Restructure Budget and DEFUND POLICE

1 message

From: Bella Lossi <alexandraazmitia0@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
At: Thu, Jun 4, 2020 at 10:49 AM

Hello,

My name is Jordana Schwartz . 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, Jordana

Sent from my iPhone

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2 messages

From: andres zabalza <andreszabalza96@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
At: Tue, Jun 16, 2020 at 8:01 PM

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From: andres zabalza <andreszabalza96@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
At: Tue, Jun 16, 2020 at 9:26 PM

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1 message

From: Denisse <oldirtydee@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
At: Tue, Jun 16, 2020 at 9:19 PM

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Sincerely, Denisse

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1 message

From: <teslagibson91@gmail.com>
To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
At: Tue, Jun 16, 2020 at 9:15 PM

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My name is Tesla Gibson 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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1 message

From: Darwin Diaz <darwin4diaz@gmail.com>

To: mayor.garcetti@lacity.org
At: Tue, Jun 16, 2020 at 9:12 PM

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My name is Darwin Diaz. 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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1 message

From: Anna Martinez <anna.martinez@lacity.org>

To: City Clerk Council and Public Services < Clerk. CPS@lacity.org>

At: Wed, Jun 17, 2020 at 7:11 PM

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From: Andrea Luna < lunaandrea 168@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jun 17, 2020 at 6:46 PM

Subject: Restructure Budget and DEFUND POLICE

To: <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>

Cc: <controller.galperin@lacity.org>, <<u>councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org</u>>, <councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org>, <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, <david.ryu@lacity.org>, <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, <councilmember.martinez@

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<councilmember.Lee@lacity.org>, <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, <councilmember.huizar@lacity.org>,

<councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>

Hello.

My name is Andrea Luna. 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,

Andrea Luna

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1 message

From: Anna Martinez <anna.martinez@lacity.org>

To: City Clerk Council and Public Services < Clerk. CPS@lacity.org>

At: Wed, Jun 17, 2020 at 4:59 PM

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From: anne marie Drolet <drolet.annemarie@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jun 17, 2020 at 4:56 PM

Subject: Restructure Budget and DEFUND POLICE

To: <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>

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<councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>

Hi,

My name is Anne Marie . 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. It is absolutely absurd that at \$1,857,330,549, 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. There are currently 58,936 DOCUMENTED houseless people in Los Angeles. There are healthcare workers without proper equipment. More than 30% of Los Angeles County residents have filed for unemployment. Defunding the police and restructuring the budget is an absolute necessity now more than ever. 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 please do it.

Sincerely, Anne Marie

Fwd: We Need a Budget That Represents US ID

1 message

From: Anna Martinez <anna.martinez@lacity.org>

To: City Clerk Council and Public Services < Clerk. CPS@lacity.org>

At: Wed, Jun 17, 2020 at 4:40 PM

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From: Briana Torres <bri> spriianatorres00@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jun 17, 2020 at 4:37 PM

Subject: We Need a Budget That Represents US ID

To: <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>, <councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org>, <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, <david.ryu@lacity.org>, <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, <councilmember.martinez@

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<cd15@lacity.org>, <councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>, <controller.galperin@lacity.org>, <richard.llewellyn@lacity.org>,

<cityclerk@lacity.org>

Hello,

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Sincerely, Briana

Sent from my iPhone

Fwd: Restructure Budget and DEFUND POLICE

1 message

From: Anna Martinez <anna.martinez@lacity.org>

To: City Clerk Council and Public Services < Clerk. CPS@lacity.org>

At: Wed, Jun 17, 2020 at 2:41 PM

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From: A Meldrum <ambm12003@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jun 17, 2020 at 1:59 PM

Subject: Restructure Budget and DEFUND POLICE

To: <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>

Cc: <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.rodriguez@lacity.org>, <councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org>,

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Sincerely,

Aneesa Meldrum

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1 message

From: Anna Martinez <anna.martinez@lacity.org>

To: City Clerk Council and Public Services < Clerk. CPS@lacity.org>

At: Wed, Jun 17, 2020 at 1:30 PM

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

Date: Wed, Jun 17, 2020 at 1:30 PM

Subject: Restructure Budget and DEFUND POLICE

To: <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>

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<councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>

Hello,

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

1 message

From: Anna Martinez <anna.martinez@lacity.org>

To: City Clerk Council and Public Services < Clerk. CPS@lacity.org>

At: Wed, Jun 17, 2020 at 12:03 PM

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From: Francesca Jimenez <francescamjimenez@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jun 17, 2020 at 12:00 PM

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

To: <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>, <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>, <CityClerk@lacity.org>

Hello,

As a lifetime resident of Los Angeles county and of the city of Los Angeles, I have found the city's, and in particular, Mayor Garcetti's handling of protests against police brutality as inhumane. He has served the interests of capital and property above those of the city's most vulnerable, most marginalized -- in COVID-19 and pre-COVID-19 times.

From 2018 to 2019, homelessness in LA has increased 12%. How much further will you continue to deny residents and communities access to basic necessities of housing, medical resources, and much more? How much longer will you use your seat of power to maintain an exploitative, hierarchical status quo, when you have to power to substantially improve the city's quality of life for so many marginalized communities?

Adopt the People's Budget for Los Angeles. The current 7% budget decrease to the LAPD is not enough when our housing, education, public works, and healthcare and medical access infrastructure are SEVERELY lacking and can be invested in with more defunding from the LAPD police budget.

Look to Minneapolis. Look to San Francisco up north. Listen to the organizers and activists of the communities who have been asking and fighting for these long promised budgetary changes to better Los Angeles.

These budget decreases are long-term investments towards our city becoming safe for our Black and marginalized communities, and for Los Angeles to truly become the radically inclusive and supportive community I know it has the power to be. Will you lead the change? Will you set the precedent for investing in and building a city where all of its communities can live a good quality of life?

Thank you,

Francesca Jimenez

Fwd: Restructure Budget and DEFUND POLICE

1 message

From: Anna Martinez <anna.martinez@lacity.org>

To: City Clerk Council and Public Services < Clerk. CPS@lacity.org>

At: Wed, Jun 17, 2020 at 11:51 AM

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From: Gabriela Chavez <gabsmail13@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jun 17, 2020 at 11:44 AM

Subject: Restructure Budget and DEFUND POLICE

To: <mayor.garcetti@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.rodriguez@lacity.org>, <councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org>, <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, <councilmember.wesson@lacity.org>, <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, <councilmember.bonin@lacity.bonin@lacity.bonin@lacity.bonin@lacit

<councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>, <CityClerk@lacity.org>

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To: City Clerk Council and Public Services < Clerk. CPS@lacity.org>

At: Wed, Jun 17, 2020 at 9:18 AM

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From: **Sevag**

Date: Wed, Jun 3, 2020 at 7:29 AM

Subject: Restructure Budget and DEFUND POLICE

To: <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>

Cc: <controller.galperin@lacity.org>, <councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org>, <councilmember.Lee@lacity.org>,

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stchorba@uci.edu

Fwd: We Need a Budget That Represents US ID(Sc3pQaOgCD)

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From: Anna Martinez <anna.martinez@lacity.org>

To: City Clerk Council and Public Services < Clerk. CPS@lacity.org>

At: Wed, Jun 17, 2020 at 8:21 AM

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From: Howard Dafnev <dafnevhoward@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jun 17, 2020 at 7:48 AM

Subject: We Need a Budget That Represents US ID(Sc3pQaOgCD)

To: <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>, <councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org>, <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>,

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Sincerely. **Howard Dafney**