

Communication from Public

Name: IG, Los Angeles Resident and Taxpayer
Date Submitted: 06/04/2020 11:02 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Our Mayor makes close to \$400,000 a year and lives in a house in the best area for free. Our City Council members make well over \$200,000 a year. I am disgusted that the first place you look to cut budgets are in our law enforcement and NOT your own over-inflated salaries. You are concerned about the low income areas? This is how you show it? By telling them that you don't care about law and order and their safety. This is virtue signaling at its worst and you all should be ashamed of yourselves. I hope every time you go out and request LAPD as your security detail, they all call in sick.

Communication from Public

Name: Richard Skrip

Date Submitted: 06/04/2020 01:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'd just like to say that \$150M does not go far enough. Los Angeles is spending close to \$200M a year in LAPD overtime Alone. Ten years ago that number was \$0. Let's start by ending overtime pay, putting that \$200M toward affordable housing, along with the \$150M proposed here, and let's use that as our baseline. We can easily find \$500M that can be put to much better use than funding an organization that beats peaceful protestors and wages war on the very citizens they are sworn to protect and serve. We do not need any further militarization of the LAPD, and defunding them is the only way to achieve that.

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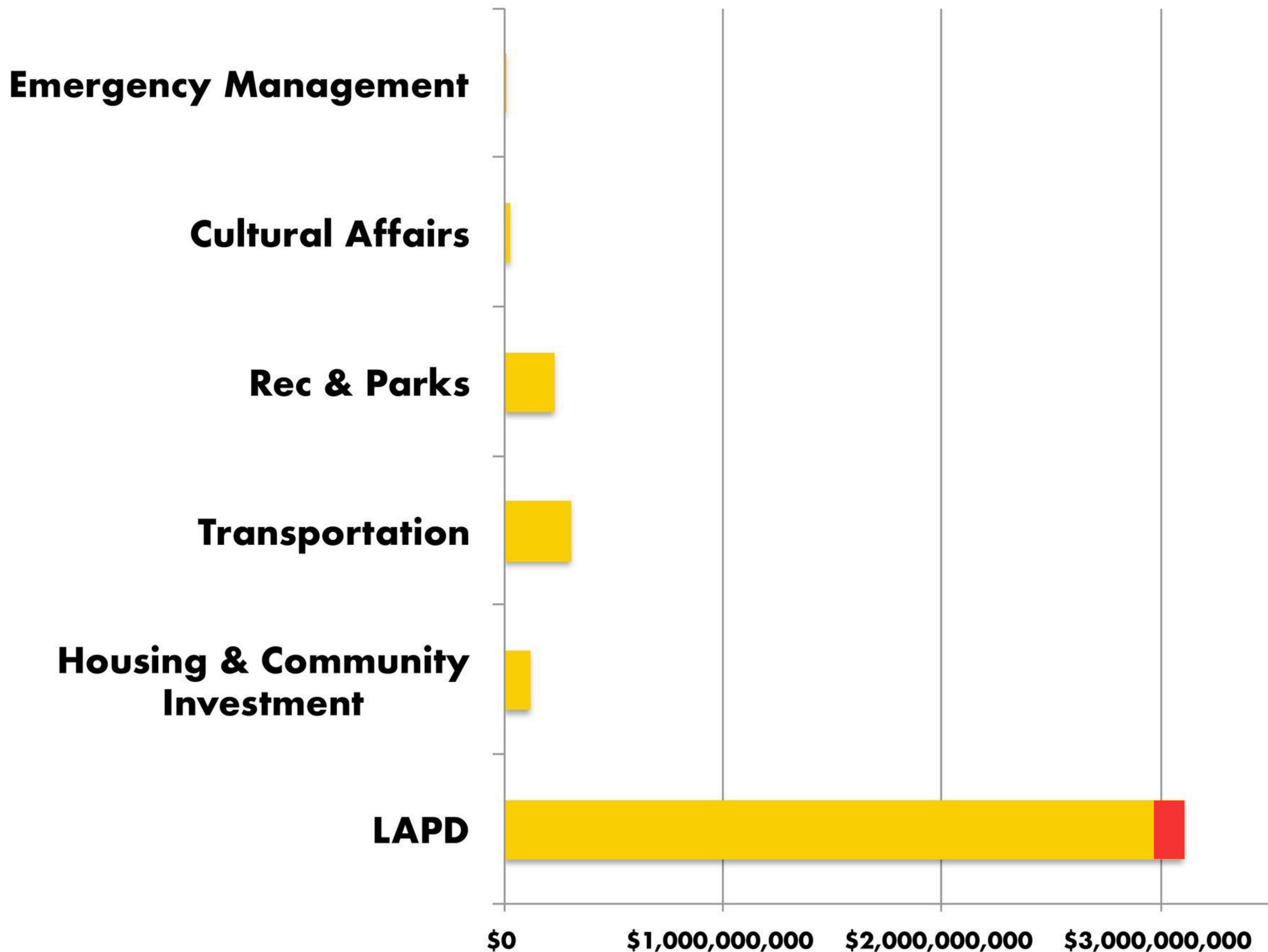
Name: Hanna

Date Submitted: 06/04/2020 01:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The call to divest funds from the LAPD is the smallest possible baby step in the right direction—but it is off by FAR in terms of magnitude. To reduce funding from 53% to "under 50%" is a drop in the bucket and frankly insulting. The Mayor is currently patting himself on the back for making such a "bold" choice—it's about as bold as plain yogurt. We need true divestment from the LAPD. I've attached an image which shows how "bold" the changes you're trying to make really are. The red indicates the proposed cuts. Look at that chart. Can you honestly say that's enough? Can you honestly say that this response is stepping up to the magnitude of this moment? Keep cutting. Make actual change. No more incrementalism while people die in the streets. Make a real change. We will not be placated by crumbs. WE NEED A FULL MEAL.

MAYOR GARCETTI'S PROPOSED BUDGET



Communication from Public

Name: Monisha Parker

Date Submitted: 06/04/2020 03:27 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The people want the city council to defund LAPD half of the budget. I would say that 1.5 billion or 1.7 billion to give to LAPD budget. The people in the city of Los Angeles want a change in community across the city. Also, the people in the city of Los Angeles want Chief Moore to resign or fired. I feel Chief Moore is racist against black people in poor community across the city. The people is asking the city council to remove this racist Chief Moore from his position. If you want to see a change then start with Chief Moore by fired him on the spot. We need a police Chief that would bring community together, that would hold police officers accountable, and that would not be racist against black community across the city.

Communication from Public

Name: Askari Ali

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 06:31 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to review the recommendations of where the \$150 million dollar budget cut funds will be spent to ensure that they are in line with the purpose of this motion and not simply recycled into other LAPD adjacent programs or those run by people who have relationships with the LAPD that would be conflicts of interest.

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Name: Kevin
Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 01:42 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Rae Mariah MacCarthy

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 02:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support this measure. Most of the problems that the police are called in to address would be better taken care of by a social worker. Unhoused people don't need to be met with force; they need options. Domestic violence goes unreported because survivors don't want their loved ones who are harming them to go to jail; they'd be better served by being able to work with a social worker to create a safety plan. The list goes on and on. We cannot militarize our way into safety. We cannot use force to create safety. The police make us less safe. The police kill people. We need to actually invest in our communities if we want to be safe. Frankly, this budget cut is the tiniest fraction of what the LAPD receives and I think the redistributed amount should be much, MUCH more than this. But it's a start.

Communication from Public

Name: Lucas O'Connor

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 02:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As a constituent in 90048, I am demanding that the LA City Council defund the police and approve the people's budget. The LAPD has proven time and again that it is systemically working against the interests of Angelenos, so their funding should be immediately diverted to alternative solutions.

Communication from Public

Name: Baird

Date Submitted: 06/05/2020 02:48 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE. I will not stand for the current budget that's been set forth by the city. This budget allocates an inordinate amount of money to a broken police force enforces. I have seen peaceful protestors shot with rubber coated bullets by the police in the last week. This is because the police are doing what they believe they have been trained to do. That is a serious problem. It's a problem that can be fixed by a complete overhaul of the way the city is policed. Instead of using the city's budget on the broken police system and "crime control", it should be spent on social initiatives that can help with things such as better serving youth in the SEVERELY underfunded public school system and spent on the HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. It should also fund unarmed social workers who are better equipped to not harass and intimidate people but rather help them find the needed resources. This keeps prisons from being senselessly overcrowded and helps not escalate situations that could lead to excessive force being used. DEFUND THE POLICE. Respectfully, Baird Acheson

Communication from Public

Name: Spike Friedman

Date Submitted: 06/06/2020 10:25 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: While I appreciate council finally responding to the calls to stop growing LAPD's budget at the expense of the other services the city could provide, these proposed cuts do not go deep enough to create the money necessary to both invest in disenfranchised communities and alternative forms of public safety response. It is my sincere hope that this motion passes with much larger numbers in line with calls for justice made by organizations like Black Lives Matter LA. This is a unique opportunity in the history of the city to reimagine public safety, go beyond the community policing status quo that has not worked, and create an LA that is safe for all residents, especially those historically targeted by LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Lens

Date Submitted: 06/06/2020 10:53 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: This committee has an incredible opportunity to work for justice for George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and the countless Black lives that have been cut short or devalued by our own LAPD. Councilmember Martinez's proposal is a great start, but as you know, even a cut of \$150 million would still leave LAPD with 51% of the city's unrestricted revenues. People's Budget LA and other heroic groups have done much of the work for you and shown you a better way forward. We must radically reduce the size and power of the LAPD, and it all begins with money.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

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Comments for Public Posting: Across the country, people are demonstrating in the streets and uniting around the call to “defund the police”. This is not just a rallying cry; it is a vision for a new way of approaching how we care for, protect, and strengthen our communities. You have heard many iterations of this vision in public comments, in petitions, and from the community leaders who have been collaborators and guides in the historic actions that the Board has already supported. Here in Los Angeles, the call for law enforcement accountability and transformation includes the Sheriff’s Department. Sheriff Villanueva has shown callousness, negligence, and a disregard for human life in his handling of COVID-19 in the county jails & detention centers, as evidenced by his public accusations that people in jail are trying to infect themselves, and his reliance on a baseless “herd immunity theory.” He has also flouted the subpoena issued to him by the Civilian Oversight Commission, refusing to appear and answer questions about his approach to COVID-19. The Sheriff’s demonstrated opposition to LA’s emerging “care first” approach, the reduction in the jail population due to COVID-19, and the overall decrease in crime, all necessitate allocating funds away from the Sheriff’s Department in order to make Los Angeles a safer and healthier place for all. I urge you to reject the current budget as recommended by CEO Sachi Hamai; decrease funding for the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department; redistribute the reductions in departmental budgets so that the Sheriff’s Department carries the burden of COVID-19 related austerity; and begin funding the implementation of the Alternatives to Incarceration Report, including the creation and funding of a position for Director of Alternatives to Incarceration.

