

Communication from Public

Name: Andy

Date Submitted: 06/07/2020 05:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To those who have the power to change things for the better - It has been increasingly clear that the city of Los Angeles (as well as many other cities across America) that the Police, and the system/policies/code they operate by have not been up to standard, to say the least. It has become increasingly clear that even though the city has invested so much in the police, that the return has been nominal. How is it possible that even though city has invested so much in the police, that the city has been and still fraught with injustice and brokenness. Despite investing the in police and being extremely dependent on them, why do we see that they are so ill-equipped and unqualified to handle and deal with situations humanely and appropriately? It's not just with the police of L.A. but we are now seeing that this is issue in many places in America. We are now seeing that the police are taught and encouraged to make aggression and use of force the prioritized tool and response when doing their job, which should be to serve and protect people. The budget that Mayor Eric Garcetti is proposing makes it seem like the city's most major issue is policing the city, and that other issues like homelessness, education, infrastructure, climate change, etc. are all not even secondary but tertiary in priority or even less so. Even though the people have been calling for reform, and the city has slowly been acting on that call, it has become increasingly clear that that is not enough. When it comes to the budget, we need to be prioritizing other issues by allocating majority of the budget to different areas that will help enrich and support the people of Los Angeles. To want to dedicate over half of the city's budget to the police, who have already been receiving much of the city's budget thus far and have been so ineffective with their duties, is entirely unjustified. If you truly care about the people you govern, and believe that it is those like you, in positions of government and power, have a duty and obligation to serve and protect your fellow citizens, then let your budget (and actions) reflect that. Show us that you care for those who struggling with homelessness, that you care about educating future generations, that you care about condition your streets are in, that you care about the environment, so on and so forth.

Communication from Public

Name: Khristian

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge that we consider larger cuts to the already massive LAPD budget, in order to put more funds into community based initiatives. Over the last couple of weeks, we have seen the abuse of power from police officers throughout the country. They do not SERVE our community. They only serve to scare and divide use. Over the last couple of months, we have seen how the essential workers (healthcare workers, grocery store workers, etc) and NOT THE POLICE have served to keep our communities safe and UNITED. But our city wants to hand over more money to the police department? It Does not make any sense. Therefore, I am calling for the defunding of the police.

Communication from Public

Name: Don

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Comments for Public Posting: I am fully supportive of people doing their jobs. If LA County and the LAUSD were not so incompetent, then the proposed programs that this motion was created to fund would not be necessary. For example, I was on a committee back in 2011 which looked at the failed truancy law. After a presentation by an academic group showing that school failure is strongly correlated to the transition grades: K-1, 5-6 and 8-9 where the transition creates stresses that short-circuit the skillsets needed to succeed. These issues compound as the pupil progresses and leads to astronomic dropouts. LAUSD haughtily acknowledged that they were aware of that. When a member of committee called them out and asked why resources had not been rearranged to focus on these known pressure points, the District looked stunned that anyone could believe that the District would consider focus on problems over illogical equity. The LA County mental health system is in terrible disrepair. The state has collected hundreds of millions of dollars through Prop 62 money and yet the County has still not gotten out of its own way to touch it. Their utter failure in the homeless issue is exposed for all to see. Their continuous failures in monitoring the Dept of Child and Family Services, the Probation Department and the public joke that is "the Board vs the Sherriff" make it clear that the most well-funded governmental instrument in the region is a waste of money and has failed the people. This motion states that "...the people of Los Angeles, activists and organizers from across the City have demanded..." It is clear listening to the scripted rants people are making during public comment that the activists and the organizers are hard at work, the City is not made up of those people, it is made up of hard working people like me who accept that the policing profession is a necessary cornerstone to our society, is an evolving profession that has, and continues to get better, grow and develop with LAPD a world-leader in many of the areas that are being called upon across the nation. Look at the points of Pelosi's Bill: 1. Use body and dashboard cameras - LAPD pioneered for large agencies 2. Ban chokeholds - LAPD banned them years ago and has elevated carotid to a deadly force option only 3. Eliminate unannounced police raids known as "no-knock warrants" - LAPD done 4. Increased Civilian oversight - LAPD best in the nation Add in the other reforms and programs

like C-PABs, FDRs, TEAMs, Cadets, Jeopardy, Senior Leads, Civilian Police Academies, and HOPE and you see a Department who is consistently "defunding" itself in favor of programs and efforts that are more in line with community needs. Did LAPD do this willingly, of course not. Homeostasis is a powerful demotivator and LAPD has historically had a incestuous culture, and yet change it has and, it seems, that the culture has changes as well. As to the "People's Budget," it should just be called the "People who BLM allowed to participate" Budget. I took the survey which created the survey and come from a racial group representing less than 5% of LA's demographic. My responses represented 50% of my race's responses as I used the tools provided by BLM's website. Please understand that more people have mentioned the budget to you, than could participate in its creation. Plato warned about over-democracy in the Allegory of the Cave in The Republic. This motion also says that budgets are a reflection of government's values, principals and priorities. I wholeheartedly agree and the previous funding level of LAPD is no exception. LAPD is a world leader in police reform, police work and police/community relations and, up until a tragic incident, committed by four brutal and callous individuals who grossly violated the public trust and committed a murder in the name of law enforcement, I think you all believed it too. Stand up for your values, principals and priorities. Do not let the antiquated worldview of scores who have enamored the marching thousands to endanger the welfare of millions. Keep LAPD's budget and work on LAUSD and LA County to do their jobs. I live within the City and County of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Angel R

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Comments for Public Posting: \$100-150 million budget cut to the LAPD is not enough. Cut more from the LAPD, invest that money into affordable housing, education and COVID-19 relief.

Communication from Public

Name: Brenda

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Comments for Public Posting: As a constituent of the city of Los Angeles, I am calling for defunding of the LAPD. The city budget needs to invest in communities, not policing. As a health care provider, I have studied the consequences of what can happen when patients are met too far down the line in their disease progress. If we look at the issue in this same way, it isn't hard to see the great impact that working upstream can have on our communities. Investing in mental health services, substance abuse prevention, housing, transportation and education is imperative. The city has spent generations expanding the size of the LAPD budget and we will no longer idly stand by thinking our city leaders have our best interests in mind. If good police are willing to look the other way when bad police abuse their powers, you can make changes to rules and regulations all you want but it's not going to matter. We won't be able to fix this problem until we start prioritizing preventative investments and have a police culture whose first priority is protecting and serving the people instead of protecting and serving themselves.

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Name: Natalie Arbogast
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Comments for Public Posting: Defund the police and adopt a people's budget in LA.

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Name: Leticia Winnick
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Comments for Public Posting: I am a registered voter and a resident of Los Angeles County. Defunding the police would harm our city. Why would anyone choose to become a police officer if we ripped apart the police department? The police are here to help us, just like teachers, nurses, and firefighters; they provide a service. They need the funds to provide those services properly. I am a teacher with Los Angeles Unified School District and I remember when the Los Angeles Police Department supported us during our strike in 2019. We all need to support each other, not take money away from each other.

Communication from Public

Name: Phyllis Fleschler

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of the City of LA and oppose the defunding of the LAPD.