

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Zoe Nissen

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 11:44 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** Council, we are BEGGING you not to adopt the Mayor's Proposed Budget for 2021. The proposed "cuts" (this was supposed to be a call-in comment, and this is where I would have said that I wish you could see me right now, because I am making air quotes - this doesn't land quite as sassily in a text box) to the LAPD budget are condescending. This budget STILL leaves the police force with an egregious THREE BILLION DOLLARS while education, libraries, public health, and other community care services that can LITERALLY PREVENT CRIME are left with what amounts to scraps. This is not what LA needs or wants. Listen to what Angelenos are saying. Thousands of citizens from all walks of life have been calling, emailing, Tweeting, protesting in the streets during a pandemic BEGGING you to defund the police and prevent further violence. Los Angeles likes to think of itself as ~so progressive~ but we have really shown our white supremacist ass lately. But it's not too late to put our money where our mouth is - Black Lives Matter and the People's Budget gave you a solution on a silver platter. Defund the LAPD, adopt the People's Budget, and demonstrate that Black Lives Matter in the City of Los Angeles.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anthony Piscitella

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 11:50 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing today to support Item # 48, the motion to invest in alternative un-armed service providers for non-violent emergency calls. This money should be taken directly from the budget from LAPD and not be in addition to the LAPD budget. Furthermore, we need to re-define what is considered a non-violent emergency call. The following are just some of what should be considered non-violent emergency calls (base on the CAHOOTS program in Eugene, Oregon): Crisis Counseling Suicide Prevention, Assessment, and Intervention Conflict Resolution and Mediation Substance Abuse Housing Crisis (ie Homelessness) First Aid and Non-Emergency Medical Care Resource Connection and Referrals Transportation to Services Also, in regards to the LA city budget, removing a mere 150 million out of LAPD's 3 billion dollar budget is pathetic. We need to defund the police and redirect those dollars towards programs that will benefit everyone in the Los Angeles community. Thank you, Anthony Piscitella

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tessa

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 01:09 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'd like to speak on Item 48 and to give a General Public Comment. With regards to Item 48, I support the motion by Herb Wesson and Marqueece Harris-Dawson to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls. With regards to a General Public Comment, I demand that much bigger cuts be made to the LAPD budget. The proposed cuts are ridiculous and do not even come close to meeting the people's demands and priorities. LAPD is corrupt, racist and murderous--LAPD is beyond reform and must be defunded and abolished. We demand LA City Council cut the LAPD budget SIGNIFICANTLY and invest that money into communities (especially Black and Brown communities) and in non-LAPD alternatives to policing and incarceration. Angelenos will not be appeased or fooled by the insultingly small budget cuts that are being proposed. Defund the police and invest in community services!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer Breckenridge

**Date Submitted:** 07/01/2020 12:27 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** Fund community programs, not police budgets. Imagine a city where there were specialized units of mental care, homeless care, and city money was sunk into beautifying Black neighborhoods instead of constantly surveilling them. Imagine a city where police are not militarized to combat citizens, but instead armed with de-escalation wisdom and anti racism values. We can do this. Let's do this.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Naomi

**Date Submitted:** 07/01/2020 08:05 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a citizen of Los Angeles and a registered voter I join the Coalition for Social Justice and Public Safety in opposing draconian cuts to the LAPD. Yes to more training, yes to helping our African American communities and developing more sensitive community policing methods and alternatives to use of force, no to cuts that will make it less safe for all Angelinos, for small businesses, for houses of worship and for our children.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Diana Chang

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 09:59 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is a general public comment for the Tuesday, June 30, 2020 City Council meeting. Also, I'd like to comment on Item 48. I'm a Los Angeles resident in District 4. We need much bigger cuts to the LAPD budget. Invest in communities and alternatives to the police. The mayor's \$150 Million cut to the LAPD is only a start and is not nearly enough of a cut. We need to defund the police. Support the Wesson/Harris-Dawson motion to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violent emergency calls. Thank you, Diana Chang

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Violet Elder

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 10:03 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm a resident of LA County, writing in to on item 48 and to give public comment for today's (6/30) LA City Council meeting. On item 48, I am writing to support the motion by Herb Wesson and Marqueece Harris-Dawson to invest in unarmed alternatives to police for non-violent emergency calls. I'd also like to echo other Angelenos by saying that the proposed budget cut of 150 million from the truly ridiculous \$3 billion LAPD budget is nowhere near enough. BLM LA and the People's City Council have done the work for you in developing an alternative budget. The research has been done already, we know that cops do not keep communities safe - you have no excuses. Your constituents have been calling in for weeks - will keep calling in - to demand that you defund the police and invest that money in community care. According to some studies, you could end homelessness in LA almost 5 times over with the LAPD budget. According to those studies, one estimate of how much it would cost to house all unhoused folks in LA is 640 million. That is a drop in the bucket of a 3 billion dollar police budget. The work has been done for you here, and the world is watching, so adopt the People's Budget and defund the police. Support care not cops. Fire Chief Moore and Paul Koretz.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 10:12 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support decreasing funds to the police and increasing funds for more community services. Our system is not working. The PD have not proven that they care more for the community than covering for their own.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lars Kjeseth

**Date Submitted:** 06/24/2020 08:31 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** SPECIAL MEETING - AD HOC POLICE REFORM COMMITTEE Wednesday, June 24, 2020 JOHN FERRARO COUNCIL CHAMBER - ROOM 340 - CITY HALL - 8:00 AM 200 NORTH SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 I fully support the Wesson/Marinez/Harris-Dawson motion. It is a small but significant step in the direction of moving Los Angeles toward the vision its people long for. The process by which the People's Budget LA was formed should serve as a model for gathering the will, nay the desperate needs, of the people. But in the end, we need to disband the current LAPD and replace it with a re-envisioned plan for community safety and thriving. Four years ago, I moved to South LA (District 8). For four years, I have watched how differently and hostilely the LAPD functions in my new neighborhood. At this point, I would never call police to my neighborhood.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Charles

**Date Submitted:** 06/24/2020 08:40 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the police!!!! Use that 3 billion for education and housing and healthcare. Do the right thing!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** KC

**Date Submitted:** 06/24/2020 08:57 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** Public Comment for Police Reform Ad Hoc 6/24 --Reinforcing every public comment you have heard over the last months: minimal police budget cuts are not enough. The People continue to raise up the very viable option to divest more thoroughly from LAPD and use the money for healing options. There is no defense for keeping the current levels of sworn officers and paying the high cost for them, as they are not serving the People. The People are looking to you for the leadership to make real change, we don't deserve to be terrorized.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tammy

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 10:16 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** \$150 million but to our \$3 billion LAPD budget is insulting. Our city is facing unprecedented homelessness and unemployment, which disproportionately affects the black community. We cannot reimagine public safety and fund black futures without defunding the police. City council needs to reject this budget! City council works for the people and not LAPD!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** jennifer serchia

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 11:15 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** Writing to demand that you urgently reject Mayor Garcetti's budget. Please defund the LAPD and adopt the People's Budget that reinvests in our communities. Our city is facing unprecedented unemployment, homelessness, businesses being closed due to lack of funds for rent, and our Covid testing is diminishing. Please listen to the people and help us survive and recover during these crises, which disproportionately impact Black Angelenos. Please prioritize the humans of LA and our beloved city by defunding the police. \$150 million cut out of \$3 billion and over half of the city's budget is NOT ENOUGH. Please do not make a historically devastating decision to continue giving the flawed police system over half of this city's budget, when it is so clear where this funding where it is desperately needed ASAP. Thank You.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Isabelle Miller