Communication from Public

Name: Meghan

Date Submitted: 06/06/2020 07:36 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to encourage the city council to reconsider the structure of the current budget and consider a 'happy medium' solution to the proposed People's Budget that has been brought to the city's attention. I believe defunding the police and reinvesting those budget savings into the community can yield a more positive environment for everyone. It will help the youth have access to better funded education and community spaces to stay off the streets. It can help lift up our homeless community by providing much needed services and people who are trained to respond to issues relating to homelessness. Police right now have been acting as the defacto response to the unhoused despite not being trained on how to manage issues related to mental illness. Please consider rethinking the city budget in a way to supports the people and not only the police. We've seen peaceful protestors all week coming together to speak out against police brutality triggered not only by the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, among so many others, but also in light of the response on May 29th's use of tear gas and rubber bullets against protesters. We should care about black lives and ask ourselves every day "What are we doing to make our communities better and safer for everyone and not just the privileged few?"

Communication from Public

Name: NS

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 09:52 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: If you are serious about this, then please stop using LAPD as your security detail. Stop using LAPD for all Hollywood Events, etc. You all make WELL over 200,000 a year and can certainly afford to pay from your overly generous salary. All For Me and None For Thee just won't cut it.

Communication from Public

Name: Isabel

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:51 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As someone who has worked with people experiencing homelessness as a social work case manager in the city of Los Angeles, I have personally seen how the criminal justice system unnecessarily and unjustly complicates a person's ability to become housed, let alone mentally stable enough to obtain housing and employment and personal sustainability. Although I support the direction of this motion to cut the LAPD budget, I implore you to consider diverting even MORE funds from the LAPD into services that desperately need funding to not only support vulnerable individuals, but also prevent them from becoming vulnerable (such as education, mental health support services, substance abuse prevention and treatment programs, housing, social work services, public transportation). A <10% budget cut from the LAPD to community programs is not enough to demonstrate that the city is dedicated to becoming "something entirely different" and "people focused." Although this motion addresses that this is only one step towards change, I am asking you for a much larger step with a deeper cut to the LAPD budget to prevent this from becoming something that will be ignored in the future. Significant change needs to start now if you actually value the lives of your city's citizens, whom many have risked these past few weeks to demonstrate to you how much it is needed. I'm also asking for transparency in HOW those funds will be taken from the LAPD, as raises and bonuses should not be delivered at a time when it is clear that police officers have not done their jobs properly in "serving the community while protecting the rights of all persons." Finally, I am asking that the recommendations from the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst be transparent and also open to public input, so that the funds diverted to the community can be supported and actually beneficial for us. This motion is a nice gesture, but is not enough. We need more massive and immediate reform in this city, and that needs to be reflected in the budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 11:54 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: \$150 million in proposed cuts to the LAPD is a start, but I ask the council to go much further. Even a cut of \$150 million would still leave LAPD with 51% of the city's unrestricted revenues. Please adopt the People's Budget, which allocates just 5.7% to traditional law enforcement, with much more money going to human-centered services such as housing, healthcare, transportation, and so on: https://peoplesbudgetla.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/peoplesbudgetreport_may26.pdf Divest from the LAPD. We need to focus on care, not cops. Reforms are not enough. Councilmember Rodriguez, I watched the video of the LAPD officers speaking with you. In it, a person said that the Black Lives Matter organization is only a hundred people. I think the numbers of people showing up to protests have shown that that's far from the truth. She asked "What about the law abiding citizens?... All they want is for these officers to protect them." I am a white woman, whom because of my white privilege I'm sure the LAPD would consider "law abiding," and I don't want the LAPD to protect me. I want us to significantly reduce our reliance on the LAPD. And by significant, I mean cut their funding to less than 6% of the unrestricted revenues of the LA budget. If you're having a hard time imagining what it would mean to have police address fewer of our social problems and put those problems in the hands of people who are actually more equipped to deal with them, I encourage you to read Alex S. Vitale's book *The End of Policing*. This NPR interview with him is a good place to start: <https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2020/06/03/457251670/how-much-do-we-need-the-police>

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Name: Kelsey Stefanson

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 02:18 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The budget cuts being proposed to decrease the funding to LAPD are a start — but they are not enough! Adopt the People's Budget and defund the LAPD in order to fund services to the city of LA that will actually help everyone!

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Name: Ardus O'Malley
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 02:21 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: You must take much more drastic steps to defund and defang our violent police

Communication from Public

Name: ANDREW

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 02:25 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Police add tension and panic to situations. One needs only look to their approaches to protests in recent weeks to see they are unequipped to keep the population safe. No one is showing up in hospitals because protesters, rioters or looters wounded them. They're being attacked by a violent police force that isn't subject to accountability. "Everything looks like a nail to a hammer" as they say. Break up the police and have properly trained and UNARMED people do the vast majority of the work police currently do. I support defunding the LAPD and I vote.

Communication from Public

Name: Drew Spears

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 02:26 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The suggested "cuts" to the LAPD budget is an embarrassing attempt to pay lip service to the decades of harm committed by the Los Angeles police and those who empower them, ie the city government ie you all. Not only does the LAPD commit literal violence with no recourse, but the stranglehold they hold onto the city budget commits violence to a community in crisis who desperately needs the money. Adopt the people's budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Sujin Lee

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 02:26 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD budget must be further defunded! We need more care in our communities not band-aids or temporary solutions. Defund the police and invest more in our communities through actual care!

Communication from Public

Name: Daphne

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 02:27 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Council members, You need to commit to defunding and ultimately abolishing the LAPD. Look to the work being done in Minneapolis, a majority of the council is calling for the disbanding of the MPD, and LA should be doing the same. The proposed cuts of 250 million to the budget is insignificant in the face of hundreds of murders and thousands of other instances of violence all at the hands of the police. There will not be an end to the protests until there is a significant commitment to defunding, disarming and abolishing the racist, violent police force that patrols the city. Those funds need to be reallocated to programs that uplift the poor black and brown people who are overwhelmingly the subjects of police violence.

Communication from Public

Name: Dwayne Okpaise Jr.

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: In the immediate term the reduction to the LAPD budget should be AT LEAST equal to what their raises were set to be this fiscal year. That funding should be reallocated to public health and education efforts in LA's Black communities. In the long term the LAPD must be demilitarized and abolished, along with the carceral justice system. FIRE CHIEF MOORE. BLACK LIVES MATTER

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Stern

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 02:32 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: You need to defund the police now or we will vote you out. Do not fuck this up. DEFUND THE POLICE.

Communication from Public

Name: Zack Goldman

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 02:34 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to begin by expressing my outrage as an Angeleno and to voice my support for the demands put forth by the organizers of Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles. In solidarity with the calls from Patrisse Cullors and her co-founders and movement leaders, I call for the defunding of local law enforcement far beyond the scope mentioned by Mayor Eric Garcetti this week, so police can no longer, as Ms Cullors says: "Occupy, harass, abuse, torture, and kill Black communities." Through the leadership of Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles, I am echoing the need for a budget that represents the need and will of this great city, not its politicians and police. We are demanding far more than Eric Garcetti's recent proposal of an extremely mild cut to an enormous police budget, just a week after he attempted to secure 54% of the general fund for LAPD. I call on this City Council to make the morally right decision to defund the police and divest publicly from your voiced but mistaken notion that the LAPD is a force for justice that keeps our communities safe and treats Black Angelenos equally. I call on you to begin this action immediately by encouraging Chief Moore to resign from his duties in light of his cruel, cowardly, racist comments last week, which are sadly emblematic of a police force that has shown itself to be much the same—not only in recent days, but for the duration of my life here in Los Angeles. I echo the calls for the adoption of a budget that rightfully takes money from police resources and places them into our communities that need that investment most—working to right historic injustices and helping create housing, education, healthcare, transit, jobs, food, and small business initiatives during this pandemic. We demand investment in jobs and services, not cops. We demand investment in the priorities and needs of our people during a historic health and housing crisis.

Councilmembers, I have learned to not take you at your word over the years, but you have claimed that the budget in front of you is not a final document. That this is a forum for meaningful public comment and creating a budget together. I urge you to stick to that promise and to put forth plans to drastically reduce the police budget, far beyond what has been commented on prior to this meeting. We deserve a budget that serves the needs of constituents, not you. Not the cops. Constituents. I look forward to a new proposal, based on the demands of The People's Budget

LA, the coalition led by Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicholas Logsdon

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 02:35 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As a proud citizen of Los Angeles, I feel unsafe in my city due to the gross overfunding of LAPD. I demand you do right by your constituents and defund the police. There's no place for the violence inflicted on our most vulnerable and black friends and family members. It's abundant and it's time to stop it. Fuck you until you fix it and fuck LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 02:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the council to consider defunding the police. LA is an amazing city that's host to numerous problems, but LAPD has disproportionately taken control of the cities budget, leading so many necessary services underfunded. Defund the police

Communication from Public

Name: Horace Williams

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 02:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I encourage the City Council to cut as much money from the LAPD budget as possible and reroute it to much-needed civic infrastructure, healthcare, and social services. The proposed \$100M - \$150M cuts are a good start but we need much more, especially given the exorbitant size of the current LAPD budget. LAPD is too large and is responsible for too many essential services which currently get diluted due to the departments problematic history of violence and fraught relations with citizens. Citizens will receive better service and less threat of violence by moving more money out of LAPD and into dedicated departments to handle things like homelessness and mental health.

