
Fwd: Budget & Finance Committee meeting - Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget1 message

From: Izabella Hovhanisian <izabella.hovhanisian@lacity.org>
To: City Clerk Council and Public Services <clerk.cps@lacity.org>
At: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 1:11 PM

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From: 'Matt Moore' via Clerk - CityClerk <cityclerk@lacity.org>
Date: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 1:07 PM
Subject: Budget & Finance Committee meeting - Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget
To: <cityclerk@lacity.org>, <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>
Cc: <councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org>, <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>

Hello,

My name is Matthew Moore. I am a resident of Los Angeles, residing in Eagle Rock. I am commenting today to demand that the City of Los Angeles defund the police and prosecute killer cops.

Regarding Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget, the amount he has cut from the LAPD Budget to reinvest in Black communities and communities of Color is NOT ENOUGH. Not nearly enough. We want more money allocated to services and programs for unhoused Angelinos, more mental health services, more funding for public schools and resources to ensure all students (regardless of their situation) can continue learning during these uncertain times. GET THE POLICE OUT OF THESE SCHOOLS, they are terrorizing children in marginalized communities who are simply trying to get an education. Oakland just did it, now LA must follow suit. Whatever financial handcuffs the Police have over Mayor Garcetti and Jackie Lacey must be removed. The City Council needs to start helping the tax-paying citizens in this city by giving them the resources they need to survive, especially during a global pandemic.

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In hope/demand of change,

Matthew Moore
mrmattmoore@yahoo.com
4249 Verdugo Rd, Los Angeles, CA 90065

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Fwd: LA Resident - demanding divestment of LAPD1 message

From: Anna Martinez <anna.martinez@lacity.org>
To: City Clerk Council and Public Services <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>
At: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 12:45 PM

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From: Savannah Mills <createwithsav@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 12:44 PM
Subject: LA Resident - demanding divestment of LAPD
To: <cityclerk@lacity.org>, <clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org>, <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>

Hi there,

My name is Savannah Mills, I am an LA Native and resident. I am emailing you to demand that the City of LA defund the police and prosecute killer cops.

The \$150M that Mayor Garcetti has proposed to cut from the LAPD Budget is NOT ENOUGH. We need much much more to be divested from the police budget and invested into black communities & communities of color. We need more money allocated to services and programs for the homeless, more mental health services, more funding for public schools and resources to ensure that all students, regardless of their situation, can continue learning.

Police need to be removed from schools - the fact that there are more police in schools than nurses; the fact that police in schools are paid MORE THAN THE TEACHERS.... this is NOT OKAY.

As a taxpayer, as a person who has lived in Los Angeles her entire life, I DEMAND that Mayor Garcetti actually listen to the people within the community he claims to care for and protect. We do not want money going to police - we need it going to the community.

Thank you,

Savannah Mills
323-556-1878

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Fwd: Concern1 message

From: Anna Martinez <anna.martinez@lacity.org>
To: City Clerk Council and Public Services <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>
At: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 12:34 PM

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From: Reyna Fernando <reynaf.b622@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 12:33 PM
Subject: Concern
To: CityClerk@lacity.org <CityClerk@lacity.org>

You need to furthermore defund the police budget. I know that everyone in city hall is aware of this and so why are you not listening. This is long overdue. We need that money to invest on our community. To invest in our homelessness problem here in Los Angeles. I have lived here for 15 years more than a decade and skid row is still the same. There is no effort shown that you all in city hall care about us angelenos and so if you want to keep your job I suggest you start taking action
Best Regards Reyna Fernando.

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Fwd: Demand for Change - City Council Meeting

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From: Anna Martinez <anna.martinez@lacity.org>
To: City Clerk Council and Public Services <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>
At: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 12:01 PM

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From: Bin Bez <binbez1357@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 11:59 AM
Subject: Demand for Change - City Council Meeting
To: <CityClerk@lacity.org>, <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>
Cc: <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>

Hello,

My name is Biniyam Bezabih. I am a resident of LA, CA. I am emailing you today to demand that the City of Los Angeles Defund the Police.

Regarding Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget, the amount that was cut from the LAPD budget to reinvest in communities of color is NOT enough, not even close. We demand that more money be allocated to services/programs for unhoused Angelenos, more mental health services, more funding for public school and resources to ensure all students - regardless of their situation - can continue learning during these uncertain times. GET THE POLICE OUT OF THE SCHOOLS, they are terrorizing children in marginalized communities. Oakland just did it, now follow suit.

