## **Communication from Public**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am deeply opposed to increasing the LAPD budget. Los Angeles

residents have been agitating for a decrease in the LAPD budget and an increase (or, rather, diversion of current LAPD funds) in housing, mental health, meditation, and community support. Los Angeles could be a shining beacon. A brave example of providing

support before policing. There is massive support for

experimentation with forms of community care that do not rely on the increasing militarization of LAPD against the residents is this city. I express my opposition to this increase to the LAPD budget

in the strongest possible terms.