Communication from Public

Name: Adam Bozarth

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 02:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles City Council absolutely must reconsider the current budget that inflates an already bloated policing budget. No more money for tear gas or “less lethal” weapons that have killed numerous Americans during these peaceful demonstrations. No more military-grade vehicles and equipment in the hands of a civilian peacekeeping force. The billions currently earmarked for police in the new budget is obscene. Los Angeles has shown it is a peaceful community of millions of neighbors, all looking out for each other. The world looks to Los Angeles as a vanguard of social justice and yet we let thousands of Angelenos sleep on the street. Let us reinvest in housing, our schools, and our small businesses instead. Please reconsider the People’s Budget proposal as an alternative to the current budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew Cohen

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 02:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed cuts to the LAPD's budget come pathetically short of dealing with the real issue in Los Angeles - the police. The LAPD needs to be defunded, full stop. Adopt the People's Budget (as laid out here - https://peoplesbudgetla.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/peoplesbudgetreport_may26.pdf) . We will accept nothing less than cutting BILLIONS from the LAPD's allotted ~3 billion dollars. The police are a violent, unaccountable street gang terrorizing our communities, and I refuse to fund their terror with my tax dollars any longer. Defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Josh G

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 02:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Our community has grossly over-invested in the militarization of our LAPD. We need to promote non-violent community policing with data-driven approaches that actually work to protect and serve our communities. Reducing the bloated LAPD budget is a much needed step in that direction. I therefore support the motion and encourage the Council to take seriously the demands of its community to reform the LAPD and reduce its violent imprint on our community.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 02:43 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please reconsider the amount you are currently proposing to cut from the police budget. This is not nearly enough and seems like a performative act rather than action that will actually bring substantive change. We need real investment into our communities and drastic reorganization of police responsibilities. Please consider cutting more and investing in our communities and programs that will actually help rather than police. Our homeless population needs help not policing. Our drug problem needs to be remedied by doctors not policed. Please consider investing in programs that will actually solve problems rather than just throwing people into damaging legal cycles. People deserve to be helped. Not punished. Our police need to be defunded and their duties scaled back in order to create a social apparatus that values human life and serves with compassion. The status quo is unsustainable and must change. Please consider cutting the police budget and reallocating our money to programs that will benefit our community with compassion and love. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Christina Milazzo
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 02:47 PM
Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of "reform." This includes Mayor Garcetti's paltry 5% proposed cut with no clarity as to where these funds will be redirected, if at all. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. We are in the midst of a pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed, and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of those in this city are renters. When people are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, 60k people were unhoused; the evictions and economic insecurity caused by COVID-19 will bring that number even higher. We demand that the City Council meaningfully defund the LAPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Garcetti's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.

Communication from Public

Name: Melina N.

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 02:48 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I am respectfully requesting that you defund the LAPD and embrace a people's budget. The proposed cuts to the LAPD budget at best cancel out the raise they were initially set to receive. This is woefully insufficient. I urge you to defer to the the Minneapolis City Council on how to respond to this moment. They listened to their residents and have committed to defund and sever ties with their city's police department, so that they can instead invest in community-based resources, support and alternative policing methods. LA City Council's suggested cuts still offer the LAPD the bulk of the budget, leaving next to nothing for resources Angelenos desperately need. Money talks and all we're hearing is that cops matter more than providing the people of LA with a higher quality of life. Shameful.

Communication from Public

Name: Justin Gomez

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 02:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Why put forth a budget cut that is smaller than the big raise the LAPD is set to get? The LAPD would still get a raise. The message sent to the police is that they have been very bad boys, very bad, and so their new allowance will not be as big as was promised. But at least they can still play with their big army toys. And the message sent to the people is that cops will be cops, and that the cops have supposedly learned a valuable lesson to not bludgeon, asphyxiate, and murder the people they have sworn to decidedly not murder, not asphyxiate, and not bludgeon. The message sent is that people will just have to take the cops' pinky promised word on it. And what message does this send about the City Council? That they do not act in favor of the people, that even when they say they do, they are ultimately acting in favor of the police, which is to make even clearer that the City Council is acting directly against those they are sworn to represent. This is a problem, I feel.

Communication from Public

Name: Henry Shreffler

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 02:54 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge the Committee to reduce the LAPD's budget in line with the People's Budget proposal. The amount of cuts proposed is far too small, and this Committee should listen to the voices of the Angelenos who took to the streets and spoke loudly and clearly for defunding LAPD. Garcetti did not go far enough.

Communication from Public

Name: Yenny

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 03:00 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, PLEASE DEFUND THE VIOLENT POLICE! Time and time again have they been violent to civilians, acting above the law, harming the people they claim to serve. I and so many others support taking a large amount of money out of the police budget to invest in more meaningful community efforts - to improve schools, libraries, parks, jobs, social services.

Communication from Public

Name: Gian-Paul

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 03:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hi Council, The cuts Garcetti announced to the LAPD budget is insufficient. Please look at the People's Budget LA, and Defund the LAPD. 150million is only a tiny slice of the \$3billion budget, and we demand a larger reduction and reinvestment of those resources into schools, mental health services, and other community based solution. Best, Gian-Paul

Communication from Public

Name: Gibran Rubio
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 03:07 PM
Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: When the people called for rent cancellation out of fear of unrest, you laughed at us and ignored us. When the people called on you to house the unhoused and provide sanitation city-wide, you ignored us. When the people called on you throughout the years to respect black lives and brown lives, to protect us from the savagery and thuggery of the LAPD, you gave them bonuses and raises year upon year upon year. During a pandemic, during an economic crisis, you decided that your property, your status, the material things that made you feel superior to others, was far more important than the need for solidarity and compassion. You know who you are, in particular: Nury Martínez, David Ryu, Herb Wesson, Gil Cedillo, Paul Krekorian, Bob Blumenfield, Paul Koretz, Mitch O'Farrell, Jose Huizar, Joe Buscaino. You decided, in your infinite wisdom, to cut most social programs save one: your personal guard and gangsters aka the LAPD. All the blood spilled is on your hands. The people have been terrorized and continue to be terrorized by the thugs in blue. They are beating people indiscriminately, reports of police conducting sexual assault abound, bloody knives being used to cut protesters hands risking severe infection including HIV, innocent paralyzed unhoused neighbors being shot in the face at close range with steel bullets covered in rubber, illegal and indefinite detention of protesters in inhumane conditions; the brutality is near endless. and all we've ever asked for is the right to live in dignity! But it seems even this was too much to ask for. When choosing between peace or the sword, you chose the sword every single time. This violence, this destruction, these horrifying human rights violations are what that gets you. The world is watching. LA is watching. And we condemn you for your cruelty and your greed. So the people are here again demanding that you do right by them. These are not requests. These are demands. DEFUND the police. \$150 million is not enough. LAPD has NO RIGHT to 51% of our budget. You know who does? Those suffering on the streets do. Our black and brown and working class citizens who are starving for release from the bondages of poverty, debt, police brutality, hyper-imprisonment, drug addiction, mental illness, crumbling education, lack of insurance or under insurance, and the deafening silence coming from a government that is all too willing to co-opt our language and proselytize about the heroism of the average

worker while digging its boots ever deeper into our necks. Your inaction is violence. Your present course is self destructive, and we are all watching. DEFUND THE POLICE.

Communication from Public

Name: Chad King

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 03:28 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Your proposed LAPD budget cuts are not nearly enough. Please add my name to the chorus demanding more. I urge you to defund the LAPD in a radical way and put the money back into marginalized communities that have been terrorized by the police for decades. Our money should go to social services for mental health, domestic violence and homelessness, schools, hospitals, housing and food in those communities—all things that increase safety.

Communication from Public

Name: Vince

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 03:33 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am a Chinatown resident in CD1. I urge the council to deny the mayors budget and to support the people's budget. Taxpayers put billions into the hands of LAPD who continues to terrorize and oppress black communities. Angelenos have had enough. More funding need to go into vital social services.

Communication from Public

Name: Brian McCullom

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 03:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The protests of the last week have shown that the people of LA will not settle for a change as small as this. LA needs to pass the people's budget and take more than this tiny step to prioritizing services over police.

Communication from Public

Name: Derek Jordan

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 03:43 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The City Council needs to reduce appropriations to the police below \$1.3 billion. The adopted budget for the fiscal year 2013-14, the year Mayor Garcetti took office was \$1.3 billion. It would be a failure to angelenos to do anything but reduce the budget to that baseline. For reference, the Mayor's proposed fiscal year 2020-21 budget appropriates \$1.86 billion, more than \$500 million more than the \$1.3 billion target. Therefore, this motion falls significantly short of resident's demands. The minimal acceptable cut is \$500 million, not the 100-150 million as shown in this motion.

Communication from Public

Name: Naveen Agrawal

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 03:51 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD should not be providing services for the unsheltered, the ill, and children. Now is the time to *completely* defund the police. Use their budget allocation to create community-led budgets, and to reallocate funds according to the priorities in the People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Max

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 04:01 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The revised LA City Budget, as of June 7, 2020 is not enough. You have committed to reallocate \$150,000,000 of the proposed \$1.8 BILLION LAPD budget to "communities of color." That leaves over one billion dollars still in the police budget and a meager pittance for those communities. That is not enough. If the police need \$1.8 billion to function, imagine how much more your struggling communities need. This reallocation is NOT ENOUGH. We are in the midst of a health pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed, and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of this city is composed of renters and if folks are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, there were around 60k unhoused individuals; after evictions and economic insecurity due to COVID-19 and its fallout, we can expect thousands more. LAPD has seen a rise in overtime which, more often than not, is paid out to officers harassing unhoused individuals, and people of color. We are also in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence, embodied by the LAPD, which murders African Americans. We will no longer accept empty gestures (i.e. \$150,000,000). We need a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time; and we need a budget that supports communities and supports their well-being, not one which empowers the forces that tear them apart. I am urging you to revisit the REVISED LA budget for 2020-2021 and fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a budget that focuses on helping the people, children, and families of Los Angeles, in areas like health, education, housing, and resources for small businesses and the arts, especially given the pandemic.