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Thank You
Biniyam

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Fwd: Budget & Finance Committee meeting 6/29/20 - Comment from LA resident- RE MEETING # 20-0600-S41 message

From: Anna Martinez <anna.martinez@lacity.org>
To: City Clerk Council and Public Services <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>
At: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 9:57 AM

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From: Mary Ruth <mr@maryruthcasting.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 9:57 AM
Subject: Budget & Finance Committee meeting 6/29/20 - Comment from LA resident- RE MEETING # 20-0600-S4
To: CityClerk@lacity.org <CityClerk@lacity.org>, Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org <Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org>
Cc: councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org <councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org>, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, councilmember.price@lacity.org <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, mayor.garcetti@lacity.org <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>

Hello,

My name is Mary Ruth Manley, I am a resident of LA, residing in Echo Park. I am emailing you today to demand that the City of Los Angeles Defund the Police and Prosecute killer cops.

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Fwd: LA CITY BUDGET REVISIONS

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Anna Martinez <anna.martinez@lacity.org>
To: City Clerk Council and Public Services <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>

Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 2:31 PM

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From: **Natalia Luna** <nluna713@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 2:29 PM
Subject: LA CITY BUDGET REVISIONS
To: <cityclerk@lacity.org>

Dear Herb Wesson,

My name is Natalia Luna and I am an Angeleno living in District 10. I am writing to you to demand the current budget be revised for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Even with the cuts made already- over half of the budget is still allocated to the Los Angeles Police department . THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. As your constituent, I am asking you to support a broad divestment from the LAPD, and by committing to reinvest that money into community-based initiatives aimed at providing a safe community for all people, especially those who have historically been targeted and oppressed by racist and unjust policing and laws. The city should be prioritizing universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clear air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the murderous police department.

Our city has shown overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD and it is your job to represent our demands via this budget.

More police does not make our community safer. Instead of continuing to invest in a failed system of policing, I ask you to stand with community-based initiatives to provide housing, mental health support, and education.

Please support people over the police.

Thank you,
Natalia Luna

HELP US!!!

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From: 'Tanya Martinez' via Clerk - CityClerk <cityclerk@lacity.org>
To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
At: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 9:18 PM

Hello,

My name is Tanya Martinez. I am a resident of Los Angeles County and I am emailing to demand the restructuring of the Los Angeles city budget, so as to prioritize more social services for communities, and to drastically minimize spending on Police.

I demand of the mayor, controller, and all city council members to prove their love and dedication to the people of their city and reallocate funds to directly benefit those in need.

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While LAPD has more funding than it knows what to do with, there are communities who desperately need funding and every day they don't receive it their quality of life worsens. Thousands have died who did not need to. You have the ability to change this, so do it.

Sincerely,
Tanya Martinez

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Restructure Budget and DEFUND POLICE

1 message

From: 'Raylene Cosio' via Clerk - CityClerk <cityclerk@lacity.org>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 8:48 PM

Hello,

My name is Raylene Cosio. I am a resident of Los Angeles County and I am emailing to demand the restructuring of the Los Angeles city budget, so as to prioritize more social services for communities, and to drastically minimize spending on Police.

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Sincerely,
Raylene Cosio

Sent from my iPhone

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2 messages

From: Andrew Rinehart <andrewrinehart@gmail.com>
To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
At: Thu, Jun 4, 2020 at 5:23 AM

Hello,

My name is Andrew Rinehart. I am a resident of Los Angeles County and I am emailing to demand the restructuring of the Los Angeles city budget, so as to prioritize more social services for communities, and to drastically minimize spending on Police. Your proposed restructuring this week does too little.

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To be honest, it is that actions that will determine If you continue to earn our vote, politically and in confidence.

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Sincerely,

Andrew Rinehart
andrewrinehart@gmail.com

From: Andrew Rinehart <andrewrinehart@gmail.com>
To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
At: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 3:32 PM

To Mayor Garcetti & LA Council Members:

I appreciate you writing back all us concerned about these matters.

I've given it thought. The steps proposed are not good enough and the past steps outlined are not enough by a landslide, despite being a good step forward.
The recent budget reallocations aren't enough.

I am not sure that abolishing and rebuilding from the ground up is what is needed, per se... but I know what is currently being proposed is far from enough.