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 11:22 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi my name is Izzy Miller I live in District 1. I would like to comment on item 48 and public comment. For item 48 I would like to urge everyone to support this item. It is has been a rough and confusing process calling into these meetings every week. People are very clear on what kind changes they are asking for. You work for us and we are asking you to take money out of the LAPD's MASSIVE budget and put it towards community safety initiatives that specifically support the black community. AND ALL THE OTHER RESOURCES THAT HAVE BEEN DEFUNDED OVER THE YEARS TO FUND THE LAPD. If you don't make these changes you will be fired. The people will vote you out. And if secretly you are like oh the people don't know about the local elections and probably wont get it together to vote or maybe we'll just open the city and make them busy again so they have no time for civic engagement because they all might be homeless soon. YOU SHOULD RESIGN. You know what the people want yet you are still dragging your feet. GET IT TOGETHER OR YOU WILL LOSE YOUR JOBS.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Samantha Alsina

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 10:40 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to urge city council to adopt the People's Budget and to expand the budget cuts to the LAPD. \$150 Million is not nearly close to what is needed. We need to invest in our communities that the city has neglected over the years and to invest in our future, our communities. Alternatives to police is the answer. I support the motion to move non-violent calls to unarmed, non-police responders and am demanding strong community drive implementation of this motion. We have prioritized the militarization of police over the quality of life of our residents. Enough is enough! Defund the police. Remember who you represent: the people. I urge you to seize this opportunity and be bold in taking direct action.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rachel Zink

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 10:42 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am supporting item 48. We need to reallocate funds away from police and into the community. We need to support our children and give them the resources that they need for their education, mental health and basic needs. We need to invest in human rights such as grocery stores in food desert communities and counseling services that assist with trauma coming from the home. Thank you.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jordan Boeskin

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 11:29 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** Why you cutting our public comment time Nury???? That's some bull-shit. Anyways My name is Jordan, resident of CD 1, and just wanna reiterate what so many are saying.... yes that's defund the lapd. Yes, that's adopt a people's budget. Yes that's reimagine public safety and divert nonviolent calls from the LAPD as motioned by Wesson and MHD...but also that we are all sick and tired of trying to get your attention. That we are all sick and tired of trying to find an empathetic impulse in your calloused bones. That we are all sick and tired of shouting at deaf ears. You all have a chance to do something really monumental for the city of Los Angeles and its legacy, but instead of seizing this moment of racial reckoning our country is going through, you all are deciding to uphold the status quo. You all are deciding to be complicit in and benefit from the corruption in our city's leadership and their institutions. It's frankly sad, and fortunately many of us are unemployed with nothing to do so we'll continue to let you know how disappointed we are with you.. whether it be over the phone or outside of your homes. You will not be hearing the end of us any time soon. I yield my time, and fuck you Paul Koretz!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 11:31 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** June 30, 2020 City Council Meeting at 10AM. Hello, my name is Kathrina L. I'm a registered voter in LA. I am writing today to discuss item 48 and to give general comment. I strongly support the Wesson/Martinez/Harris-Dawson motion and The People's Budget LA. 150 million cut from LAPD's budget is NOT NEARLY ENOUGH. That is clear misuse of OUR tax dollars, and we want our tax dollars invested in our communities. While we are in a global pandemic, there are people living on the streets. These are people without access to food, water, shelter, showers, bathrooms, and so many of our most basic needs that we consistently privatize and capitalize on to keep the poor... poor. Do you care about these people? Do you want to help them? YOU SHOULD. If you do, then consider the impact that this level of inaction will have upon them. I believe that it is our duty to support those whom the system has continuously and actively failed. When we ask for the defunding of the LAPD, we are saying that this money needs to be used elsewhere. Stop taking from other departments, strictly defund LAPD (we need more than 150 million taken from their budget). The unifying factor behind all of these requests: universal basic and human needs. People are not having their most basic needs be met. They are not treated as human beings. YOU are all humans before you are politicians. The current model of policing is a barrier to genuine change. We do not feel protected by cops, we feel threatened. The current model of policing in our country does not work. A community-driven model is a tangible answer—we need to move non-violent calls to unarmed, non-police responders. As a taxpayer, I am asking for a reprioritization of how our money is used. People's Budget LA has done the research. They know that people are struggling to survive. Policing in our country exacerbates that issue. Please, listen to us: implement the People's Budget LA and refuse the political show and corruption the mayor and Huizar and John Lee keep putting on without real actions towards justice. We see you all. We will keep seeing you all.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Trevor Lyon

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 08:46 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** The current city budget is unacceptable. The money being allocated for the police department is a much higher amount that is appropriate, especially given their recent behavior. The LAPD budget should be significantly decreased and the money should be spread to communities in need as well as school, libraries, and other social wellness programs. Please make this positive change for the well being of our city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sepi Shyne

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 09:13 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am in support of the AD HOC COMMITTEE ON POLICE REFORM REPORT relative to developing an unarmed model of crisis response. We need to direct resources away from the LAPD and invest that money into communities and in non-LAPD alternatives to the police. It is better for Angelenos and will free up LAPD time to focus on areas they are actually trained in. Let the non LAPD experts handle these matters. Other cities are doing it and Los Angeles should lead. It is the right thing to do to ensure the safety of Angelenos. Respectfully submitted, Sepi Shyne

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 09:25 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** HI MY NAME IS ISABELLA AND I AM A CONSTITUENT OF DISTRICT 13 IN LOS ANGELES. REGARDING ITEM 48: SUPPORT WESSON/HARRIS-DAWSON MOTION TO INVEST IN ALTERNATIVE UNARMED SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR NON-VIOLENT EMERGENCY CALLS DEFUND THE POLICE (\$150 MILLION IS NOT ENOUGH) ADOPT THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sean

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 09:18 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'd like to start by saying defund the police. It is the opinion of the overwhelming majority that this needs to be done now. You don't seem to want to budge on this so I guess we'll just keep on like a broken record until you listen. You need to do this and when you do, the funds need to be reallocated to the people. In case you haven't noticed we are having record highs in unemployment and just because our government has decided to reopen and sacrifice the working class to this virus doesn't mean that those businesses that were forced into reopening are making enough to keep people afloat. People need help now more than ever before. Because of our government and many of our selfish self centered citizens have decided to go against science and act as if this pandemic isn't a real threat, things will get much worse before they get better. You need to work towards a rent/mortgage freeze. As I stated before you need to defund the police and REALLOCATE that money back into helping the citizens of this city that are hurting NOW. The people's budget LA has already done much of the work for you. We don't need speeches, empty words or platitudes. We need you to start doing your fucking jobs and we need you to start doing them now.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Keely chaisson

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 09:47 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the motion by Herb Wesson (CD10) and Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD8) to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls. The cuts proposed do not even come close to meeting the demands and priorities of Angelenos. We need much bigger cuts to the LAPD budget, and we need to invest that money into communities and in non-LAPD alternatives to the police.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** John San Juan

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 09:59 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly urge the Council to vote down Garcetti's city budget and immediately vote for the People's Budget led by Black Lives Matter. I DO NOT APPROVE OF GARCETTI'S BUDGET. I AM IN FAVOR FOR THE PEOPLES BUDGET. I EXPECT Council Members to vote on behalf of the people.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Miguel Santoscoy