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew Rabinowitz

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 04:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The LAPD must be defunded, how many more must die and be injured by a broken and corrupt system? LA has record homelessness and critical funds are being diverted to buy tanks for the LAPD? This is absolutely unacceptable. As a family member of someone with severe mental illness it brings me no comfort that the LAPD will show up and possibly escalate the situation or murder them if a wellness check is required. We've tried over-policing and it's a disaster we must work to defund the LAPD immediately and abolish the need for them entirely in the future. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Ben Green

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 04:08 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to voice my support for the demands put forth by the organizers of Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles. In solidarity with the calls from Patrisse Cullors and her co-founders and movement leaders, I call for the defunding of local law enforcement far beyond the scope mentioned by Mayor Eric Garcetti this week, so police can no longer, as Ms Cullors says: "Occupy, harass, abuse, torture, and kill Black communities." Through the leadership of Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles, I am echoing the need for a budget that represents the need and will of this great city, not its politicians and police. We are demanding far more than Eric Garcetti's recent proposal of an extremely mild cut to an enormous police budget, just a week after he attempted to secure 54% of the general fund for LAPD. I call on this City Council to make the morally right decision to defund the police and divest publicly from your voiced but mistaken notion that the LAPD is a force for justice that keeps our communities safe and treats Black members of our city equally. I call on you to begin this action immediately by encouraging Chief Moore to resign from his duties in light of his cruel, cowardly, racist comments last week, which are sadly emblematic of a police force that has shown itself to be much the same—not only in recent days, but for the duration of my life here in Los Angeles. I echo the calls for the adoption of a budget that rightfully takes money from police resources and places them into our communities that need that investment most—working to right historic injustices and helping create housing, education, healthcare, transit, jobs, food, and small business initiatives during this pandemic. We demand investment in jobs and services, not cops. We demand investment in the priorities and needs of our people during a historic health and housing crisis. Councilmembers, I have learned to not take you at your word over the years, but you have claimed that the budget in front of you is not a final document. That this is a forum for meaningful public comment and creating a budget together. I urge you to stick to that promise and to put forth plans to drastically reduce the police budget, far beyond what has been commented on prior to this meeting. We deserve a budget that serves the needs of constituents, not you. Not the cops. Constituents. I look forward to a new proposal, based on the demands of The People's Budget LA, the coalition led by Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Dylan Waterhouse

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 04:10 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Policing in the United States is an institution that was racist from its inception. The LAPD is, historically, not immune from this characterization. Be it the policing of unhoused individuals, full militarization against protestors, or the insensitive comments of Chief Moore, the citizens have been shown that time and again our "authorities" are not here to protect or serve us. The fact the this enormous amount of funds would go to the LAPD over community investment shows that Garcetti and his team were intent on oppressing POCs and those in impoverished settings. I urge you to reinvest the LAPD's major portion of the budget to social services that benefit all citizens, especially the underprivileged and unhoused. I would also ask that you speak with Mayor Garcetti and urge him to ask for Chief Moore's resignation or that he be fired.

Communication from Public

Name: Connor Rohan

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 04:14 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles needs public dollars allocated toward social services, not additional policing. Defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Keaton K

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 04:24 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: As Los Angeles considers and finalizes its budget for the upcoming fiscal years, this Los Angeles citizen would like to see three things guide the process: Cutting the LAPD budget as much as possible for the year Reinvesting the money in education, housing, healthcare services and community building Starting down the road of defunding the LAPD and turning Los Angeles into a city that prioritizes its people and their awesome potential instead of the racist and violent police The police response to the protests of the past few days serves as incontrovertible proof that the LAPD does not work in service of Angelenos; only to violently limit those rights that are allegedly granted by the Constitution, while facing next to no accountability for their actions. Instead of funding that violence and oppression, taxpayer dollars should be used to fund the social services and support that are needed now more than ever. I only ask that this issue be addressed with the same urgency that protesting and looting have inspired. At a minimum, the following must be undertaken: Police hiring freeze (including School Safety Agents) – Nearly every City agency is facing hiring freezes in the upcoming, but there is no freeze proposed in the executive budget for policing. Cancellation of cadet classes - There is no justification for additional cadet classes when the Los Angeles Unified School District is underfunded and schools lack the necessary nurses, guidance counselors, social workers and other personnel crucial for building healthy learning environments for young people. Cuts to LAPD's expansion into non-police activities/social services (e.g. homeless outreach, mental health response). Moving this funding to the appropriate agency and relevant infrastructure (e.g. housing) is crucial for a just recovery. Invest in better trained, more qualified personnel to handle the issues facing LA instead of weaponized, incapable police officers. Cuts related to abusive policing - The LAPD routinely keeps officers who have brutalized and even unjustly killed Angelenos on payroll for years after incidents without any movement on disciplinary processes. The City is spending millions every year to pay officers who are on leave because of murder or assault while "protecting and serving," not to mention the millions more the City pays out in lawsuit settlements because of police violence. Cuts to other non-essential areas, including LAPD public relations/media budget and

expansion of costly (& legally dubious) surveillance infrastructure. The LAPD budget is opaque and must be made more transparent for elected officials and the public to make decisions about what additional budget lines in the LAPD's \$1.8B budget should be considered for cuts. The process to a better Los Angeles that puts its money into its people and not a racist and violent occupying force begins now. It begins with this budget. Start cutting the police's runaway spending, start investing in the social services that have been woefully underfunded and begin creating a more just city.

Communication from Public

Name: Alfonso Colin

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 04:28 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Budget cuts to the police are unacceptably low. These budget cuts need to be significantly higher as the LAPD has consistently shown that it cares more about it's position of power than the well-being of the citizens it is meant to protect. The funds need to be redirected to the community in areas such as education, homelessness, mental health programs, and transportation.

Communication from Public

Name: Anna Geannopoulos

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 04:34 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I support the People's Budget LA in calling for the defunding of police. The LAPD should not be providing services for the unsheltered, the ill, and children. They should not be in our schools or on our transit systems. They should not be allowed to terrorize Black people. Our City Budget should reflect our values. Take the police budget allocation and use it to create community-led budgets, and to reallocate funds according to the priorities in the People's Budget. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Sara Steffan

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 04:39 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Like the many Angelenos who have called in, tweeted, and marched in opposition, I am demanding the Mayor completely revise his horrific and white supremacist budget. The LAPD is one of the most abusive and corrupt law enforcement departments in the country, and the city is repeatedly sued over the LAPD's abuse of power. We are in the midst of a global health pandemic — thousands remain unhoused and millions are at risk of joining those ranks. Black, Brown, poor, institutionalized and unhoused people are at the greatest risk of being exposed to and dying from COVID-19. These are the same people who are disproportionately impacted by LAPD violence. The People have spoken. And the police have proven just how problematic and supremacist they are. White supremacists are in positions of leadership on the police force because policing is white supremacist. Specifically, the way we meter out punishment in this country is irrevocably broken. It encourages class-based punishment disproportionately and unequivocally determining some people deserve to live in cages while others who can afford bail go free. We have demonstrated that your constituents want the city to invest in universal needs like quality housing for all, universal access to healthy food, financial and economic support, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health and mental health support. We want the city to divest from traditional policing. I demand Mayor Garcetti draft a People's Budget that emphasizes Care not Cops and which DEFUNDS THE POLICE. I want to make clear that your failure to listen to your constituents does not mean that we will give up. We will continue to make our voices known, both online and through in-person protests. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Kate DeMallie

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 04:50 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We need to defund the LAPD. We need to DefundThePolice. We need a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time; and we need a budget that supports communities and supports their wellbeing, not one which empowers the forces that tear them apart. I am urging you both, Mayor Eric Garcetti & the LA City Council, to completely revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 and fund CareNotCops. You need to adopt a budget that focuses on helping the people, children, and families of Los Angeles, in areas like health, education, housing, and resources for small businesses and the arts - especially given the pandemic. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Christina DerHagopian

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 04:51 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Like the many Angelenos who have called in, tweeted, and marched in opposition, I am demanding the Mayor completely revise his horrific and white supremacist budget. The LAPD is one of the most abusive and corrupt law enforcement departments in the country, and the city is repeatedly sued over the LAPD's abuse of power. We are in the midst of a global health pandemic — thousands remain unhoused and millions are at risk of joining those ranks. Black, Brown, poor, institutionalized and unhoused bodies are at the greatest risk of being exposed to and dying from COVID-19. These are the same folx who are disproportionately impacted by LAPD violence. The People have spoken. And they have marched. And the police have proven just how problematic and supremacist they are. On Tuesday, Commander Cory Palka flashed a white power signal after a TV interview. White supremacists are in positions of leadership on the police force because policing is white supremacist. Folx have demonstrated that they want the city to invest in universal needs like quality housing for all, universal access to healthy food, financial and economic support, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health and mental health support. They want the city to divest from traditional policing. I demand Mayor Garcetti draft a People's Budget that emphasizes Care not Cops and which DEFUNDS THE POLICE. Minneapolis has just made huge strides to defund their police. It is time for the LAPD as well as others to follow suit. I want to make clear that your failure to listen to your constituents does not mean that we will give up. We will continue to make our voices known, both online and through in-person protests. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Susanna

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 05:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: To Whom it May Concern, I am writing this letter to ask that you cut the LAPD budget more than Mayor Garcetti's recent proposal. It is incredibly unreasonable for citizens in this area to be paying higher taxes than the vast majority of the nation and to have more than 50% of the local government funding on the police force. Although I do see it crucial to have police to serve the community for safety reasons, I do believe they should undergo more training and mental health screenings before being able to patrol. I also believe that our county should re-direct more spending into solving the homeless crisis, make mental health more accessible to people needing the care, transportation that would give people more opportunity, and to the actual teachers of the county rather than continuing spending on education that only benefits the high positions in public schools. As a resident, I believe under the American Constitution that all individuals are created equal and should be given the right to due process as well as other fundamental freedoms. Only together, we can make our community stronger. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Susanna

Communication from Public

Name: Johnathon Sykes

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 05:03 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: It's imperative that we stop giving money to a police force that has no problem abusing its constituents, underhandedly threatening THE MAYOR (that wink wink who's protecting you comment from the union is an obvious underhanded threat usually reserved for Mafia movies), and refusing to accept their own actions and HISTORY OF SYSTEMIC COVER-UPS are the cause of this. This simply isn't just about George Floyd, . This is about Albert Ramon Dorsey. This is about Drakeo The Ruler. It's about Cincinnatti being shot in the face at near point blank range IN A FUCKING WHEELCHAIR. The last one gets me and brings me to my point. The LAPD has failed in its mission. It's beyond the pale, beyond saving, and beyond hope. All of these incidents (plus the ones I and whoever is reading this don't know about that happen on a day to day basis) have shown the LAPD cannot be trusted. and for that, it must be defunded and replaced with something that better represents all Angelenos. A 100 million cut of a 3 billion budget isn't enough. The department must be wound down, its officers and representatives de-radicalized (not I am not joking), and a brand new way of thinking on public safety. We can no longer accept things the way they are, add incremental reform, and called it fix. Stop the rot and start from scratch. Defund LAPD and fund a better future.