The budget is the telltale.
School funding and classroom size are a telltale.
Housing pricing is the telltale.
The disproportionate budget allocation to the police is a telltale.

Law enforcement has a place in our county and cities. And at times it can be a thankless one, but it shouldn't be the only authority or response to crisis.
911 isn't the police. It is a call for help. Reform our perceptions. Reform our systems. Lead further. Lean in stronger.

Make that shift on the budget greater. Announce the money is going into schools, and social programs. Fully fund (over fund) schools. Classroom, and teachers.
Let LA become not the misguided state Seattle has become, or the intolerance of civil services the country wide, but become the beacon how to change for others to follow.

The sane acknowledge law enforcement DOES have a role in our society, and yes, even in our budgets. But that role, that budget allotment should be a just and fair one with checks and balances.
One that isn't budgeted from a place of fear, but FAIR and well tempered heads. Not a status quo that is rubber stamped from a place of fear or skewed necessity.

I look forward to your actions. I look forward to the councils actions.
We all look forward with clarity and expectation you will do more.

Sincerely,

Andrew Rinehart
andrewrinehart@gmail.com

On Jun 27, 2020, at 5:15 PM, Mayor Garcetti <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org> wrote:

Like everyone who has peacefully demonstrated here in Los Angeles and across the country, Mayor Garcetti is eager for change — and our city government is making changes to building on progress we've made in advancing racial equity in our city.

A budget that serves all Angelenos

The Mayor has been inspired to see so many Angelenos engaging with their city government for the first time. These weeks have been a reminder that our spending isn't just about dollars and cents, but lives and livelihoods. That's why it's important that we all have the same facts.

The Mayor's budget proposal for 2020-21 calls for \$10.53 billion in total spending and includes investments in everything from housing and homelessness, to improving our parks and libraries and vital public services. The budget allocates \$1.86 billion to LAPD — that's 17.6 percent of our City's budget.

Our police budget goes toward salaries, equipment, operating supplies, training, and technology support — as well as programs to recruit officers who reflect the diversity of our communities and initiatives that connect residents with important resources and services.

For context, regionally, the County spends approximately \$12 billion on health programs and services, LAUSD spends \$8.6 billion dollars to ensure every child has a quality education, and Metro spends \$7.2 billion on transportation to keep L.A. moving. Our spending tells the story of Los Angeles: we invest in our future, take care of our most vulnerable, and equip our public servants to meet the needs of our citizens.

Efforts in police reform

Since the Mayor took office, Los Angeles has adopted police reforms, including initiatives to root out racial bias, support de-escalation, create a culture of transparency and accountability, and deepen trust between officers and the communities they protect and serve.

We've established groundbreaking programs to develop long-term relationships between youth and LAPD, hired the most diverse and representative department of any big city in America, and made L.A. the first big city to put body cameras on officers and release critical incident videos to the public — a policy that has become a national model.

And we've seen the results:

- Fatal officer-involved shootings cut in half;
- Mandatory training for every officer on de-escalation, implicit bias, use of non-lethal force, and other harm-reduction strategies;
- More than 43,000 guns taken off the streets;
- Our Gang Reduction Youth Development programs expanded by 50 percent;
- Diversion programs that have reduced juvenile arrests by 85 percent compared to 2010.

Investing in our communities

In this moment when transformation is within reach, we must do even more. So we're identifying \$250 million in new investments — including cuts to the police department — for community programs in our city's Black communities and other communities of color.

Our civilian Police Commission has proposed new reforms, including requiring officers to intervene when they see inappropriate use of force and always report misconduct, placing a moratorium on putting people in the CalGang database, expanding the juvenile diversion program to ensure that as few young Angelenos as possible see the criminal justice system, and expanding our Community Safety Partnership sites and program throughout the city to build stronger relationships between officers and the Angelenos they serve.

Speaking up and speaking out

This movement is bigger than a budget, but our investments are statements of our values. As we continue working toward a city, county, and region that is more equitable, we hope you'll engage in these important conversations.

L.A. City Council

Fifteen Councilmembers are elected to pass city laws and the city's budget, which is slated to go into effect on July 1. But as the [City Council](#) continues to discuss and revise the budget throughout the year, we're all better served if you're taking part in this ongoing dialogue.