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 12:11 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** It is criminal and absurd that in a time with great social and racial injustice the only move our mayor is doing to rectify the situation is to cut funding put of LAPD by a mere 250mil out of 1.8.BILLION. We, the people of LA demand the council members do their jobs as civil servants, as OUR EMPLOYEES, and call to the defunding of the LAPD and to the adoption of the people's budget. We further demand that significant police reform in the form of the demands of Campaign Zero by adopting these demands: 1. Ending broken windows policing 2. Having community oversight of the police 3. Limiting use of police force 4. Independently investigating and prosecuting the police 5. Have community representation in the police force 6. Police officers have body cameras running at all times and if any tampering of the footage or camera is found then to have severe punitive measures on an officer and to throw out any cases submitted by that officer 7. Better training on deescalation, emphasis on nonviolence, and more restrictive use of weaponry 8. End for profit policing 9. Demilitarization of the police 10. Limited to no use of police union contracts and contracts that dont extort the city, threaten to not do their jobs, do not protest the prosecution and firing of criminal cops, and do not ridiculously overpay police officers or leaders through loopholes. The civil unrest in this city is not just a raucous disturbance, it's a call for change and action and a threat to hold you, the council members, the mayor, and all of our PUBLIC SERVANTS to account or to be risked being run out of town. We want to fund our school, our poorer communities, to stop disenfranchising our communities of color, and to provide actual opportunity to the most vulnerable in our community. Us as citizens have done our part and used our voices. Now it is your turn to carry out the will of the PEOPLE.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tara Egnatios

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 12:53 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the motion by Herb Wesson and Marqueece Harris-Dawson to invest in alternative, unarmed service providers for non-violence emergency calls. Mayor Garcetti's proposed cuts do not even come close to meeting the demands and priorities of Angelenos. We need much bigger cuts to the LAPD budget, and we need to invest that money into communities and in non-LAPD alternatives to the police.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ching Wei

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 03:34 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I want a safe Los Angelas and do not support defunding LAPD in any way.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ashley Morgan

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 03:50 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need you to do more to root out white supremacy in our city institutions. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television (google it), and follows many white supremacist accounts on his public Twitter account. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors while Mayor Garcetti stood on stage with him. I am an Angeleno and I live in District 4. I am writing to demand you support the Wesson/Martinez motion and consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly but this is STILL NOT ENOUGH. I also urge you that Black Lives Matter be apart of the reimagining of community safety measures and the LAPD is kept out of those negotiations. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents. Even the proposed cuts are not enough, as when police overwhelmingly exist to exact brutality on the people they're supposed to "protect", settlements from these lawsuits are taken out of the Los Angeles general fund, not even the police budget. Unlike your budget, which — even with cuts and proposed reapportionments — gives more than half of unrestricted funds to the LAPD, the Peoples Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police. Survey takers determined that the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Los Angeles is a city of visionaries, and we elected you to carry out our visions. That is the People's Budget of LA. If you want to represent our visions you will listen to the people who have been doing this work for years, and take cues from city councils like Minneapolis who will disband their police department and invest in community led resources. 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. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused

neighbors. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Thank you for your time, Ashley

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rebecca Green

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 03:51 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Rebecca Green, I'm a resident of CD-13, and I'd like to speak on Item 1 and make General Public Comment. \$150 million in cuts to the LAPD budget is NOT ENOUGH. We need to defund the police and reimagine public safety by investing in communities and in alternatives to the police. Budgets are moral documents and the current budget is morally bankrupt. We must adopt the People's Budget LA to reflect the morals and values of the people of LA and keep all Angelenos - especially Black and Brown communities - safe. The people have spoken. Defund the police NOW or else you can no longer claim to represent the people of this city or even to care about us. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Marie Guerrero

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 03:54 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I demand that the city council and mayor adopt the People's Budget. The proposals put forward by the mayor and some council members are negligible, nay, laughable. We need to defund the LAPD and reinvest that money into developing an unarmed, non-LAPD well-trained alternative to police AND towards housing security, public health, public school education, and mental health needs. What Councilman Paul Koretz failed to realize when citing the movie THE PURGE in reference to our demands is that defunding the LAPD will not pose a public safety issue. In fact, the LAPD is the public safety issue. Defund the police and adopt the People's Budget. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carene Mekertichyan

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 03:58 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** You've heard everyone, now is the time to act. DEFUND the LAPD. \$133 million dollars shaved off a \$3 billion budget is insignificant. Now is the time to be courageous, as we believe the LA city budget is a moral document. We, the coalition of Theater Artists in support of the People's Budget have signed a petition calling for action that you can view here:  
[https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/los-angeles-theater-community-for-a-peoples-budget?source=direct\\_link&fbclid=IwAR0GgNVsDIVhaRxsG8HCg6FvX2BkkO58kz7n4LZdku\\_fePd8cAilq2W5Js8](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/los-angeles-theater-community-for-a-peoples-budget?source=direct_link&fbclid=IwAR0GgNVsDIVhaRxsG8HCg6FvX2BkkO58kz7n4LZdku_fePd8cAilq2W5Js8)



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ted Trembinski  
**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 05:14 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I would like to urge the council to adopt the "People's Budget" as presented by BLMLA and divest from the funding the police and shift the majority of that funding to community housing, education, and community development. As a district 13 resident, I see an increase in unhoused people in my neighborhood. This has directly led to more crime including minor theft and indecent exposure at the apartment complex that I live at. As a member of the community, I do not want to continue funding the officers who may be called in response to the unhoused community members in my neighborhood - I want mental health services, housing, public restrooms which offer fresh running water and bathing services. The unhoused in my neighborhood should not be met with police, they should be with community services which continue to promote their health and well being and their dignity.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lola Smallwood Cuevas

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 05:39 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello Budget and Finance Committee. My name is Lola Smallwood Cuevas, co-founder of the Los Angeles Black Worker Center and director of the CARE at Work. CARE is an initiative of the UCLA Labor Center, a grassroots center in Los Angeles working to create a world where Black workers and their families can thrive in an equitable economy that sustains vibrant communities. Our mission is to expand access to and retention on quality jobs, free of discrimination, harassment and retaliation. Thank you Budget and Finance committee members, including Chairman Krekorian and members Curren Price and Paul Koretz, for your support for sparing the Targeted Local Hire program in this challenging budget. We see this as the first step toward real recovery that does not do more harm to Black communities but expanding what is a proven method to address the root cause of racial and economic inequities faced by that community, and that is increasing access to quality work. As the city council and Mayor realign funding from the police to begin the much overdue of intentional investments in Black community stability and securing, we call on the council and this community to show bold leadership by not only maintaining TLH but expanding it to provide real jobs that provide real services in our communities. Our research shows that unionized public sector jobs are a vehicle for racial equity within the city of Los Angeles and a stimulus for our communities. Every dollar invested in TLH is labor costs results in each dollar going back into our communities. Using the stimulus multiplier provided by the federal government, TLH labor costs will also produce at least one job in private sector jobs that support the city government. Expanding TLH with targeted inclusion of Black workers is a win-win. Cutting TLH is a lose-lose scenario that adds to the harm of COVID and the disproportionate impact faced by Black working-class communities at this moment. Please see attachments to be submitted into the record. Lola Smallwood Cuevas  
CARE at UCLA Labor Center link to our Reimagined Recovery report:  
<https://www.labor.ucla.edu/publication/reimagined-recovery-black-workers-the-public-sector-and-covid-19/>  
Stimulus Summary document:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yksztoVlknB7nqZiDjtFYoGXx1rtnsL-3EX60-mt3nw/edit> Black Families Deserve Prosperity Graphic:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pzw6Nda68g0rR3F52oGbkza13B-gqqS0/view?usp=drivesdk>

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nick

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 06:04 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a lifelong (64 year) resident of Los Angeles, I urge the City Council to reject the city budget as passed and adopt the People's Budget as proposed by Black Lives Matter. It is simply shameful that over half of the proposed budget goes to a corrupt, racist and outdated police dept. headed by white men. For god's sake, get your heads out of your asses. Your time is OVER...