Communication from Public

Name: Genevieve Jones

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 05:05 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am in support for Black Lives Matter's demands to Defund the Police. We can imagine a better way of keeping our city safe. This can include affordable housing, health care, access to mental health care, public transportation, community programs and services, and employment opportunities for people of color in our communities. Follow Minneapolis's City Council and pledge to dismantle our city's Police Department and in place create a new system of public safety. You have the power to do this. This is a choice you can make. You can start to heal our heartbroken and beaten city. The time for radical change is now. Activists have been asking this of you in our city for years. It is time for you to finally listen and make a change.

Communication from Public

Name: Jorge

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 05:06 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I live in North LA and work in South LA. I urge and highly encourage the reallocation of funds from the proposed budget go to social service programs, schools, and to the disparity communities. Defund the police and make our tax dollars be where it's needed the most. Do not keep overfunding the police who use military weapons on its civilians that they swore to protect.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Anderson
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 05:25 PM
Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: This city needs housing, healthcare, access to parks, and educational resources that make lives better. You've got to stop asking the wrong people to do more with less. Every department can always find a use for more money, every department will always ask for more money, but it is your job to designate funds to those who need it most. The police are not those most at need in this city. I implore you to take a step back, look at the big picture, and consciously observe what this city needs. It does not need more police, it does not need more armored vehicles or weapons. It does not need to spend 50+% of the budget on LAPD. We must designate more resources towards caring for our communities than for policing it. How many services over time have been rolled up under the police? How many would-be citations, metro tickets, general interactions have been escalated because the city resource that shows up to "help" is armed police? How many issues that could have been better resolved through non-police services are then clogging up our court system and taking up our tax dollars there? The "skillset" of police is not the best skillset for the job of serving and assisting LA residents. We will continue to make our voices known, both online and through in-person protests.

Communication from Public

Name: Mina Park

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 05:59 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: LA City Council Members and Mayor Garcetti, my name is Mina Park and I demand you to prioritize care NOT cops with your budget. A \$150 million cut from the LAPD's budget is frankly not enough. That still gives 51% of the city's unrestricted revenues towards the LAPD. Why in the world would the LAPD need 51% of the resources?! More cops does not equal less crime. In 2019, the NYPD reduced the number of cops and crime went DOWN! There are so many other areas and issues this budget would benefit greatly from such as homelessness, climate change, jobs, education, and transportation - areas that actually contribute to the betterment of our society. As we've seen across this city the past couple of weeks, your cops do NOT care about LA residents and are more detrimental to the community with its long history of corruption... so why should they keep getting funded?

Communication from Public

Name: Roger Carnow

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 06:10 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a third generation angeleno, originally from Northridge now living in Westwood. I've lived in CD 12, 4, 9, and now 5. I demand that you defund the LAPD and support the People's Budget. The LAPPL has threatened council member Monica Rodriguez and Mayor Eric Garcetti and that is not ok. We must reallocate funding away from the LAPD towards communities of color, towards social workers and case workers, towards house, and generally towards services. There have been dozens (if not more) instances of excessive violence against protesters this week. This proves that they are completely disorganized, money is NOT going towards training, and the public is aware of their violent, ineffective, and unconstitutional instincts. Please, let's build communities instead of incarcerating and beating them. Defund LAPD and support the People's Budget.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge defunding LAPD and investing into black, indigenous, and other communities of color. Education, housing, and other social programs are much more in need!

Communication from Public

Name: Maryam Atif
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 06:19 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Significantly reduce the LAPD budget and move more funding to education and help for homeless people

Communication from Public

Name: Nick Ciarelli

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The Los Angeles City Council is the sorriest excuse of elected officials in the country. You have continuously failed to serve the working people of Los Angeles. Instead of investing in social services, you invest that money in the murderous LAPD. Instead of building affordable housing, you take money from private developers. Instead of providing services for our unhoused populace (who are also YOUR constituents), you kill them. If you cannot find the moral backbone to do what is right, then we will force your hand. Thanks to the tireless work of protestors and activists, we are seeing some results. Mayor Garcetti, who we must not forget has continually hollowed out our city at the behest of outside financiers, has proposed \$250 million dollars in cuts to the LAPD budget for the 2021-2022 cycle year. This does NOT go nearly far enough. The LAPD budget going into 2021-2022 would be a staggering \$1.8 billion dollars. Garcetti's proposed cut is only for 7.2 percent of the overall budget. That is unacceptable and the people will not accept it. As outlined by the People's Budget LA (which you must equivocally endorse) the entire proposed budget is completely mismanaged and ill thought out. There are better ways to invest the \$5.4 billion dollars of the city's budget, like having it go towards aid and crisis management (especially important during the COVID pandemic), building and safety planning, and other more beneficial structures that provide more security for the people of LA then just handing over a blank check to the LAPD. This money must go towards social services that benefit the people of Los Angeles. We need to go further. We need massive reformations to the LAPD, and that begins with massively defunding them. It begins with firing Roy Moore. It begins with firing Jackie Lacey. It begins with prosecuting the cops who have killed the innocent, disproportionately African American and Latino, citizens of Los Angeles. It begins with Mayor Garcetti resigning for being a complete and utter failure of a leader. And it begins with you, City Council, listening to us. Because if you don't, then your positions steering the fate of our city will not be long for this world. We will vote you out. And we will not stop until you heed to our demands.

Communication from Public

Name: Evelyn Yin
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 06:29 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and invest more into housing, public education, homelessness!

Communication from Public

Name: Miles Roberts

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 06:47 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: \$100-150 million of cuts to the LAPD budget is not enough. I support a People's Budget that diverts the vast majority of money currently earmarked for police into social services, housing, schools, and anything else that will build up our community instead of strengthening the stranglehold our police force holds the city in. There is absolutely no reason why the police budget should be over 20 times the budget for housing when we are in the middle of the worst housing crisis of my lifetime. Put that money back into our community.

Communication from Public

Name: Malia S

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 06:49 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Like the many Angelenos who have called in, tweeted, and marched in opposition, I am demanding the Mayor completely revise his horrific and white supremacist budget. The suggested \$150 million in cuts is nowhere near enough when the police force is promised \$3 billion - we must defund and disband LAPD. The LAPD is one of the most abusive and corrupt law enforcement departments in the country, and the city is repeatedly sued over the LAPD's abuse of power. We are in the midst of a global health pandemic — thousands remain unhoused and millions are at risk of joining those ranks. Black, Brown, poor, institutionalized and unhoused bodies are at the greatest risk of being exposed to and dying from COVID-19. These are the same folx who are disproportionately impacted by LAPD violence. The People have spoken. And they have marched. And the police have proven just how problematic and supremacist they are. On Tuesday, Commander Cory Palka flashed a white power signal after a TV interview. White supremacists are in positions of leadership on the police force because policing is white supremacist. Folx have demonstrated that they want the city to invest in universal needs like quality housing for all, universal access to healthy food, financial and economic support, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health and mental health support. They want the city to divest from traditional policing. I demand Mayor Garcetti draft a People's Budget that emphasizes Care not Cops and which DEFUNDS THE POLICE. The Healthy LA coalition has a platform with multiple suggestions on where these funds should be allocated, including: Making permanent affordable housing from existing housing stock, Eviction Defense, Social Housing, Building Affordable Housing, Supportive Housing, and Tenant Protections I want to make clear that your failure to listen to your constituents does not mean that we will give up. We will continue to make our voices known, both online and through in-person protests.

Communication from Public

Name: Lindsey Rosin
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 06:56 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Rory Green

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 07:00 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: To the Budget and Finance Committee As a mental health practitioner and LA resident, I believe It is imperative that you immediately examine the continued benefits of defunding the LAPD and channelling further funds into community initiatives to address the mental and physical health of residents. We demand that you look towards crime PREVENTION and early intervention instead of equipping police officers who are increasingly involved in unwarranted and excessive violence, especially towards People of Colour and Black people. Babies are not born criminals! Intervene EARLY and equip communities with the resources they need to thrive instead of watching them suffer until they are left fighting to survive. Money towards early intervention promoting the well being of communities - including emotional literacy in schools, anti racism curriculums in schools and ALL institutions, parenting workshops, creative community initiatives, mentorship programs, and accessible and affordable counselling and therapy and therapeutic groups would prevent a myriad of issues - including drug and alcohol abuse, kids turning to crime, domestic violence, gang violence, future racist law enforcement officers among others. DO THE RESEARCH!! EARLY INTERVENTION WORKS!!! The amount of money budgeted towards policing is like putting a tiny bandage on a MASSIVE GAPING WOUND! Take the financial resources and TEND TO THE WOUNDS of the communities instead. Thank you for your time and for listening to residents who are speaking up and out in the masses against police forces being overfunded, at the cost of so many other community resources and education.