Some ways to participate:

- **Get familiar with the proposals:** Read the [city budget](#) and the Council [motion](#) to reduce LAPD's spending and re-invest funds in communities of color.
- **Stay informed:** Sign up to [receive agendas](#) for the City Council's regular Budget and Finance Committee meetings.
- **Speak up:** Submit [written public comment](#) to the Budget & Finance Committee or provide live public comment by following the directions on the weekly posted agenda.

- **Organize with your neighborhood:** Work with your Neighborhood Council to submit a [Community Impact Statement](#) to the City Council, or engage with the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates, who hold activities to build awareness and advocacy around our budget process, and meet with my staff and me. More information is available [here](#).

L.A. Police Commission

The civilian [Board of Police Commissioners](#) sets overall policy and oversees the Chief of Police and the Department. The Mayor has appointed a diverse and talented group of five Angelenos to serve as Police Commissioners. They hold weekly public meetings with the Chief, during which you can provide feedback.

Some ways to participate:

- **Stay informed:** Watch Police Commission meetings every Tuesday at 2:00 pm on Cityview, Channel 35, within the City of Los Angeles, or listen to the meetings live on Councilphone, 213-621-CITY, 310-471-CITY, 310-547-CITY, or 818-904-9450. The published meeting agendas will have webcast information, available [here](#).
- **Speak up:** Submit written comments online or provide verbal public comment by following the directions on the published agenda.

L.A. County Board of Supervisors

Five [County Supervisors](#) are elected to make decisions about important local and regional services administered by the County of Los Angeles. You can make a difference by watching and listening to the County Board of Supervisors — and urging them to invest additional public health, mental health, and community development funds toward communities of color.

Some ways to participate:

- **Stay informed:** Listen to meetings of the County Board of Supervisors by calling (877) 873-8017 and view them [online](#) (Code for English: 111111 Code for Spanish: 222222)
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LAUSD Board of Education

Seven [school board](#) members are elected to make decisions on matters relating to public education funding, policy, services, programming, and other related issues that impact our kids in the City of Los Angeles and several surrounding areas.

Some ways to participate:

- **Stay informed:** All regular meetings of the Board of Education are shown live and videotaped for later broadcast over KLCS Television Channel 58. The audio and video of Regular Meetings of the Board and Committee Meetings are available [online](#).
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You can learn more about [recent actions](#), including [the Mayor's call for affirmative action](#) and [a new Executive Directive](#) focused on promoting racial equity in City departments.

Every step we take forward to protect people's rights, to enact smart and overdue reforms, to undo structural racism is meant to build a more fair, equal, and just Los Angeles.

Thank you,

Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti

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You received this message because you are subscribed to the Google Groups "mayor.garcetti0627203" group. To unsubscribe from this group and stop receiving emails from it, send an email to mayor.garcetti-no-reply+unsubscribe@lacity.org.

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LA CITY BUDGET REVISIONS

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Thank you,
Natalia Luna

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From: Yahaira Malkenhorst <jewel.horst@gmail.com>
To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
At: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 1:39 PM

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My name is Yahaira. I am a resident of Los Angeles County and I am emailing to demand the restructuring of the Los Angeles city budget, so as to prioritize more social services for communities, and to drastically minimize spending on Police.

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Yahaira

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1 message

From: Camila Quiñones <camila.quinones28@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 1:30 PM

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Sincerely,
Camila Quiñones

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Budget & Finance Committee meeting - Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget

1 message

From: 'Matt Moore' via Clerk - CityClerk <cityclerk@lacity.org>
To: cityclerk@lacity.org, clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org
At: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 1:07 PM

Hello,

My name is Matthew Moore. I am a resident of Los Angeles, residing in Eagle Rock. I am commenting today to demand that the City of Los Angeles defund the police and prosecute killer cops.

Regarding Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget, the amount he has cut from the LAPD Budget to reinvest in Black communities and communities of Color is NOT ENOUGH. Not nearly enough. We want more money allocated to services and programs for unhoused Angelinos, more mental health services, more funding for public schools and resources to ensure all students (regardless of their situation) can continue learning during these uncertain times. GET THE POLICE OUT OF THESE SCHOOLS, they are terrorizing children in marginalized communities who are simply trying to get an education. Oakland just did it, now LA must follow suit. Whatever financial handcuffs the Police have over Mayor Garcetti and Jackie Lacey must be removed. The City Council needs to start helping the tax-paying citizens in this city by giving them the resources they need to survive, especially during a global pandemic.

