

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Rushton

Date Submitted: 04/26/2021 10:23 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Garcetti is proposing to increase LAPD spending by \$40 million at a time of widespread calls to defund the police as well as growing poverty and dire revenue shortfalls. This is more of his blank check for police, austerity for everyone else. The LAPD budget has increased by over half a billion dollars – over \$500 million dollars – since Garcetti became mayor in 2013. We need to stop rewarding the most murderous police department in the US with a blank check. Calls to defund the police are extremely popular. A Loyola Marymount study found last fall that almost 2/3 of Angelenos want to redirect more LAPD funding and over 1/3 want to COMPLETELY DISMANTLE police. LAPD spends \$65 million on technology, more than the size of some whole city departments. We need to defund LAPD's tools of harm, for example the Palantir platform that LAPD and ICE use to target, banish, and control our communities. People across the U.S. took to the streets last summer to demand defunding the police. Every dollar LAPD spends on surveillance, violence, and caging could instead pay for the life-affirming investments that actually make communities safer, like housing, health care, schools, social services, and jobs. At the same time city officials want all this money for LAPD, they are hiding full accounting of LAPD's budget. In February the Stop LAPD Spying Coalition filed a public records lawsuit demanding LAPD's budget. LAPD and City Attorney Mike Feuer are fighting to keep those records secret. OPPOSE THIS IRRATIONAL AND IRRESPONSIBLE BUDGET

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund LAPD. The Mayor's budget is at complete odds with what a democratic majority of Angelenos have been asking for. Reject it in full. Give us real services - enact The People's Budget today.

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Comments for Public Posting: No to the mayors budget. Yes to The People's Budget for its reallocation of funding from LAPD to true safety alternatives. Remove officers from traffic stops. Stop the sweeps.

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Comments for Public Posting: Police respond to crime, they do not prevent it. Communities of color across Los Angeles are hurting from 8 years of Mayor Garcetti not investing more meaningfully in the prevention of crime; in the actual social determinants of safety. This is why he's boo'd at Dodgers games. As he performatively calls this a "justice" budget, he reminds us that the last 8 years have been injustice budgets. The LAPD budget has increased by over half a billion dollars – over \$500 million dollars – since Garcetti became mayor in 2013. At the same time city officials want all this money for LAPD, they are hiding full accounting of LAPD's budget. In February the Stop LAPD Spying Coalition filed a public records lawsuit demanding LAPD's budget. LAPD and City Attorney Mike Feuer are fighting to keep those records secret. City Council, heed the calls of the public, who's growing more educated and civically engaged by the week. Over 2/3 of Angelenos want you to divest from policing and invest in community. Listen to the People.

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Name: Aubrie Davis

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Comments for Public Posting: I do not agree with Garcetti increasing the LAPD budget. The money should be reallocated to services. Police do not keep us safe. They do not de-escalate situations. We need housing & food security. We need health care. The growing amount of police under Garcetti has not made anything better. It's made the situation in our city worse.

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Name: Sarah Bowers

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Comments for Public Posting: Public Comment for Mayor's 2021-22 Proposed Budget: The Mayor's increased budget for LAPD and the City Council's continued propping up of LAPD is becoming more and more ludicrous as the police's reign of violence continues in Los Angeles. Nothing has been done to create alternative responders to 911 calls or to create an alternative to 911 in general. The city has done nothing to hold true to all the promises you've made last summer to hold LAPD accountable and to address their targeting of people of color. Now the city is proposing LAPD to get more infrastructure and more money? \$67 million more? So let me get this straight. You yourselves have said LAPD violated many policies and is guilty of much misconduct, and yet the Mayor wants to give them more money and more infrastructure? A total of \$67 million?! For more mass arrests? For more bullets? For more field jails? This is purely illogical and reveals what the city's priorities are - upholding LAPD and not the people of Los Angeles. We want a divestment from LAPD, not reform. NOT more investment. People across the U.S. took to the streets last summer to demand defunding the police. Every dollar LAPD spends on surveillance, violence, and caging could instead pay for the life-affirming investments that actually make communities safer, like housing, health care, schools, social services, and jobs. Divest from the police and invest more funding into community resources like housing, education, mental health response, and non-police involved programs for youth. The safest communities are those with the most services and resources, not policing.