## Communication from Public

**Name:** wang

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 09:33 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I want a safe Los Angeles and do not support defunding LAPD in any way.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rebecca

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 10:39 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** There was no council file number available for this meeting; this public comment is from 6/29's 10 AM SPECIAL MEETING - HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEE: Hi, my name is Kessler and I am calling in to speak on item number 12. We are all aware that the homelessness crisis in LA has only gotten worst since this committee was formed because this committee continues to criminalize homelessness. We want this committee to be abolished and replaced with a commission on lived experience with homelessness like the one suggested in Bonin's motion on item 12. The public is also urging you to remove Mitch O'Farrell as he meets with NIMBYs and ignores his unhoused constituents. The fact that construction of condos, apartments, mansions, and houses have continued throughout this entire COVID quarantine is extremely maddening- as if anyone unhoused on the street can afford to live in any of these buildings. It shows you literally only care about money and not about the people on the street - otherwise you would be building affordable housing instead of gentrifying every area of Los Angeles. We the public demand that you do the right thing by ending criminalization of homelessness, defunding the police, and commandeering all hotels and vacant units NOW to start housing our unhoused population. The unhoused population deserves a say on this committee as it's their LIVES and THEIR EXPERIENCES that you clearly are lacking understanding of.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gabriela Craft

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 10:47 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm an LA resident providing public comment on Item 8 & 12. I'm urging you to end criminalization of homelessness, defund the police and commandeer hotel rooms & vacant units. Policing does not provide care to homeless or resolve the actual problems. This committee needs to listen to the people of Los Angeles, include the homeless in your discussions and hear their stories and opinions in order to guide your decisions. Criminalizing homeless people and ignoring the housing problem is unacceptable. Stop pandering to real estate developers, police departments & police unions. Due to the pandemic, we are in an urgent crisis! Over 35,000 families are at risk of eviction and losing their homes. Steps need to be taken to address this issue now. No more surveys or excuses, we want action and funding directly to homeless community programs. We are watching and listening.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jessica Osorio

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 11:12 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** The comment is regarding the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget negotiations. The people of the City of Los Angeles have been very clear on this, Defund LAPD. You heard the presentation from Black Lives Matter representatives presenting of the People's Budget LA which included the participation of thousands of people in our city. LAPD abuses their power time and time again as they have murdered hundreds of people in our streets over the past few years without justice and accountability. And when protesters came out into the streets a few weeks ago, LAPD shot rubber bullets and pepper sprayed people who were on the streets demanding justice. That is what LAPD does, they commit violence against city residents. Defund LAPD, and adopt the People's Budget. Most importantly during this pandemic, we need to provide safe housing to the 60,000 people that live on our streets and we need to prevent more people from ending up without housing. Addressing and preventing homelessness will make us a safer city and protect the health of homeless individuals, and the city at large. City budgets are moral documents that show what we value. We need to show that what we value is the health and safety of people without homes and that we stand against the violence and abuse of power that LAPD perpetuates.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kathleen Y Choi

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 11:14 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** LAHSA's homeless count showed an increase of 14.2% in the City of LA. It's clear that the City's minimal attempts at building and opening permanent supportive housing and A Bridge Home shelters are not working. We need a radical shift in our approach towards homelessness. We need to: #DefundThePolice – Criminalizing homelessness and overspending on policing has led to our current homelessness crisis. Reinvest police funds in homelessness prevention measures like cancelling rent and greatly expanding the stock of permanent, public housing. House everyone in hotel rooms – commandeer hotels now, Garcetti! LA has 100,000 hotel rooms, most of which are empty. Mayor Garcetti has refused to commandeer a single hotel while the unhoused population increases and COVID-19 cases rise. Support Item 12: Commission on Lived Experience with Homelessness (Bonin) appointment of commissioners must not be made by elected officials to ensure commissioners' independence and effectiveness Ensure that each neighborhood has access to cooling centers to prevent deaths among the elderly and vulnerable population. We are approaching hot summer months, yet there are NO cooling centers in most LA communities.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chloe C

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 11:32 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** Policing has no role in responding to homelessness and poverty. It is the criminalization and overspending on policing that has led to LA's current homelessness crisis. Ultimately, City Council must end the criminalization of homelessness, defund the police. We need much larger cuts to the LAPD budget than the existing proposals made by various city council members and the mayor, which fail to align with Angelenos' priorities. City council must defund the police and invest that money into communities and non-LAPD, unarmed alternatives to police. Care not cops!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** megan pinkston

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 01:02 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE - Monday, June 29, 2020 My name is Megan Pinkston and I am a resident in district 4 I'd like to make comment on items 1 and general public comment. We need much larger cuts to the LAPD budget. Existing proposals made by various city council members and the mayor fail to align with Angelenos' priorities. City council must defund the police and invest that money into communities and non-LAPD, unarmed alternatives to police. Adopt a people's budget. Defund the Police. Sincerely, Megan Pinkston

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Danielle Castillo

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 01:15 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a Los Angeles resident and your constituent, I demand that the City Council makes drastic changes to LA's budget to prioritize care NOT cops. DEFUND THE POLICE: 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. This is simply NOT ENOUGH. This would still leave over half our budget going to policing. We demand more. Amidst a pandemic, we must invest in community services to keep us safe. We need real solutions to Homelessness, that house unhoused people, provide mental health and substance abuse services, and address the underlining issues that create homelessness. We need to invest in unemployment support as our the unpredictability of the Coronavirus and the impact to our local and national economy is not going away. We services for healthcare and resources and supplies for health care workers. We need to boldly reject the school to prison pipeline and deeply look at the insidious system of racial injustice and oppression in our community. We will no longer accept the way things have been. Our time to act is now - and your responsibility is to the PEOPLE not the POLICE. ADOPT A PEOPLE'S BUDGET: City Council and the Mayor can still make changes to the budget. We engaged in a participatory process, listened to the community, and came up with our own 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. We want to see community-led implementation of public safety! Police aren't the answer to over-policing and shouldn't be resourced to address the real issues we're facing today in our community. We don't want community safety partnerships, we want community-driven answers. All eyes are

watching and if you don't address the voice of the people we will vote you out. Defund the police and support a People's Budget today.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alberta Wright

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 01:59 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** For the BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE: I am a resident of Echo Park, an art educator, white queer woman, and stand in solidarity with fellow Angelenos calling for divestment from police, and investment in communities. Yesterday I witnessed a neighbor being handcuffed by and verbally harassed by police. 5 were on the scene and a helicopter circled above. As neighbors arrived on the scene holding up cameras, holding fear of what these police could do--not any feeling of security or safety or trust--we learned that this son, who had gone outside to open the garage for his mother, had a gun pulled on him, pointed to his head, by a police officer who had gotten a call that he had a gun. He was wearing board shorts and a tank top--no possibility a gun was on his person--and he invited that officer to search any of his spaces for that gun, but to please stop pointing a gun at his head in front of his son. The officer refused, twisting his arms behind his back in cuffs, despite extreme pain from recent back surgery. His son is autistic, and for three days over the past week, a racist neighbor, has been anonymously calling the police on this man, to the point where his son now hears a helicopter or sees a police car and tells his father that it is coming for him. This is inhumane. This is one personal, witnessed example to add of millions of examples happening every single day. Where are the people testifying to how much they want to fight for the police to keep their budget and their jobs? No more studies, no more wavering--the moral imperative is clear, the people have spoken. Divest money from the police budget, and re-invest it into communities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Laarni

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 02:04 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I stand in solidarity with the People's Budget LA. We demand the City budget continue to reallocate funds from LAPD to other resources to help the community. That means to cut more than just \$150 million from LAPD. That means to continuously re-fund healthcare, housing, education, and other programming that aids - not harms - the community.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Samira Ibrahim

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 02:05 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'd like to know why LA county feels that \$150million reduction in funding to the LAPD budget of \$3 billion is sufficient? Our city is facing unprecedented homelessness & unemployment that affects black Angelenos at a disproportionate rate, how is police funding more important than the thousands of Angelenos in need?