I/We want all of this addressed at today's budget and finance committee meeting (6/29/20).

In hope/demand of change,

Matthew Moore
mrmattmoore@yahoo.com
[4249 Verdugo Rd, Los Angeles, CA 90065](#)

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LA Resident - demanding divestment of LAPD

1 message

From: Savannah Mills <createwithsav@gmail.com>

To: cityclerk@lacity.org, clerk.budgetandfinancecommittee@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, mayor.garcetti@lacity.org

At: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 12:44 PM

Hi there,

My name is Savannah Mills, I am an LA Native and resident. I am emailing you to demand that the City of LA defund the police and prosecute killer cops.

The \$150M that Mayor Garcetti has proposed to cut from the LAPD Budget is NOT ENOUGH. We need much much more to be divested from the police budget and invested into black communities & communities of color. We need more money allocated to services and programs for the homeless, more mental health services, more funding for public schools and resources to ensure that all students, regardless of their situation, can continue learning.

Police need to be removed from schools - the fact that there are more police in schools than nurses; the fact that police in schools are paid MORE THAN THE TEACHERS.... this is NOT OKAY.

As a taxpayer, as a person who has lived in Los Angeles her entire life, I DEMAND that Mayor Garcetti actually listen to the people within the community he claims to care for and protect. We do not want money going to police - we need it going to the community.

Thank you,

Savannah Mills
323-556-1878

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Concern

1 message

From: Reyna Fernando <reynaf.b622@gmail.com>

To: "CityClerk@lacity.org" <CityClerk@lacity.org>

At: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 12:33 PM

You need to furthermore defund the police budget. I know that everyone in city hall is aware of this and so why are you not listening. This is long overdue. We need that money to invest on our community. To invest in our homelessness problem here in Los Angeles. I have lived here for 15 years more than a decade and skid row is still the same. There is no effort shown that you all in city hall care about us angelenos and so if you want to keep your job I suggest you start taking action

Best Regards Reyna Fernando.

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Adopt the People's Budget of Los Angeles, Reinvest in Communities

1 message

From: Francesca Jimenez <francescamjimenez@gmail.com>
To: mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org, mayor.garcetti@lacity.org, CityClerk@lacity.org
At: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 12:00 PM

Hello,

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Thank you,

Francesca Jimenez

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Demand for Change - City Council Meeting

1 message

From: Bin Bez <binbez1357@gmail.com>

To: CityClerk@lacity.org, Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org

At: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 11:59 AM

Hello,

My name is Biniyam Bezabih. I am a resident of LA, CA. I am emailing you today to demand that the City of Los Angeles Defund the Police.

Regarding Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget, the amount that was cut from the LAPD budget to reinvest in communities of color is NOT enough, not even close. We demand that more money be allocated to services/programs for unhoused Angelenos, more mental health services, more funding for public school and resources to ensure all students - regardless of their situation - can continue learning during these uncertain times. GET THE POLICE OUT OF THE SCHOOLS, they are terrorizing children in marginalized communities. Oakland just did it, now follow suit.

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Thank You
Biniyam

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Adopt the People's Budget, Be on the Right Side of History

1 message

From: Francesca Jimenez <francescamjimenez@gmail.com>
To: paul.koretz@lacity.org
At: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 11:11 AM

Hello Councilman Koretz,

As a resident of the Pico-Robertson neighborhood and a constituent in your district, I support the People's Budget for Los Angeles.

On Monday, June 15, a coalition representing the People's City Council presented the People's Budget for Los Angeles to 5 out of the 15 LA city council members. I watched the entirety of that presentation and meeting as it was broadcasted online.

The egregious amount spent on the police is evidently linked to defunding taken from public education, public access to healthcare, public works in maintaining parks and the infrastructure of our city, public transportation, and more.

I implore you to listen to the demands of the People's City Council and their proposed budget. Los Angeles is facing a history moment and can lead progressively towards civil rights and justice for all city residents. How are you going to be remembered in history for this time? Will you support the greater Los Angeles as a whole in becoming truly the progressive and model city it claims to be (but is not acting as so now)? Are you going to use your position to uphold a property and wealth protecting status quo? Or are you going to use your position to value ALL of the city's citizens and ALL of their futures?