Communication from Public

Name: Jonathan

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 07:26 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and invest in a People's Budget. Work for your community and arrest/charge the officers who abused their powers and attacked peaceful protestors all across LA. And while you're at it, fire Police Chief Moore. We cannot have that kind of man in a position of power. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Benjamin Goldstein

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 07:33 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I write to urge you to adopt a budget that does not prioritize policing, and actively reduces expenditures on policing. LA is facing unprecedented challenges around unemployment, homelessness, and economic insecurity, and adding money to policing does nothing to address or remedy these urgent problems. Furthermore, this money would be better spent on services and programs that support the health and livelihood of the marginalized communities of color that our city continues to neglect or oppress, the latter often through policing. While police reform is a good thing, it is nowhere near enough -- surely we need better training and more accountability within the LAPD, but it is even more important that we increase investment in non-police solutions to our myriad fundamental social problems, which the police are not equipped and shouldn't be expected to solve. At \$1.8 billion, the police budget is larger than the allocations to the fire department, Office of Emergency Management, Department of Transportation, Bureau of Street Services, and the Housing and Community Investment agency combined. This week's announcement of potential LAPD cuts of \$100 million to \$150 million is a step in the right direction, but we need to go much further in reallocating funds away from policing and investing directly into services for underserved communities, especially during a pandemic. In addition to being the right thing, the People's Budget is also strongly backed by the public. I urge you to listen to the peaceful, diverse, intergenerational coalition of Angelenos who are marching through our streets. They are marching precisely because of concerns over our city's police, and they are asking you, in this moment, to be on the right side of history.

Communication from Public

Name: Marlene Salazar
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 07:47 PM
Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Marlene and I strongly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. Our communities were already facing the nation's worst housing and homelessness crisis before the COVID-19 pandemic; 36,300 unhoused Angelinos within the City of LA, 57% of renters in the City of LA being rent-burdened, with the median renter income in the City of LA at \$48,253. I'm asking the city council to reject the mayor's budget and to pass a budget that prioritizes the housing and homelessness needs of Los Angeles residents that includes funding and resources for: Making permanent affordable housing from the existing housing stock, Eviction Defense, Social Housing, Building Affordable Housing, Supportive Housing, and Tenant Protections.

Communication from Public

Name: Will

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 07:51 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I ask that you LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE and DEFUND THE POLICE. Our community needs programs that give care and build communities rather than LAPD which this entire past week attacked peaceful protestors with bullets, tear gas, and batons. They do not protect our communities, they hurt them. Follow the leadership shown by the Minneapolis city council and institute actual change, not just a minor budget cut to the over \$3 billion LAPD budget. This is your chance to do something right. We will remember in November.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 07:56 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Budget

Communication from Public

Name: Landy Joseph

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 08:18 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Garcetti, I am an Angeleno and I live in District 10. I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Unlike the Mayor's budget, which — even with cuts and proposed reapportionment — 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 re-imagined 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. 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. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Thank you for your time, Landy Joseph.

Communication from Public

Name: Julian Hicks

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 08:22 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The city council must make a more substantial cut to the police budget. I hope that the city council can find at least \$500m to reduce in the police budget.

Communication from Public

Name: Katie

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 08:30 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please follow the lead of Minneapolis. Do more. Defund and redistribute to make a difference. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Kaitie

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 08:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND the police. Give that money to education, healthcare workers, employees helping EMPOWER the youth and SHELTER our homeless. Stop the corruption of the police system and start thinking of PEOPLE over SYTEMS. For Lord's sake be a HUMAN.

Communication from Public

Name: Bekah Meyers

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 08:42 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. My name is Bekah Meyers and I live in Palms in Los Angeles. I am writing to request the defunding of the LAPD and the reallocation of their currently allocated city budget towards public health services and public resources. I especially request that the city instead fund public health programs designed to help the homelessness population including providing free mental health resources to the public.

Communication from Public

Name: Sarah Thomas

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 08:58 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I appreciate that the city council has acknowledged the need to change the budget but the current proposals are not even close to enough. Please defund the police and adopt Healthy LA and black lives matter's demand. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Fink

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 09:23 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND POLICE - and not by 150 million dollars, but by billions of dollars. We can protect our own communities. Safety means social connections, education, healthcare, and HOUSING! No justice. No peace. Drastically cut the LAPD budget and disband police and police unions.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 09:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I believe that City Council needs to seriously consider defunding the LAPD, and certainly not give officers raises as is allocated in the current budget. We need to build an infrastructure for a stronger community over time, which would involve reallocation of resources toward education, housing and other public services. I am disgusted by the actions of LAPD over the past week—really over the past decade— and expect the City Council to work on finding alternatives to LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Camille Kolodziejski

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 09:38 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: 100-150 million cuts to LAPD budget is not good enough for our communities. We need Care Not Cops! Defund the police department and funnel that money into housing, into mental health, into schools! Please implement People's Budget LA! Stop police brutality against protestors by... DEFUNDING the LAPD, get cops out of our most vulnerable communities and offer resources instead. Please listen to the demands of BLMLA and the People's Council LA, what you have given us so far is FAR from enough. No more crumbs from LA City Council, give us what we want NO MORE COPS. Additionally, from last week's meeting it sounds like you owe a huge apology to the Street Vendor community for LA al Fresco and valuing restaurants over them with free permits to use sidewalks.

Communication from Public

Name: Camille Patrao

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 09:40 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget cuts to the LAPD are nowhere near good enough. We want care, not cops. Please defund LAPD and redirect that enormous amount of money to programs that actually serve Los Angeles residents. It can be done. Minneapolis just announced today that they are disbanding their police force and putting that money into community-led programs. Please do the same. It has become abundantly clear that the LAPD has NO concern for the safety of the people it is sworn to protect, and, in many cases, its officers display a clear desire to harm those citizens. It is too late for reform. We must defund the LAPD now.

Communication from Public

Name: Brian

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 09:43 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I think it's unconscionable to commit 54% of our budget to the LAPD with crime lower than ever and inequality rising with no need in sight. We have a failed and diseased system that we are suffocating under. You can see it's manifestation in the streets the past few days, these demonstrations are the frustrations of an unjust system. We have run down streets, insufficient education, insufficient wages, thousand of unhoused and even more struggling to maintain what little roof they have over their heads. Budgets are moral documents, Diverting our tax dollars away from those issue to an agency whose job is to enforce an unjust system can only been seen as our mayors and city's acceptance of these injustices. To approve such a budget will make our elected officials accomplices of police brutality, accomplices of inequality, accomplices to the further degradation of our school system and guilty of betraying the very people they claim to serve. I am demanding that you defund LAPD and work on adopting a peoples budget that invest in people and our neighborhoods. Don't tell us it can't be done, Minneapolis city council is working on defunding and dismantling their police department right now. Even if you don't have faith in you or your colleagues abilities I have faith that we here in LA, where movies and dreams come to life, have more imagination and innovation than Minneapolis, I have faith that we're still the leaders of progress in America. There's no reason a cop fresh out of the academy should be making nearly \$20,000 more than our teachers here in LA but they do. We shouldn't have more money allocated to the LAPD than there is for emergency management, transportation, housing and community investment and parks and recs combined, but we do. We ask for housing, you give us cops. We ask for education, you give us cops. We ask for help, you give us cops. The past few days are an example of what happens when when pleas for help and justice are continually ignored. I am also calling for the resignation of police chief Michael Moore and the removal of DA Jackie Lacey.

Communication from Public

Name: Hugh Huntingford

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 09:44 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hello there, we need to defund the police force. We need to cut the amount allocated to the police force and support organizations and programs supporting disenfranchised communities. More money for the arts, for education, and for counseling!!! Best, Hugh

Communication from Public

Name: Kim

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 09:48 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: It is heartening to see the city council's commitment to reallocating the budget away from the LAPD. But a mere \$100-150 million is a drop in the bucket in comparison to the billions of dollars currently allocated to the police. The LAPD have repeatedly shown that the safety of Los Angeles is not their priority. The money that currently goes toward outfitting them with military gear and biological weapons banned by the Geneva Convention would be much better invested in the community where it belongs. The electorate is watching. Do the right thing.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 09:57 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund LAPD now! We need social workers, drug counselors and school counselors not cops. Funding social services is what makes our communities safer

Communication from Public

Name: Rochelle

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:04 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We need CARE not COPS. We need the people's budget!! Reject Garcetti's budget for the good of the city. Defund LAPD and put that money into communities that have been ignored for TOO LONG!

Communication from Public

Name: Kaitlin Crow

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:13 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The People's Budget is the only ethical budget for the city of Los Angeles. The LAPD is world famous for being a violent and racist institution. The money needs to be used to address the housing crisis, further support for our unhoused citizens, healthcare, and education. Our teachers have to use their own money for school supplies while the LAPD is outfitted like a militia. This is shameful. And shame on every one of who has taken blood money from the LAPD

Communication from Public

Name: Sean McSweeney

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:16 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please defund LAPD in favor of services and adopting a Breyer budget like the People's budget. Also disclose all Police union contributions from all city council members' campaigns, etc.

Communication from Public

Name: Gabriel Skora

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:27 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, After the turmoil of the past few weeks I believe it would be a slap in the face to Angelenos everywhere to pass a budget even close to the allocation that I have seen proposed. I believe the operating budget for the LAPD came into this week at \$1.8 billion, before, after days of protest, violence on the part of LAPD towards residents of the city of Los Angeles, and further police brutality across the country, it was reduced by 150 million dollars. Let me be clear when I say that this is a drop in the bucket for the LAPD, and that Los Angeles can and should do more to set an example to the rest of the country about what listening to the people is all about. With outside grants and funds, the LAPD will be able to access closer to \$3bn. 150 million dollars is less than the bare minimum that the city can cut out, and we all know it. We need a people's budget, and one that allocates far less to a police department which over the past week has tear gassed its citizens, has beaten its citizens, has unjustly arrested its citizens, and has shot its citizens with rubber bullets. All for protesting police violence, and systemic racism in the first place. Public trust in the police is shattered. I was privileged enough to have that trust in the first place and no longer have it. The LAPD should be ashamed. I have read accounts of people arrested on their way home from protests, people not being read their Miranda rights, and people being locked up in vans and zip tied like criminals for hours and hours without any communication from the "officers" on why they are being held. I have seen citizens with stitches in their hands from where the police slashed them open while 'aggressively cutting off' ZIP TIES. after ARRESTING these people left and right for nonviolently protesting. It is shocking and disturbing. Further, LAPD Chief Moore had an AWFUL statement on the murder of George Floyd. One that shows his true colors as an "officer" and as a man, and one that he cannot take back . I conclude by saying I believe you are hearing similar things from other citizens. Listen to us. We can imagine a better city and show an example of what a better country can look like. One with less police. Significantly cut the LAPD budget and reinvest the hundreds of millions of dollars into the community. They need it. Not the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Shannon

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:29 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

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Communication from Public

Name: Camille Y

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:30 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles has clearly spoken and will continue to do so. We are afraid to call 911 in case doing so gets ourselves or others killed. We are against the militarization of police. Put the money back into communities and defund the LAPD.