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing to request a reform to the LA city budget under consideration today (6/29/2020). Our city police force has more than enough funding. Please redirect funds from the LAPD to community-based programs and community care programs. In the midst of a pandemic, with more families under emotional and financial strain than ever in my 36-year lifetime, it's flabbergasting that my elected officials have failed to balance the resources we've collectively provided in such a way that brings the maximum benefit to the maximum number of citizens.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shoji Kameda

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 02:07 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing to express my support of the People's Budget as put forward by Black Lives Matter Los Angeles and their partner groups. We need much bigger cuts to the LAPD budget and an investment in communities and policing alternatives.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 02:13 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** Since moving to Los Angeles 1.5 years ago, I've encountered countless people in the queer / transgender community, who are struggling to find work, pay rent, cover the cost of food, and get access to healthcare services. There are young black and brown cis + trans people that desperately need mental health resources and access medical care. They are the essence of this city and deserve transparency, recognition, and unwavering support from our city. Please defund the police and invest in the people's budget.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** Defund the police. Invest in housing solutions, healthcare services, and community resources.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lola Smallwood Cuevas

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 02:24 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** This comment is for the Budget and Finance Committee. My Name is Lola Smallwood Cuevas, co-founder of the Los Angeles Black Worker Center and director of the CARE at Work, an initiative of the UCLA Labor Center A grassroots center in los angeles working to create a world where Black workers and their families can thrive in an equitable economy that sustains vibrant communities. Our mission is to expand access to and retention on quality jobs, free of discrimination, harrassment and retaliation. Thank you to the Budget and Finance committee members, including Chairman Krekorian and members Curren Price and Paul Koretz, for your support for sparing the Targeted Local Hire program in this challenging budget. We see this is as the first step toward real recovery that does not do more harm to Black communities but expanding what is proven method to address the root cause of racial and economic inequities faced by that community, and that is increasing access to quality work. As the city council and Mayor realign funding from the police to begin the much overdue of intentional investments in Black community stability and securing, we call on the council and this community to show bold leadership by not only maintain TLH but expanding it to provide real jobs that provide real services in our communities. Our research shows that unionized public sector jobs are a vehicle for racial equity within the city of Los Angeles and a stimulus for our communities. Every dollar invested in TLH is labor costs results in each dollar going back into our communities. Using the stimulus multiplier provided by the federal government, TLH labor costs will also produce at least one job in private sector jobs that support the city government. Expanding TLH with targeted inclusion of Black workers is a win-win. Cutting TLH is a lose-lose scenario that adds to the harm of COVID and the disproportionate impact faced by Black working-class communities at this moment. Please see attachments to be submitted into the record. Lola Smallwood Cuevas CARE at UCLA Labor Center Here is a document with our recommendations: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yksztoVlknB7nqZiDjtFYoGXx1rtnsL-3EX60-mt3nw/edit> Here is a link to our report Reimagined Recovery: <https://www.labor.ucla.edu/publication/reimagined-recovery-black-workers-the-public-sector-and-covid-19/> <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pzw6Nda68g0rR3F52oGbkza13B-gqqS0/view?usp=drivesdk>

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 02:26 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please defund the police and invest in the people's budget. There are young black and brown cisgender and transgender people that desperately need mental health resources and access medical care. There are members of our community who are struggling to find work, pay rent, cover the cost of food, and get access to healthcare services. Defund racist police. Stop police brutality. We need restorative justice. Invest in communities of color.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Violet Elder

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 02:35 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing in for public comment about the Monday, June 29, 2020 Budget and Finance Committee meeting. These comments are on Item 1 and General Public Comment. The proposed 150 million cut to the LAPD budget is far far far too low. Angelenos have made their priorities known: you must defund the police and invest that money into communities and non-LAPD unarmed alternatives to police. DEFUND the police and INVEST in community care. BLM LA and the People's City Council has done the work for you and made a budget, ready for you to adopt. Adopt the People's Budget. Researchers all over the world have done the work for you, as well, in concluding in countless studies that increased police presence leads to DECREASED safety, especially for the most vulnerable populations. We will not accept the proposed 150 million budget cut - you MUST cut more from the LAPD budget. You could cut it down to 2% and it would still be the most well-funded department. We are watching you. The world is watching you. LA has the largest jail system in the world. Listen to your constituents. Defund the police. 150 million is NOT enough.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** C Rubio

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 02:35 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Cassie Rubio, I'm with the FF Los Angeles. I'm writing today to state that we need much larger budget cuts to LAPD. Existing proposals made by various council members and the mayor fail to align with Angelenos' priorities. City Council must defund the police and invest that money into communities and non-LAPD, unarmed alternatives to police. We are urging you to pass a People's Budget for Los Angeles.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gabriela Craft

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 02:39 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm an LA resident providing public comment on Item 1. Cutting the LAPD budget by only \$150 million is minuscule insulting. Try cutting it by 80% at least! We need you to defund the police and prevent them from terrorizing LA residents, the homeless, and our youth. Independent investigations of the police department are needed as there are over 600 murders by LAPD. Adopt the People's Budget now and work with the multitude of organizations that have resources & data to come up with a new plan that actually protects people and keeps them safe. My family, friends & I do not feel safe with police! We are not saying simply let crime take over and have chaos ensue. We are saying defund LAPD and reimagine public safety. If you can't do your job, there are thousands of people with creative ideas, experience in safety, social work & alternative care who are willing and ready to make this happen. Work alongside them, get their opinions, and make a solid plan. We know that this will not be an overnight process, but we NEED a plan in place to rebuild this system that clearly does NOT work. We want care, not cops. Koretz is clearly a delusional racist and not listening to the many comments of Angelenos. He will NOT be re-elected. Thanks.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephanie Guzman

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 02:40 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am from Los Angeles. Our city is in desperate need of change. There needs to be much bigger cuts to the LAPD budget. This city needs to invest in its communities and in alternatives to police. Police shouldn't be using the last resort as first responses.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sarah Rudney

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 02:40 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** As your constituent, I demand the LA City Council adopt the People's Budget and DEFUND THE POLICE TODAY. And, FIRE POLICE CHIEF MICHEL MOORE. It is unconscionable that during a time where half of the city is unemployed and struggling to make ends meet, you would consider giving cops raises and bonuses. It is unthinkable that you would continue to fund a violent, murderous police department as they brutalize innocent protesters exercising their first amendment rights and asking for BIPOC people to not be lynched in the streets at the hands of police. If you do not act, you are complicit in this violent, despicable, racist war on black, brown and poor peoples. We will vote you out. Do the right thing. Stand with your people.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michelle Fink