Thank you,

Francesca Jimenez

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Restructure Budget and DEFUND POLICE

1 message

From: yung tojo <arizonaicedtearz@gmail.com>
To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
At: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 10:50 AM

Hello,

My name is [insert name]. I am a resident of Los Angeles County and I am emailing to demand the restructuring of the Los Angeles city budget, so as to prioritize more social services for communities, and to drastically minimize spending on Police.

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Sincerely,
[your name]

Sent from my iPhone

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Restructure Budget and DEFUND POLICE

1 message

From: Luna Kindheart <lunakindheart101@gmail.com>
To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
At: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 9:03 AM

Hello,

My name is Yue Kindheart. I am a resident of Los Angeles County and I am emailing to demand the restructuring of the Los Angeles city budget, so as to prioritize more social services for communities, and to drastically minimize spending on Police.

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Divest from the Police Reinvest in Communities

1 message

From: Terra Ashe <terradrma@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org, controller.galperin@lacity.org, councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org, councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, david.ryu@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.rodriquez@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.wesson@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.Lee@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.huizar@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org

At: Sun, Jun 28, 2020 at 1:43 PM

Hello,

My name is Terra Ashe. I live in Glendale, California and I am emailing you today to demand that the Los Angeles City Budget be reconstructed. Prioritizing services for communities over policing.

There is no reason why the cities budget need to give over 50% of its budget to the police budget. So much can be provided in services for the fire department, transportation, mental health, Housing, emergency management(let's not forget we are in the middle of a pandemic that gets worse every single day) just to name a few.

It is time to make bold strides for a better future for Angelenos and it starts with divesting from policing and reinvesting in communities. People are struggling, the unemployment rate incredibly high, more and more people are at risk of becoming homeless to add to the already massive issue of homelessness we have here. The people are hurting the last thing they need is to be harassed by the police.

The police have way more money than they know what to do with, and they still can't do their job. Unless of course their job is to harass, brutalize, and kill Black, indigenous, and people of color. Policing is not the answer to a safe, productive community so let's reimagine public safety together.

Defund the police and adopt The People's Budget today.

Thank you,
Terra Ashe

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Adopt the People's Budget of Los Angeles, Reinvest in Communities

1 message

From: Francesca Jimenez <francescamjimenez@gmail.com>
To: mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org, mayor.garcetti@lacity.org, CityClerk@lacity.org
At: Sun, Jun 28, 2020 at 12:00 PM

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Thank you,

Francesca Jimenez

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HELP US!!!

1 message

From: 'Tanya Martinez' via Clerk - CityClerk <cityclerk@lacity.org>
To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
At: Sun, Jun 28, 2020 at 11:26 AM

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A final request

1 message

From: Claire Jia <claire.ccjia@gmail.com>
To: paul.koretz@lacity.org
At: Sun, Jun 28, 2020 at 9:20 AM

Dear Councilmember Koretz,

Hello again from Claire, a resident in your district. I am aware that tomorrow you and your fellow councilmembers will be voting on the budget for next year. I'm also aware that yesterday protesters showed up at your home to demand you reject the mayor's budget and adopt the People's budget.

You have received countless emails with the various statistics about why the LA police force is a destructive force in our community. I would like to share some of my experiences with the police with you today. For context, I am an Asian-American woman with light skin. I have been robbed both from my person and from my car. My car has been broken into three times -- each time I went to the police, absolutely nothing was done. My phone was stolen from me in Little Tokyo in 2016. When I went to the police to ask for their help, the officer on duty condescended to me -- "You want me to send a squad car down to look for your phone?" and then sexually and racially aggressed me, asking me in a lascivious tone, "Hey lady, where are you from?" Every time I was robbed I never felt danger to my person, only to my property. The only time I did feel danger to my person, however, was when I interacted with the police regarding these incidences.

Again, I'm an Asian-American women, and I can only imagine and live horrified by what is done by police to my BIPOC friends and neighbors. I implore you to think for a moment beyond your own experience and try to step into the shoes of the Black and Latino people of this city who make up over 56% of its population. Our city is dying at the hands of the very people who swore to protect them. And never forget, these are the people with the power to vote you out of office. So please listen to the majority and vote with compassion tomorrow. Vote to defund the LAPD and adopt the People's Budget.

Thank you for your time,

Claire Jia
Westwood, LA

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1 message

From: 'Tanya Martinez' via Clerk - CityClerk <cityclerk@lacity.org>
To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
At: Sat, Jun 27, 2020 at 2:02 PM

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