Communication from Public

Name: Ross Musil

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:46 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and relocate those funds to improving social programs and local communities

Communication from Public

Name: Lakshmi Sundaram

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:55 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am asking that the majority of funds for the LAPD be diverted to other areas that will provide an investment in our community. Education and Mental Health are two areas that are lacking adequate funding and an infusion of funds in both areas would be an investment in our citizens and community. To maintain the current funding allocation for the LAPD would not only be a wasted opportunity, but a death sentence for the growth of our community and a physical death sentence for a number of black and brown citizens. From a spiritual, communal, intellectual, financial, commercial and municipal perspective, the best use of these funds would be for education and mental health. That would be a TRUE investment in our community. I implore you to make this change.

Communication from Public

Name: Devora Saikin

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 10:59 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please consider funding education and mental healthcare initiatives over police and militarization of the police. Our public schools must be funded before police departments. And not another dollar should go to harassing communities of color. I think we'll find if we put our dollars towards education, we won't need the police and we will all be much better for it.

Communication from Public

Name: Joshua

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 11:06 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Please consider defunding the police. Our community will benefit far greater from social services such as mental health outreach, shelter programs, education, and public healthcare programs. The police are a vestige of an outdated, ill conceived prison industrial complex. They perpetrate violence and accelerate violence and tread in a business-like manner in criminality rather than community care. I say this with the utmost seriousness and concern. I believe even police officers would benefit greatly from a more compassionate and fulfilling sense of purpose in our community than their's currently. Please address the community in your budget, care, not cops. Thank you, Joshua

Communication from Public

Name: Nikki Osborne

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 11:10 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to take a look and listen to what the residents of your city have been showing and telling you this week: Black Lives Matter. We are tired of the system racism that permeates every aspect of our city's institutions. We have a public health crisis; Black and brown people are being killed at a horrific rate by LAPD. This is unacceptable. We demand defunding of LAPD immediately. We disapprove of the budget set to go in effect next month. We want funds going to important areas like housing, healthy food distribution, education, mental health services. Please, I urge you to do right by your constituents. Sincerely,
Nikki Osborne

Communication from Public

Name: Giana

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 11:11 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE Cut their budget by at least half. They do not need 3 billion dollars when you have underfunded schools and people on the street. These lives and educations matter more than the latest riot gear and mustangs for your officers.

Communication from Public

Name: Suzanne Jennett
Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 11:12 PM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: We must defund the police and adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Los Angeles will not be the first. A compassionate humane future is not carceral it is care based. We need a community centric model of governance and crisis management. Have heart and imagination.

Communication from Public

Name: Halle Gaines

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 11:17 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: You guys have to divest a lot more money from the LAPD towards building an infrastructure for LA that provides more opportunities and support for our community. I know LAPD said "it's a gang member's dream" that you do this; but If we invest more money into the community, it will provide more options to those who feel like their only option might be to join a gang and EVERYONE will benefit. Just wait and see all the amazing things people that feel otherwise doomed to a gang will contribute, if given more of an opportunity to do so. If there are more opportunities, there will be less crime. Which would mean we would rely on the PD less anyways. We have to start working on PREVENTATIVE measures, rather than REACTIONARY. Let's create TRAUMA INFORMED CRISIS INTERVENTION SPECIALISTS, and UNARMED URGENT RESPONDERS, trained in *behavioral and mental health*. Preventative measures, and CARE as apposed to cops, is the way of the future. Cops, and the violence that they are trained to ensue, are the way of the past. This is the way of the future. Some places in the country are already doing this, like Minneapolis. California is supposed to be a leader in progression. Will we continue this legacy through you guys and Garcetti? Or will we have to keep fighting and wait for the next guy? What side of history do you want to be on?

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 11:22 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Re: People's Budget/ LAPD Budget. I'm asking for a complete dismantling of the LAPD Budget and a rebuild from the ground up, as Minneapolis city council is promising their constituents. There is no reason that more than half of our city's discretionary budget should go towards the LAPD and not homelessness, healthcare, public transit, mental healthcare services, and other community initiatives. Defund LAPD now.

Communication from Public

Name: Katie

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 11:32 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I live in Mitch O'Farrells district. I expect this council to defund the lapd. I demand you reallocate A MUCH more significant portion of the budget to housing And public mental health care services. You all probably thought these jobs were under the radar and you could get away with being passive elected officials. NOT TRUE. You have a chance to do something that could radically improve the lives of those in Los Angeles but makes a mark on the history of policing and state sanctioned murder. Take a stand or get Out of the way. But don't worry- if you don't take a stand well vote you out of the way.

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin K

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 11:37 PM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am pleased that the council will be discussing budget cuts to the LAPD, and encourage them to go beyond the \$150 million suggested. If the massive protests of the last few weeks are any indicator, public opinion is very much on the side of defunding police. Now is the time for a major reconception of the police as we know it. I encourage you to consider new options: increased funding for social workers and mental health professionals who can act as first responders to 911 calls involving unhoused folks or those with mental illness is one good area to start. Increasing funding for housing programs is another. Listen to the advocates and activists who have developed the People's Budget. Their guidance will help move us away from a police state that seeks to suppress and control, and towards a community that is supported and cared for by its government.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicholas Hadjimichael

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:00 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council of the City of Los Angeles Budget and Finance Committee, I am writing to strongly urge for the Committee to reconsider the budget being voted on Monday, June 8th, 2020. The budget should significantly defund the police and redistribute the appropriations to underfunded services in our city following the People's Budget of LA. Enough is enough. "You have been weighed, you have been measured, and you have been found wanting" by the people of Los Angeles. Black Lives Matter. Sincerely, Nick Hadjimichael, M.P.P.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Ragen

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

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mayor Garcetti and Councilmembers Krekorian, Price, Koretz, Blumenfield and Bonin, I write to express my deep concern regarding the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-21. I urge the City Council to amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to reflect the values of our community: we want more social services, employment programs, public health resources, rent relief and restorative justice programs, not more policing. We request the City Council to adopt the People's Budget LA. While the Mayor recently announced he would decrease LAPD funding by up to \$150M, this symbolic gesture is simply not enough. There needs to be a drastic reduction of LAPD funding and an un-armed, community-based alternative policing system – on top of more funding for social programs. People are marching through the entire city demanding systemic change and justice for the 600+ black people killed by police in LA County since 2012. We implore you to listen to the demands of your constituents. Public safety should no doubt be one of the City's highest priorities. But investments in housing and job security, mental health care and after-school programs are investments in public safety. By cutting these services, this budget will not make Angelenos safer. Furthermore, protests in Los Angeles following the murder of George Floyd have exemplified the issue of police brutality, including the indiscriminate use of tear gas and rubber bullets against protestors, demonstrating the need for an overhaul of the LAPD. We are presented with an opportunity to improve upon the past instead of repeating its mistakes. It is in that spirit that I ask you for a compassionate budget– and through it, for a more just, equitable and humane Los Angeles. I urge the City Council to adopt the People's Budget LA and amend Mayor Garcetti's budget to shift resources from the LAPD to social services, housing, employment programs, restorative justice programs, rent relief and public health efforts. Sincerely, Michael Ragen

Communication from Public

Name: NEEV Bar-david

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 12:37 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: DEFUND THE POLICE. 170 million is way too much and could be put to better use.

Communication from Public

Name: Roland

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:12 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: We don't need prisons, we need housing for the 60,000 unhoused, largely people of color, living on LA's streets. We don't need riot shields, we need full PPE for ALL our essential medical workers. We don't need tear gas, we need the appropriate policies and support to survive a global pandemic. We don't need police, we need healthcare, housing, transportation, infrastructure, and some goddamn respect as human beings. Because we can't breathe. The events of the last week have shown that police do nothing but make our communities less safe, escalating peaceful protests to violent crackdowns against those they supposedly protect. Garcetti's budget steals our tax dollars and puts it in the hands of those who terrorize our communities of color, who are trained to see every Black citizen with suspicion and hatred, to see every situation down the barrel of a gun. Just look to the thousands of videos and millions of personal accounts of police violence in the past week. And then imagine what wasn't captured on video. And then imagine what our Black communities have suffered for centuries. Black Lives Matter. Adopt the People's Budget. Eric Garcetti and Jackie Lacey must resign.

Communication from Public

Name: Keren Johnson

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 01:29 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: In light of current events and our city's longstanding history of issues between the police and the Black community, I think it is high time to address the need to defund the LAPD. I stand in support of any citizens and lawmakers who are using their voices to speak out. Let's take action to protect all citizens!

Communication from Public

Name: SPECIAL MEETING - AD HOC ON COVID-19 RECOVERY
AND NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 03:58 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: There must be a substantial investment in the full spectrum of health services and health professionals for the black community in Los Angeles and those protesting the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis. I recommend seeking a reallocation of funds from the Los Angeles Police Department toward this end.

Communication from Public

Name: BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (Monday, June 8, 2020)

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 04:05 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: There must be a substantial investment in the full spectrum of health services and health professionals for the black community in Los Angeles and those protesting the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis. I recommend seeking a reallocation of funds from the Los Angeles Police Department toward this end. The Los Angeles City Council can follow the example of the Minneapolis City Council and officially disband the police. 50% or more of the funds for the LAPD must go toward other City departments, agencies, and personnel to abate the State of Emergency through providing free health services--including mental health and pandemic protection--for protesters and non-protesters alike and investment in housing and homelessness, unemployment and disability insurance, economic and workforce development, education, small business protection and recovery, public safety, and public transportation, among other services, especially for black people and black communities. A hiring freeze within the LAPD and an investment in hiring health professionals, especially for protesters and underserved communities, is crucial.

Communication from Public

Name: Sam Freedman

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 06:51 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Our latest budget must entail the defunding of the LAPD, and the reallocation of those funds toward uplifting communities of color. Bear in mind that you're spending our money, and we do not want it directed toward a militaristic, oversight-deficient breeding ground for bigoted aggressors. Failure to honor our will in the new budget will be reflected at the ballot box.