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 02:45 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to reject the mayors budget and adopt the Peoples Budget of LA. If we as a city say we stand for Black Lives Matter and dismantling the systemic racism that exists in our society and governments, then we need to start putting our money where our mouths are. \$150 million in cuts from a \$3 billion budget is an insult. We need to redirect LAPDs budget to services that help our city and communities flourish, not invest in the very organization that upholds their oppression.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rachel Resnik

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 02:51 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** DEFUND the police. All of the research has been done for you already, and some of you on the council are refusing to listen to it. How many more people need to die for you to defund the police? The police are an outdated, racist institution. How many more phone calls do you need into your meetings for you to defund the police? How many more testimonies, tweets, etc do you need to read to realize that it's what the people want? Refusing to defund the police and put The People's Budget into effect is racist policy. The funds need to be divested into community programs, and the police need to be defunded ASAP. People are calling in week after week, and I'm unclear on why you haven't made a full commitment yet.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lara Schilling

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 03:00 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the People's Budget and I demand that You, our elected REPRESENTATIVES do as well. Cut funds from the LAPD; the sheer number of deaths at the hands of police in recent years alone should have convinced you to do this already. That you haven't shows the depth of your callousness and moral bankruptcy. THE CITIZENS OF LA DEMAND BETTER. Defund the police and invest in our collective humanity. You'll feel amazing if you ever take the necessary risks to get in touch with your own humanity, from which you have been completely alienated.

## Communication from Public

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## Communication from Public

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Aurora Rivera

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 03:12 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Aurora and I am a resident constituent of District 4. It's clear you all are not budging to support the People's Budget LA, and neither are we. Black and brown communities need to stop dying in the hands of LAPD. Community protection can be rebuilt. All of this can happen if you SUPPORT People's Budget LA and defund LAPD.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alexa Fifield

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 03:20 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** #DefundThePolice and reinvest in our communities. \$150 million in cuts to the \$3 billion LAPD budget is pathetic. Our city is facing unprecedented homelessness & unemployment, and our funds for Covid testing are dwindling. All of these crises disproportionately impact Black Angelenos. Historically, funding for LAPD has hovered around 50% of the general fund budget. The most recent iteration of the City's budget is particularly unacceptable; LA mayor Eric Garcetti has proposed a budget that includes a marked increase — \$200 million — to LAPD overtime, despite clear and measurable decreases in crime. In this proposed budget, the LAPD will drain 54% of the general fund, while other departments experience furloughs, pay and budget cuts. Mayor Garcetti has chosen to increase LAPD funding, at a time when Angelenos have made clear this does not align with their priorities and concerns. The City's unemployment rate continues to rise. Many of its approximately 2 million renters are struggling to pay rent. 58,000 of our unhoused comrades remain on the streets. Incarcerated folx are not being released, though the risk of contracting COVID-19 is greater in congregate and institutionalized living settings. Garcetti has chosen to ignore these pressing concerns, furlough 16,000 non-police municipal workers, cut funding to services, and funnel more (and unnecessary) money towards the police department. This is unacceptable. More spending on policing when crime is down doesn't make sense. Crime in LA is down 23% percent since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Even before COVID-19, violent crime in LA was down. In January of this year, the Police Chief said it's "one of the safest times In Los Angeles." The proposed budget includes \$47 million dollars for police overtime—overtime spending should be reserved for a time when there is a demonstrated need for more police not less. Data shows that rates of violent crime rate have dropped over the past five years even as the number of police officers has declined. DEFUND THE POLICE AND ADOPT THE PEOPLES BUDGET.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 03:20 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** The biggest crisis in LA is homelessness. I am a born Angeleno and I am tired of hearing there isn't enough money to fix the issue. The only times I, as a single female, have ever called lapd were for threatening moments with a mentally unwell homeless person. This marginalized community does not have the resources for the care they NEED. I have worked in the DTLA area for the past 10 years. Many people I know have been attacked by homeless who do not the medication or facilities to keep themselves and the public safe. Our homelessness is proof of a failed City Government. Our city of Los Angeles, who has the largest economy in the country, cannot claim there isn't enough in the budget for homeless resources. The LAPD budget is proof there is enough to actually protect the community with resources and services we need! As well, in our state of global warming, there is absolutely no need to have lapd flying around in helicopters every day all day in certain communities like mine. Helicopters in LA should only be flying to dump water out of it for fires. Defund the police, we need so much more than their brutality.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Leticia  
**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 03:31 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0692  
**Comments for Public Posting:** We need police to protect us.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carene Mekertichyan

**Date Submitted:** 06/24/2020 09:10 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am in support of Motion A but it does not go far enough. We must defund and abolish the police and adopt the People's Budget by reallocating funds to other groups INDEPENDENT OF THE LAPD. The idea that the LAPD would investigate themselves is a complete joke. The systemic racism and corruption and the slap on the wrist they receive when they take Black/Brown lives should be evidence of that enough. We need alternatives to policing and Black Lives Matter Los Angeles should be compensated and given the lead on these reforms.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** KC

**Date Submitted:** 06/24/2020 09:11 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** Public Comment for City Council Meeting 10am 6/24 --Despite the \$133 million cut, the police budget is still overfunded. It's inappropriate for Moore to be able to speak in defense of his budget while his record shows abject failures. The People's voice should be held in higher esteem, and the People no longer wish to be terrorized by thugs in uniform. Please hear the call to do the hard work to divest from LAPD, it's urgent.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Raji Shivshanker

**Date Submitted:** 06/24/2020 09:16 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, my name is Raji Shivshanker and I am a resident of CD 13. This comment is in support of City Council Committee on Police Reform to pass the Wesson/Martinez/Harris-Dawson motion. This is an important step in defunding the police and seeing true alternatives to policing, which requires meaningful investment in our communities. This process of defunding police cannot be done without major leadership and involvement from organizations and groups already doing this work such as Black Lives Matter, Youth Justice Coalition, the People's Budget. Thank you, Raji Shivshanker

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Steev

**Date Submitted:** 06/24/2020 09:32 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** Per Garcetti's current budget, appropriation to LAPD would be \$1,857,330,549. That's more than one billion dollars, more than twice any of the other department budgets. To all City Councilmember: Your job will be to make sure more of this money than the paltry \$120million cut Garcetti is throwing at the public is defunded and redirected to public agencies that would help the problems we have. Be brave and do the right thing. We are counting on you. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brian

**Date Submitted:** 06/24/2020 09:51 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I demand that city council push for the defunding and abolish the LAPD and for the money to be diverted into social programs that actually provide stability to the people. Inequality and inequity is what afflicts our community not crime, so giving us cops when we need resources and opportunity shows us you don't want to help us you want to criminalize us contain us, you want to restrain us and you want to suppress us. Inequality precipitates crime, increasing police budgets doesn't solve crime it only make the reaction to crime more excessive and violent. Stop putting topical ointments on malignant tumors, TREAT THE ILLNESS! Diverting money from a cartel that helps stratify poverty towards programs that facilitate financial stability and upward mobility programs that alleviate the conditions that breeds desperation. The same desperation that facilitates crime. And don't worry, I'm not asking you to be brave, I've long been disillusioned of the notion of a principled politician, but I am asking you to be on the right side of history and this moment. In this political climate, pushing for community investment instead of policing isn't a controversial platform, it's preaching to the choir at this point. This is a fucking alley opp we're tossing you

