

Communication from Public

Name: Kimberly Owens

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Kimberly Owens and I am a resident of Los Angeles in CD-13, 90028. I'm deeply concerned about the continued funding of the LAPD program, Providing Alternatives to Hinder Extremism (PATHE), through the Department of Homeland Security's Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) grant. Although the LAPD claims that PATHE is a program meant to prevent school shootings or "domestic terrorism", it does nothing to address white supremacy and extremist groups. It instead reinforces and continues the white supremacist targeting and racial profiling of Black, Muslim, Indigenous, and Immigrant youth. Los Angeles claims to be this bastion of progressive democracy, but having lived here for five years (California native, born and raised in the Bay Area), it's nothing but branding. This is GOP, Bush-era domestic surveillance, plain and simple. And of children, no less. The LAPD is seeking to use this money to create a 500-person team of teachers, counselors, clergy, and law enforcement, which has been opposed by the American Federation of Teachers (citing its "emotional and psychological toll on innocent children"), the United Teachers of Los Angeles, and the community of LA - including teachers. In March this year the City Council disregarded their constituents and Angelenos and approved \$250,000 to fund LAPD's PATHE program anyway; like certain GOP Congress people wanted to override the will of the American voters (have you watched any of the J6 hearings?). If this happens again, and the Council completes funding of this program by allocating \$100,000 from the TVTP grant, Angelenos will know the Council supports with \$\$, racial profiling of its Black and Brown citizens, policing and criminalizing Islam and Somaliness, antagonizing our youth, endangering free speech and community organizing, and policing the poor and mentally vulnerable. We urge you to reject further funding for the PATHE program.

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Name: Michelle King

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles in district 14 I'm deeply concerned about the continued funding of the LAPD Providing Alternatives to Hinder Extremism (PATHE) program through the Department of Homeland Security's Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) grant; the Friday vote on completing funding of this program by allocating \$100k from the TVTP grant. The community of LA overwhelmingly rejected the TVTP grant in March this year and despite this, the council disregarded the wishes of its constituents to approve \$250k to fund LAPD's PATHE program. The LAPD is seeking to use this money to create a 500-person team of teachers, counselors, clergy, and law enforcement to surveil and target youth and other community members. Though the LAPD claims that PATHE is a program meant to prevent school shootings or "domestic terrorism", it does nothing to address white supremacy. It instead reinforces and continues the white supremacist targeting of Black, Muslim, Indigenous, and Immigrant youth. I urge you to reject further funding for the PATHE program