

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Leah Perry

**Date Submitted:** 06/23/2020 10:50 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** It will end up costing the CITY OF LA more in the end if you cut the budget for Police. More than ever, LAPD are needed. I know that there is a lot of pressure now to do that BUT in the end, with overtime and increase in crime, it will end up costing the City more ... do the right thing, the smart thing and leave the LAPD budget alone.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Hannah

**Date Submitted:** 06/23/2020 11:14 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** DEFUND THE POLICE! As a clinical social worker, I help clients cope with and heal from the trauma of systemic racism. Because we still live in such a deeply racist system, recovery feels far-fetched for my clients, as they have to continue to find ways of coping with the attacks on their safety, their livelihoods, and their mental health. Police officers have been terrorizing L.A.'s communities for far too long. This only funnels folks into other broken and expensive systems, such as the criminal "justice" system, Medi-cal hospital system, and mental health care system. It is state-sanctioned violence that is traumatizing, inhumane, and shameful. Your legacy depends on your actions, right now, in this moment. I challenge you to put your names on the right side of history. Be brave so as to free all people living under our racist institutions. Defunding the police is one major step toward liberation, toward healing our city and our communities. I urge you into action today and everyday! Defund the damn police!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Julia Bricklin

**Date Submitted:** 06/23/2020 02:53 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Good afternoon. I think it's short-sighted to de-fund the LAPD in any way without further study. I do realize this is a pivotal time in our nation. I believe in allocating more resources to the root problems. But we have too few patrols as it is. As a population, we are being asked to reduce our school budgets and our police budgets. This does not bode well for a city the size of ours. Let us not make cuts to the LAPD as it is now but rather, take some time to make meaningful decisions. Let us use the HHH money, for example, to make the changes it was expected to do when we voted for it, before dipping into LAPD. Again -- please don't re-allocate police budget money. We need to rise above the politics. Julia Bricklin 11555 Dona Pepita Pl. Studio City, CA 91604

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/23/2020 08:20 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Regarding CF 20-0692 the defunding of the Los Angeles Police Dept would cause a huge negative impact on the public safety of all the communities within Los Angeles. I totally oppose these deductions in question on CF 20-0692. I feel all City Council Members and the Mayor should take pay salary cuts up to 50% for each as well as using their own vehicles and place the total of those funds into communities in question. Thank you for taking an interest in my public comment.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jane

**Date Submitted:** 06/22/2020 12:58 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** To whom it may concern, Cutting LAPD by \$100-150 million - This cut doesn't go far enough!!! Garcetti's reapportionment proposal would still leave the LAPD with over 50% of unrestricted funds. I am asking the Budget and Finance Committee to make a far more substantial cut to the LAPD, such as that reflected in the People's Budget LA survey results. Funds for the community should be given to grassroots and community organizations, not to LAPD for its propaganda campaigns. The motion to divert calls and service provision away from the LAPD is an important first step, but we need to reimagine public safety to a greater extent. I encourage City Council to work closely with BLMLA and People's Budget LA to truly defund the police. Thank you, Jane

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gracen M Armendariz

**Date Submitted:** 06/22/2020 03:16 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, my name is Gracen Armendariz. I am reaching out as a resident and teacher in Los Angeles. I want to imagine an LA in which public safety is value over "law and order." Public safety meaning EVERYONE in the public and not just wealthy, white residents with property. The city could do so much with \$3 billion dollars. We could house the unhoused, feed the hungry, and provide more teacher aides. As a classroom teacher in LAUSD, we need help from counselors, not cops. I work in a school with no full time nurse, counselor, art or pe teacher. Is this the kind of school you want your child growing up and learning in? We need rent cancelled as well. \$1200 and unemployment is a start but it's not enough and I know the city of LA can help its residents more than it is doing so. Listen to us.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/22/2020 11:35 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am against the motion to defund the LAPD!!! My young daughter and I work in downtown LA and have been hit, spit on and harassed by the homeless/drug addicts/mentally ill while walking to work. The police presence in the Financial district is the only thing keeping all major corporations from leaving downtown again. Just like before-there will be no business then no one living there. Defend not Defund!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mieko Romming

**Date Submitted:** 06/22/2020 07:54 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing in support of the People's Budget and Black Lives Matter. \$100-150 million is not enough, we demand that you DEFUND the police.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Latia Suttle

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

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The police budget needs to be cut more than 150 million dollars. This only reflects the increase the police were going to get this year. The people don't want the police to receive the same amount of funding as last year. It needs to be drastically reduced and reallocated to services in the community and for more services for veterans. The police budget needs to be cut by 500 to 650 million dollars. Homelessness increased again this year and this is unacceptable. There have been over 600 people killed by the police since 2012. We need change now!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Katia