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Madaline Jones

**Date Submitted:** 06/24/2020 09:58 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello Council Members, In regards to item #1, while I believe this is a good start, I strongly encourage you take the time to scrutinize the language used in this motion. Particularly in regards to the language surrounding criminal activity, outlining criminality vs violence. As we know, our nation has been plagued by white supremacist loopholes in legal language when claiming reform/progress, dating all the way back to the 13th amendment where slavery was abolished EXCEPT for when that person has committed a crime, in which case imprisonment and free labor were deemed appropriate and legal. This loophole allowed for the continued abuse, oppression and profit off of black lives. Black people in this nation are STILL suffering from that shameful loophole which led us to the corrupt justice system and mass incarceration we are facing today. We need to ensure that any steps towards progress eradicate these shady and manipulative measures rooted in white supremacy. In regards to motion #8, we need to ensure that the LAPD is nowhere near the police accountability team. This needs to be a civilian led oversight committee or else it is unacceptable. Asking police to police themselves is a slap in the face to every black and brown community in LA and those working for justice and peace. It is CRUCIAL that the citizens of LA are listened to when we ask you to DEFUND the police and redirect those funds to community resources that actually help our communities and keep us safe. Police should not, nor should they have ever, respond to non-violent 911 calls. We need professionals in the realm of mental health/psychology, housing services, social services, child services, drug addiction, domestic abuse, etc. We need to work with the community advocacy groups who are already on the ground helping the underprivileged, the abused, the impoverished, homeless, etc. Groups who have empathy, compassion, understanding and CARE for those they are serving. This does not include and will never include the LAPD. We are not interested in paying for any more training or motions of reform for the LAPD. The LAPD has had over 5 decades to listen to their citizens and to reform and we are still sitting in this same corrupt and abusive system that we've always had running our streets. Police departments have been "reforming" themselves since their inception, which we all know was as a team of white men who

were assigned to patrol and kidnap slaves who were running away from their torture, rape, and abuse. TIME IS UP. \$100-\$150 million dollars divested from the police is nowhere near enough money when the LAPD budget sits in the billions. We do not feel safe with LAPD in charge. The trust between the people and police has been obliterated. We want them defunded and those funds to be redistributed to community groups who actually protect, assist and rehabilitate our community members. Thank you so much for your time and for listening to the people. Today's meeting was the first meeting in 2 weeks of city council/police commission meetings where anyone even addressed our outrage and our demands. This was the first meeting I've heard anyone speak to what we have said, expressed compassion and disappointment and motivation for change. So thank you. I sincerely hope, from the depths of my soul, that we can use this momentum to meet this moment and actually put into action what we have been demanding for decades. Namaste, Madaline

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elissa

**Date Submitted:** 06/24/2020 09:58 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** The LAPD has made some improvements since 1992- but reform has proven to be simply not enough. No amount of money added to the police budget can “train” empathy and respect for our communities. Imagining a city without police is imagining a city who’s residents’ needs are met- when people have what they need- food, shelter, access to healthcare and education- crime goes down. Adopt the People’s Budget and look to community leaders and organizations for perspective on how we can protect our own communities without the Police, and where we can direct the money and training instead. We can’t ask officers to do the work of mental health workers- they don’t want to, they did not sign up to do so. Many signed up to have authority without accountability- and they do not want change. Defund the Police. Adopt the People’s Budget. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alice Bebbington

**Date Submitted:** 06/24/2020 10:42 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing with General Public Comment. I am writing in to call on our elected officials to approve the People's Budget LA, in its full entirety. The \$150 million cut to LAPD suggested by Mayor Garcetti in response to the mass protests around the city, is woefully inadequate. We need to fully Defund the Police. David Ryu - I am your constituent, and I am here to say that we see you David Ryu, and your recent, pathetic emails. We know you have taken \$45,000 from the LA Police and we see you and we will NOT re-elect you if you continue to hide your true allegiances - which you have made clear are to the LA Police. Speaking to item number 9, I support the Council's decision to NOT take funding from LA Justice Fund for Movies in the Park. Speaking to item number 45, I call on the Council to support putting the Vacancy Tax.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Leily

**Date Submitted:** 06/23/2020 09:21 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** 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. Second, the proposed \$100-150 million cut, to LAPD is not enough. You are still leaving the majority of our budget for law enforcement. As Dr. Abdullah shared in her BLM/People's Budget LA testimony, your choices in this moment show us clearly who you serve – the people, the police, or your ambitions. PARTICULARLY in regards to my Council Member PAUL KORETZ, it is clear who you serve and it is not the people. You have shown no interest in substantive racial justice in Los Angeles. Your transparent and empty posts about George Floyd are meaningless when you uphold inequality in this city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stacy Lee

**Date Submitted:** 06/23/2020 11:43 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Stacy and I am a resident of Westwood, Los Angeles, living in District 5. I would like to speak on general public comment. I am extremely disappointed that Councilmembers JOE BUSCAINO, PAUL KORETZ, and John Lee voted against a report to identify cuts in the LAPD budget. In a time when leadership and change is necessary to save Black lives, you are failing to act and choosing to keep the status quo. Your beliefs and actions as individuals may not be racist, but your votes are. When you, as white and Asian elected officials with power to affect the lives of so many for generations to come, don't take actions to disrupt a racist system, you allow it to perpetuate, and any act that supports systemic racism is racist. Your vote prioritized white residents' desire to preserve their comfort over residents' of color hope to stop being murdered by LAPD. Your votes were a racist act. I am particularly ashamed of John Lee, who stated that on Twitter that "arbitrary cuts are not the way," well, duh, that's the whole point of the report. Mr. Lee, you need to understand that LAPD will attack Asian Americans, including Korean Americans. My father, a Korean American immigrant, was put in a chokehold for disputing a parking ticket decades ago, and had he died from it, I would not be alive today. This City Council can undo that and other racist acts. I demand that you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest our taxpayer funds into the community. I demand that you also do more to help unhoused people who are relying on nonprofits and donations to stay alive during this pandemic. This is not sustainable and people will continue to die if more is not done.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carly Kohler

**Date Submitted:** 06/24/2020 01:27 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** #Defundthepolice It is apparent that the police cannot do their jobs effectively. Social workers and mental health professionals can take over parts of the police's job to decrease issues. The racism in the police is rampant and needs to be outed and removed.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eryn Pendergast

**Date Submitted:** 06/24/2020 03:09 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please adopt a people's budget that DIVESTS in institutions that are overworked and underqualified and disproportionately affect our communities of color, and INVESTS in economic opportunity and social safety for black people and other people of color. Expand public housing, subsidize higher education costs, provide accessible childcare and healthcare services, and fund equitable education. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christy

**Date Submitted:** 06/24/2020 08:22 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please stop trying to defund the police. We need them to protect us from evil and from criminals and bad people!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tanya Marin

**Date Submitted:** 06/24/2020 09:27 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** CITIZENS appreciate everything the Police Department does for our community. It is a terrible mistake to DEFUND a much needed service to the community!! PLEASE STOP THE ACTION TO DEFUND OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lynnette Robb

**Date Submitted:** 06/24/2020 09:51 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I would like to post my opposition to the defunding of the Los Angeles Police department. I feel while the actions of protestors in Los Angeles are well intentioned, the consequences would be devastating to the very people they are trying to uplift, if services are cut or abolished. Daily murders and violent crime unchecked. We just aren't that far advanced as a society. I dare say we probably never will be. I have lived on the street 12 years old, I've been stopped by the police and been a victim of violent crime. Police intervention and incarceration is to some of the only thing keeping us alive. Sad but true. We are resistant to social programs and drug treatment programs. You can't be made to change. The motto to protect and serve is to protect us from ourselves and from one another. That's the service. What is really needed is after incarceration programs, not music lessons, that help those returning to the streets, stay out. Also, stiffer penalties for resisting arrest. Which seems to be a common thread in most police use of force interactions. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gary Wolf

