPD that may be appropriately assigned to trained, civilians , and to make other recommendations that will help reshape a system of public safety to better serve the needs of all the people of Los Angeles. These recommendations should be available for consideration and approval by the public, City Administrative Officer and City Council before submission of the Mayor's 2021-2022 fiscal year budget. Upon Approval this Motion shall be forwarded to Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti at mayor.garcetti@lacity.org, Councilman Mike Bonin at mike.bonin@lacity.org, and the Los Angeles City Clerk at CityClerk@lacity.org as a Community Impact Statement to be attached to Council File 20-0692. Appendix A 1. Link to: City Surplus Property List as of 9/2018: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RHBsrS9m_IvgeHmWvXqzcoXmF1xl5nlE/view?usp=sharing Appendix B 1. Link to: Los Angeles City Controller Audit and Recommendations of Homeless Authority - <https://lacontroller.org/audits-and-reports/strategy-on-the-streets/> 2. Link to: Los Angeles City Controller Audit and Recommendations on Prop HHH - <https://lacontroller.org/audits-and-reports/high-cost-of-homeless-housing-hhh/>

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Appendix A

1. Link to: [City Surplus Property List as of 9/2018](#)

Appendix B

1. Link to: [Los Angeles City Controller Audit and Recommendations of Homeless Authority](#)
2. Link to: [Los Angeles City Controller Audit and Recommendations on Prop HHH](#)

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Name: End Homelessness Now-LA

Date Submitted: 06/21/2020 07:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: End Homelessness Now-LA is a grassroots campaign that was formed to urge city and county governments to deploy their vacant and underused land and buildings to build, own, and run permanent supportive public housing. Today, as the homelessness catastrophe is compounded by the COVID-19 epidemic and the plague of systemic racism, the emphasis must be on permanent supportive public housing. Rampant discrimination in housing and employment have resulted in vast over representation of Black people and other people of color among the unhoused. We are alarmed that government officials at all levels are focusing most of their efforts on temporary shelters and short-term leases of hotel and motel rooms. Putting hundreds of cots together in recreation centers and other large rooms only invites further spread of the disease. Although the state may buy some of the motels, they and all levels of government must create or acquire a lot more long-term public housing. Dumping people out of temporary places after the worst of the crisis passes is obscenely cruel. Failing to immediately provide restrooms, showers, hand washing stations, garbage pick-up, and food to those still living outside is simply criminal. Therefore, End Homelessness Now-LA calls on city, county, state, and federal governments to immediately:

1. Open and retrofit all of their empty and underused buildings for permanent public housing where people can protect themselves in separate spaces now and in the future;
2. Quickly build permanent supportive public housing on large vacant lots, using modular and other innovative construction. If China can build large hospitals in two weeks, we can do the same with permanent public housing.
3. Turn parking lots and other vacant space into trailer parks with utility hookups where trailers, RVs, and even cars that are being lived in can gather in safe areas with centralized services. Then, keep those trailer parks open for as places for permanent low-cost homes.
4. Eliminate all zoning and planning barriers to immediate implementation of the above demands.

Communication from Public

Name: We support LAPD
Date Submitted: 06/21/2020 12:15 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please stand up and support the LAPD officers who serve our streets bravely! NO BUDGET CUTS!

Communication from Public

Name: Diane Valencia

Date Submitted: 06/15/2020 11:59 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Diane Valencia and I am a youth trainer with the Southeast Asian Community Alliance in Chinatown Los Angeles. As an organization, we work with many extremely low income working class families and have been fighting for better & more affordable housing. I am writing because we 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 and all struggling communities of color. We want funds to be invested in housing solutions such as the creation of more affordable housing for extremely low income families & preservation of existing affordable housing. The pandemic has made life even more so difficult, since many lost their jobs. Our 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: Jackelyn Valladares

Date Submitted: 06/21/2020 08:27 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing this public to express my concerns and disagreement with the Peoples Budget and #DefundLAPD movement. As an Ethnic Studies and Urban Planning professional that invested my career in multiple capacities in Public Safety and Public Service, I have first count experiences and aware of the injustices of the most disfranchised communities across the City of Los Angeles and working towards solutions with communities. I am aware that it takes multiple voices and intersectionality to receive the most accurate data and narrative stories. I watched the Peoples Budget and analyzed the data they presented. I wanted to speak during the Special Budget Committee but was not able to speak due to the overwhelming public comment participation. The data alone presented large disparities by council district and ethnicity group. Analyzing the data, it shows the most participation was received from an electronic-only community engagement process. The Council District that participated the most was Council District 4 and the ethnicity population that participated the most was white people. Every Council District experiences violence, the historically disfranchised and communities that experience higher violence and crime in the City of Los Angeles are Council District 1,6,7,8,9,10, 14, and 15. These communities also have higher intervention and prevention services in the Gang Reduction and Youth Development. Looking at their data, these communities had a lower response rate than Council District 4 which is excluding the voice of the communities impacted by violence and crime. The missing voice of these communities is very problematic. My personal experiences as a native Echo Park Angeleno serve as the backdrop to my professional commitment to strategizing and achieving equity for all, especially for the most vulnerable. Currently, I am a Program Coordinator for the Urban Peace Institute that was founded Civil Rights Attorney Connie Rice in the Advancement Project California. The Urban Peace Institute is located in Echo Park on 1910 W Sunset Blvd, Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90026. Since 2011, Urban Peace Institute, UPI, has supported over 20 cities across the country in implementing community safety solutions and training local law enforcement. I'm happy to share reports and data for reference. My professional career is centered on work and solutions to address quality of life issues in communities experiencing

violence. Often I'm looking for the lens that is missing and how to create tailored solutions with community members. Most recently, we developed the Community Safety Partnership Assessment Report for the San Fernando Gardens Housing Development in Pacoima in Council District 7, we surveyed residents, organizations, LAPD, schools, etc. Many residents expressed their need for the presence of LAPD. Many expressed being intimidated and the fear for retaliation by gang members. Due to the report, the Community Safety Partnership program launched in late February of 2020. Also, Urban Peace Institute trained the LAPD Community Partnership and organized residents to also participate in the process. We all want to live in a safer, cleaner, vibrant city. I strongly disagree with the Peoples Budget and #DefundLAPD movement. I champion Mayor Eric Garcetti's proposal on putting a moratorium on the CalGang database, expanding the Community Safety Partnership sites and program, expanding and innovation for the Gang Reduction and Youth Development program, Civil and Human Rights Commission and the Department of the Racial Equity. I disagree with the Peoples Budget and #DefundLAPD to the highest extend. Jackelyn Valladares

Communication from Public

Name: An anonymous Immigrant/Black/Latina
Date Submitted: 06/21/2020 10:28 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I'm AGAINST this motion or any motion that defunds LAPD. I'm against gun violence and lapd takes-off large amounts of high capacity guns and drugs from the hands of organized criminals who prey on Los Angeles' vulnerable homeless population. I attached a PDF with photos of guns retrieved from a single bust by LAPD Hollywood division.

Guns retrieved from the streets by LAPD Hollywood division from a single bust.