**Date Submitted:** 06/22/2020 10:44 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I encourage District 5, 12, and 15 to support the people's budget and allocation of funds into the community instead of the police. We need to do better for our community by investing in them.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kate Outterbridge

**Date Submitted:** 06/22/2020 10:49 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, my name is Kate Outterbridge and I'm a constituent in District 4 I am would like to publicly comment in strong support of the People's Budget call to Defund LAPD and reallocate those resources to community services, alternatives to policing, and investments directly benefiting Black communities. It is time to invest in much needed affordable housing, tenant protections, and protections for workers and their wages. Decades of racist policies, land use planning and disinvestment from LA's Black communities continue to have devastating effects today. Black residents are overrepresented in the homeless population, and continue to experience higher rates of unemployment. Black and Latinx communities still face the deepest inequities and will be most impacted by eviction and displacement if we don't invest in housing solutions and protect their worker rights and wages. I am asking you to defund LAPD and also invest in much needed affordable housing, renewed funding for the LA Justice Fund to protect immigrants and immigrant communities, 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:** Corey Kniss

**Date Submitted:** 06/22/2020 10:51 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The City Council must cut more money from the LAPD budget. Pass the People's Budget now! It is the only right thing to do. The police have terrorized angelenos for too long. The police cannot solve the problems facing our city. The LAPD cant help us pay rent. The LAPD cant help us educate our youth. The LAPD cant help contribute to the public health or create green jobs, both of which are essential. Get your heads out of your asses.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Audrey Nguyen

**Date Submitted:** 06/22/2020 11:02 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Audrey Nguyen, I am an environmental educator from District 10. I am commenting regarding Items 2 and 20 for Special Committee Meeting held on 6/22/2020. As many have echoed, item 2, although the 100-150 million is a good start, it is not enough. Also funding programs to build police trust is completely unproductive. At best it encourages policing and bullying in the form of white supremacy, racism, and violence. At worst it promotes surveillance and unjust brutality against students who are black, brown, and other marginalized communities. To elaborate on defunding, funds need to be heavily re-allocated to students. They are in need of counselors, nurses, after-school programs. Reported as of 2019, California and Los Angeles in particular is part of the reason that we are 47th in the nation regarding quality of services to our students. The acceptable ratio of counselor to students is 1 to 250, in LA it is 1 to 682. That is an overwhelming amount and a counselor cannot provide quality care if they are being spread so thin. Kids every other day come in to say they want to kill themselves, this is apparent not only in first-hand counselor comments, but look to social media, look to suicide rates. They are not getting better. What are police going to do to help suicidal kids? Last time I checked 6 months of training does not equate to a certification for psychology. When we call police on suicidal children, that is traumatizing - to be arrested, tased, pepper-sprayed and THEN sent to a psych ward?? As teachers, when are students are freaking out we don't punish them. You want to help the economy, create more jobs? Create more jobs to assist the homeless, create more jobs to help students - counselors, nurses!! Some schools don't even have nurses!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carene Mekertichyan

**Date Submitted:** 06/22/2020 11:06 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We are in the midst of a global pandemic that is disproportionately affecting Black and Brown communities. When we talk about defunding the police, we are advocating for funding of human-centered services instead. Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget would give the LAPD \$3 billion, leaving crumbs for universal needs. The \$150 million that was recently cut from the police budget is simply not enough. 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. This investment in our housing, wellness, and healthcare would decrease many of the circumstances that lead to crime.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jordan Fier

**Date Submitted:** 06/22/2020 11:19 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** When folks all across the country are calling to Defund Police, they truly mean just that. Both historically and today, the police have demonstrated their extreme brutality, particularly towards Black and Brown residents in the US, and their total immunity from the law. The Supreme Court allows police to use lethal force for misdemeanors and racially profile. Police departments all over the country have blood on their hands. By extension, you do, too. I encourage, in fact, urge, City Council to work closely with BLM-LA and People's Budget LA to truly defund the police. I am asking for the following demands regarding Item 2 and Item 20 - Budget and Finance Committee need to make a far more substantial cut to the LAPD, such as that reflected in the People's Budget LA survey results. AND Giving the funds allocated to "Community Safety Partnership" to grassroots and community organizations. Do the right thing. Honor Breonna, George, Eric, Trayvon, Tamir Rice, who would be graduating from high school this year. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** C Louett

**Date Submitted:** 06/23/2020 03:51 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** A vote to defund police is a vote AGAINST the people of LA you were sworn to protect first and foremost. Outsiders are demanding you defund your police. Your mayor is pandering to OUTSIDERS. Think of the law abiding families you have an obligation to protect. There will be repercussions in crime as you see happening around the country. You have already had so much damage and misery to residents and business owners when police are not involved. Think very hard before you use your residents as pawns.