**Date Submitted:** 06/25/2020 12:12 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am 1000 % against any defunding of the Los Angeles Police Department and any of it's affiliates. This is a very dangerous and ideological notion that will never work. The police are a necessary part of our daily lives. The good, the bad, and the ugly. It's a hard rock and a hard place job. But the cutting of services effects all of us. I depend on them to defend my constitutional rights. If your going to do any defunding then you need to loosen up weapon carry and self defense laws accordingly. The non law abiding citizens, like the ones in Chicago over the weekend, are running around with no fear of reprisal, with lessened police action and slower response time. Not only will anyone who has an ax to grind get their opportunity, the reality is the fear of the police is the one thing keeping criminals in check. Are they perfect, no, but they do pretty well considering there is like 1 to 100000? I feel this move in policy should have been voted upon by ALL the citizens in the county. As it impacts EVERYONE. This is a policing issue shared by all, not a single entity. Now is not the time for experimental theories or models. There are real people involved, not unmitigated statistics.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Heather Fonseca

**Date Submitted:** 06/25/2020 04:53 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, I'm writing about the Los Angeles City Council's special committee on police reform. I only heard about this special meeting AFTER it had taken place, and only because I read an article about it this morning in the LA Times. How can I find out about these special committees on police reform so I can phone in my concerns next time? As a LA city resident I would like to have my voice heard as well. For the record, I am against defunding the police. Reform, sure, maybe it will help, but to deprive the citizens of a city of 4 million a police force is criminal. I was a child in the 1970's and 80's living in West Hollywood. I remember friends being held up at gunpoint and attacked on the street. This was not a safe city. Please don't let it devolve into a crime ridden urban center again. Sincerely, Heather Fonseca

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/26/2020 03:30 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do Not defund the police dept They are essential for our community's safety. I understand how some additional training in community diversity sensitivity may be needed to address the issues. However , defunding is not an intelligent option! Thank you police officers , firefighters, paramedics for your service in keeping our community safe!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/26/2020 10:25 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** Greetings Council Members, It makes no sense that 54% of the unrestricted general fund is currently allocated to the LAPD, yet education and health services continue to be underfunded, and are always the first to experience cuts! The \$150 million that the mayor speaks of is only just under 4%, so more than 50% - half of the entire budget is going to policing instead of education, mental and physical health services, job creation, and sustainable living programs. We are over-policed in the streets, and our children are criminalized daily once they enter the LAUSD school system, because the city cares more about control and capitalism than it does about the holistic success of the next generation! Also remember that violence is a symptom of poverty, and not the other way around, so if more services were invested in the needs of the people, we wouldn't have as much crime. We need care, not cops! Adopt the People's Budget LA! Defund the LAPD! And defund the LAPD in LAUSD!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/27/2020 06:49 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not lower the LAPD's budget. I am against racial profiling and police violence against persons of color or against anyone for that matter. I abhor the way African American men are treated by all police departments in this country. It is truly a national disgrace. It is a national disaster. I love African American people, in particular. Their strength, love of family, God, their quest for education and a better life for their children and their families. And yes, their love of country in the face of the shameful bigotry they have endured. I am a progressive who supports human rights. Has the LAPD has made progress since 1992 with the Christopher Commission, etc.? Yes. Are they perfect? No. Should more be done? Yes. But the public in a city the size of Los Angeles needs the help and support of our police department. And the Police Department needs the public's support. NYC Police Department has a larger department and they cover only 12 square miles. The City of Los Angeles is so large it is almost unmanageable for the police. The Mayor acts like this isn't his responsibility. That he is not part of the problem. He is part of the problem. Now, in my opinion, he is the problem. It was and is irresponsible of the Mayor to turn on the LAPD during a time of crisis. They are, after all, HIS police department. There is a problem and he's part of it. I believe that a national data base of violent/racist police offenders is necessary and that an independent body should review and remove any and all of these offenders. There needs to be more dialogue between our police and communities of color. Perhaps a 311-like number where victims of profiling or police violence can call. With a sufficient staff to follow-up. Take away the Getty House from the Mayor and sell it. Why should he live rent free at tax payers expense (with LAPD protecting him and his family 24/7)? Lower the Mayor's and City Council's salaries. Give that money to poor communities. But don't take away much needed dollars from the LAPD or the Sheriff's Department. LA Unified School District is a disaster. The Mayor acts like they get very little money. As we all know, LA Unified gets hundreds and hundreds of millions if not billions of tax payer dollars. That system is broken and this is the Mayor's and City Council's responsibility. The problem starts there. I grew up in a poor Los Angeles community until I was 9 years old. I attended South Park Elementary School and in the 4th

grade I still could not read. Thank God my parents moved to Torrance. It was a poor community as well, but Torrance has their own school district. Within 2 months I was reading. I firmly believe I may have never learned to read if we would have stayed in the LA Unified School District. The LAPD is protecting our community. What's next? No Fire Department? No Lifeguards at the beach? Public safety is a major responsibility of government. The input of caring citizens of our city is needed.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** April Wang

**Date Submitted:** 06/27/2020 05:25 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support to continue funding Police Dept for protecting our community.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** lu chang

**Date Submitted:** 06/27/2020 10:32 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I want a safe Los Angelas and do not support defunding LAPD in any way.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tracy Tang

**Date Submitted:** 06/27/2020 10:49 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I want a safe Los Angelas and do not support defunding LAPD



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Deng

**Date Submitted:** 06/27/2020 11:14 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I want a safe Los Angelas and do not support defunding LAPD in any way.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/28/2020 12:33 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I want to live in a safer city where police officers will uphold the law and orders in my state. I against the proposal of defunding LAPD.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dana Chen

**Date Submitted:** 06/28/2020 12:07 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need police officer to save our city, thank you for their hard working

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lynnette Robb

**Date Submitted:** 06/28/2020 03:02 PM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am against any defunding of the police department. I am shocked that you are even entertaining the idea of doing so. The way the laws around guns and use of force are structured now, we are legally dependant upon law enforcement to protect us. You politicians and celebrities enjoy security, but want to take it away from the rest of us. Bad idea.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 06/29/2020 12:28 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I just want to state that policing has no role in responding to homelessness and poverty, and that policing requires and reinforces the criminalization of homelessness and poverty. It is this criminalization and overspending on policing that has led to our current homelessness crisis. Ultimately, City Council must end the criminalization of homelessness, defund the police and commandeer hotel rooms, and vacant units immediately.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Camille Kolodziejski

**Date Submitted:** 06/30/2020 08:12 AM

**Council File No:** 20-0692

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hey Council, We need YOU to cut more than 150 million from the police budget! We need to cut the full amount (in billions) and invest it back into the Los Angeles community. Look to the People's Budget LA (lead by BLMLA) if you have questions. Someone said in the budget and finance committee meeting yesterday that between covid-19, the LAPD, and the Sheriff's department there won't be any more Angelenos left to kill pretty soon! Unfortunately, it's starting to feel like that. Please DEFUND the LAPD and support your city's most vulnerable. Work on rent support (don't get me started on your means tested five day LOTTERY), work on mental health, work on actual healthcare! Please! I called my councilperson Mr. Cedillo the other day and his staffer said he fully supports a People's Budget which is GREAT except that I cannot see it in these meetings! It's time to DEFUND LAPD! It's time to get city money to those in need in a big way!

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Chelsea Deng  
**Date Submitted:** 07/01/2020 05:20 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-0692  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I am against defunding LAPD.