Communication from Public

Name: Amanda Powell
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 07:53 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Disband LAPD - start funding education and housing

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 07:55 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: I am leaving this comment to direct the city council, those elected officials who WORK FOR THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES, to redirect funds from their proposed budget BACK to the people who have you your jobs. Public housing, transportation and the homeless population are just a few of the MANOR issues faced in the city of Los Angeles that have been grossly neglected by this council. It's your responsibility to do better less you be removed from the positions the people have placed you into.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 08:26 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am a constituent of LA county and I am requesting for the Budget and Finance Committee to adopt the LA People's Budget and defund the LAPD. Black Lives Matter. Lauren

Communication from Public

Name: Tara

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 08:42 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: In this historic moment, hold action MUST be taken to create a more just city for all Angelenos. We need the People's Budget LA to be implemented. Only with drastic cuts to the LAPD can we claim to be a city that values Black lives. If you act now to support a budget that prioritizes people over policing, LA has the chance to be at the forefront of change in America.

Communication from Public

Name: Myesha
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:07 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police!

Communication from Public

Name: Jason Black

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:10 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: The police need to be defunded. We've heard too many members of law enforcement talk about the unwillingness of police departments to evolve, modifying behavior and tactics. We need to start over with a system - and employees of that system - who are not callous about killing people, no matter how intentionally or accidentally.

Communication from Public

Name: Allison Conant
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:11 AM
Council File No: 20-0692
Comments for Public Posting: #DefundThePolice Let's follow the lead of the Minneapolis City Council and get it done!

Communication from Public

Name: General Public Comment
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Name: Courtney

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:18 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please defund the LAPD and divert those funds to social service organizations and towards solving the homelessness crisis in LA.
Thank you!

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Name: Frangell Castillo

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:18 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Lessen the police funds and instead fund other more helpful causes.

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Name: Pamela Smith

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:19 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The behavior of the LAPD and Chief Moore is abhorrent. We have all seen the footage, hours of it it seems. We have seen the budget in which 3 billion dollars goes to police and this is not what we want. We want money for education, physical and mental health. We want you to take care of our down trodden, the homeless, the addicted, and the abused. We want ACTUAL support for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. I am a licensed therapist and whenever my clients tell me of an interaction with the police I hold my breath waiting to find out if they luckily interacted with an officer versed in de-escalation and mental health. They rarely are. Instead I'm reading reports of officers groping Traumatized female detainees, beating and mocking those suffering from panic attacks. This must stop. We want Chief Moore and every narcissistic, abusive cop fired. We want more of that 3 BILLION to go to the communities in need.

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Name: Rogelio

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:20 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and redistribute those fund to the community. There's no reason why we should be having a homelessness problem. Serve the community not the police.

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Name: Jake
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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police. Reimagine public safety.

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Name: Walter

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:21 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, Please consider defending the LAPD and diverting the funds to services that help people instead of criminalizing them. Thank you, Walter Bowles, MSW

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Name: Megan Mostyn-Brown

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:21 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi. I'm writing to ask that you follow in the footsteps of the Minneapolis City Council and DEFUND THE POLICE. Angelenos need CARE not COPS.

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Name: Caitlin

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:25 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support this motion, and urge the City Council to go further in implementing the proposals of the HealthyLA coalition and PeoplesBudgetLA coalition. Funding should be redirected from LAPD to affordable housing and vital human services.

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Name: M. Montenegro

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:26 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the LAPD, calls to address issues of mental health, domestic violence and parking issues should be handled by other community controlled groups and should dispatch mental health and social workers to deliver trauma informed services.

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Name: Mara

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:46 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: \$150 million in cuts to the policing budget is a joke—an empty gesture!—when the total policing budget is \$3 billion. We still have over 50% of our entire city’s budget allocated to policing, and the LAPD have proven time and time again that not only are they incapable of fulfilling their sworn duty to protect the citizens of LA, but that they illogically believe that the way to do this is by endangering those same citizen lives, beating them up in racist displays of violence, arresting them without cause or in direct violation of police protocol, unleashing tear gas on them when they have gathered to peacefully protest, and even murdering 601 of them. And yet 50% of our tax dollars are going to this?!? We must follow the example being set by Minneapolis and institute drastic and radical change to policing in this city, redirecting the billions of dollars being wasted on a broken, violent, racist, militarized system and redirecting them into programs that will help the community. Adopt the people’s budget now!

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:51 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Your constituents are calling for you to defund the police and pass the People's Budget LA. This newly proposed budget that decreases funds to the LAPD by only 5% is insufficient, especially when considering the total budget is over \$10 million. It's time we redirect funds from a militarized police force that both disproportionately kills Black people and start giving back to this community that has suffered since the creation of the LAPD. We need to invest in supportive housing programs, small business recovery during the pandemic, healthcare, jobs for young Black people, trauma services, school counselors and after-school programs. Police reform doesn't work. Trainings on implicit bias, de-escalation, and mindfulness, as well as the implementation of body cameras and police-community dialogues failed in Minneapolis. They will fail here. We cannot let another Black man or woman die at the hands of this overfunded police force.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:54 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Also how dare you make such a pivotal meeting so inaccessible to the general public for comment. This forum should have been widely broadcast to local media with ample time. It's pathetic and undemocratic.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 09:57 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: In the newest proposed city budget, I urge local representation to defund the police and reallocate the expectedly enormous amount of money to social services, medical care, alternative police practices, and anti-racist training for teachers and public servants.

Communication from Public

Name: David Green

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 10:09 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to begin by expressing my outrage as an Angeleno and to voice my support for the demands put forth by the organizers of Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles. In solidarity with the calls from Patrisse Cullors and her co-founders and movement leaders, I call for the defunding of local law enforcement far beyond the scope mentioned by Mayor Eric Garcetti this week, so police can no longer, as Ms Cullors says: "Occupy, harass, abuse, torture, and kill Black communities." Through the leadership of Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles, I am echoing the need for a budget that represents the need and will of this great city, not its politicians and police. We are demanding far more than Eric Garcetti's recent proposal of an extremely mild cut to an enormous police budget, just a week after he attempted to secure 54% of the general fund for LAPD. I call on this City Council to make the morally right decision to defund the police and divest publicly from your voiced but mistaken notion that the LAPD is a force for justice that keeps our communities safe and treats Black Angelenos equally. I call on you to begin this action immediately by encouraging Chief Moore to resign from his duties in light of his cruel, cowardly, racist comments last week, which are sadly emblematic of a police force that has shown itself to be much the same—not only in recent days, but for the duration of my life here in Los Angeles. I echo the calls for the adoption of a budget that rightfully takes money from police resources and places them into our communities that need that investment most—working to right historic injustices and helping create housing, education, healthcare, transit, jobs, food, and small business initiatives during this pandemic. We demand investment in jobs and services, not cops. We demand investment in the priorities and needs of our people during a historic health and housing crisis.

Councilmembers, I have learned to not take you at your word over the years, but you have claimed that the budget in front of you is not a final document. That this is a forum for meaningful public comment and creating a budget together. I urge you to stick to that promise and to put forth plans to drastically reduce the police budget, far beyond what has been commented on prior to this meeting. We deserve a budget that serves the needs of constituents, not you. Not the cops. Constituents. I look forward to a new proposal, based on the demands of The People's Budget

LA, the coalition led by Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles. Thank you for considering making the needed changes. David Green

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 10:36 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Unlike the Mayor's 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. 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. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed. This is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA. Thank you for your time.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:05 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The commitment to diverting some funds from the LAPD to invest in communities of color is a good start, but doesn't go far enough. LA should seriously consider defunding the police and investing in community programs and education. Police have become the solution to everything - they have taken over work that should be the purview of drug counselors, social workers, housing authorities, educators, and more.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:40 AM

Council File No: 20-0692

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am commenting on the proposed budget cut to the Los Angeles Police Department. Recently, Mayor Garcetti has announced a \$150 million cut to the police budget, but that is not nearly enough subtraction from the billions of dollars allocated to the police department. That motion was solely performative and not enacting substantial change. Residents of LA are not satisfied with this cut and are offended that you would think that such a budget cut is sufficient. Much more progress is needed in cutting the police funding and allocating it to areas of the budget that are severely lacking. Blatantly lacking in funding, for example, is the emergency management fund, which will inarguably contribute to the shortcomings of LA to adequately address the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:42 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a formal request to defund the city's police department and used those funds redistributed to other resources in dire need of them at this time.

Communication from Public

Name: Kathryn Loutzenheiser

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:42 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Kathryn Loutzenheiser and I strongly support the Healthy LA and People's Budget's coalitions. Decades of racist policies, land use planning and disinvestment from LA's Black communities continue to have devastating effects today. Black residents are overrepresented in the homeless population, and continue to experience higher rates of unemployment. Our shameful history of racism has created a city where Black and Latinx communities still face the deepest inequities. I am asking for the city council to reject the mayor's budget and to pass a budget that shows Black Lives Matter and are valued in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Molly McGlynn
Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:53 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Council District 12 in Silverlake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of "reform." This includes Mayor Garcetti's paltry 5% proposed cut with no clarity as to where these funds will be redirected, if at all. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. We are in the midst of a pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed, and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of those in this city are renters. When people are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, 60k people were unhoused; the evictions and economic insecurity caused by COVID-19 will bring that number even higher. We demand that the City Council meaningfully defund the LAPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Garcetti's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.

Communication from Public

Name: Summer Benowitz

Date Submitted: 06/08/2020 11:55 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, My name is Summer and I'm a resident of the City of Los Angeles in the Silver Lake area. I'm writing to urge you to further defund the police and reallocate funds to uplifting communities hit hardest by the pandemic, as the LAPD has proven time and again to be an institution guilty of abusing its power; using racially-fueled militaristic tactics to control and suppress black populations throughout the county. What we need right now is to follow the example set by Minneapolis and drastically change our budget and policies as efforts to re-educate cops and provide de-escalation training have failed time and again. If you do not consider a new people's budget, reallocating funds from the police department to pandemic relief, mine -- and many others' -- votes will reallocate in the upcoming election as well. Thank you for your time in considering the matter at hand. Now is the time for our voices to be heard. Summer